



Tecton
ARCHITECTS

COMMUNITY CONVERSATION #3

PROJECT DESIGN

NEW SOUTH NORWALK SCHOOL (PK-5)

46 Concord Street

5.4.2023

Tonight's
presentation will
be given in
English,

But printed copies
have been
translated into
Spanish and
Haitian Creole

And we welcome
you to follow
along – your voice
matters!

La presentación
de esta noche se
dará en inglés,

Pero las copias
impresas han sido
traducidas al
español y al criollo
haitiano

Y te invitamos a
seguirnos – ¡tu voz
importa!

Yo pral bay
prezantasyon
aswè a nan lang
angle,

Men, yo tradui
kopi yo tradui nan
lang panyòl ak
kreyòl ayisyen

Epi nou akeyi ou
swiv ansanm - zafè
vwa ou!

After the
presentation,

Please voice your
comments and
questions,

Or write them
down on the cards
and boards
located around
the room.

Después de la
presentación,

Por favor, exprese
sus comentarios y
preguntas,

O escríbalos en las
tarjetas y pizarras
ubicadas
alrededor de la
habitación.

Apré prezantasyon
an,

Tanpri vwa
kòmantè ou ak
kesyon,

Oswa ekri yo
desann sou kat yo
ak ankadreman ki
sitiye nan sal la.

- 1 Project Story & Precedents
- 2 Site and Building Plans
- 3 Grand Hall, Media Center
- 4 Cafeteria, Gymnasium
- 5 Placemaking in Neighborhoods
- 6 Next Steps





PROJECT STORY & PRECEDENTS

To bring the
**first neighborhood
school in more than
40 years**

to the students and families of South
Norwalk.

School
Stats

682
Students

PK-5
Grades

~86K
Built SF

We want the
building to
reflect the
community
it serves.



The way we do this is by having conversations,
which is why we're here.

Design
responsibly.

(balance vision with budget)

holistically.

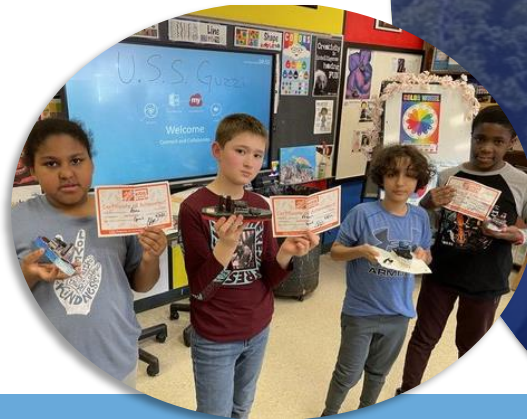
(foster inclusive, welcoming environments)

functionally.

(create effective, flexible spaces)

safely.

(safe for transit and learning)



Design to

Reconnect

With the South
Norwalk
neighborhood

**Bring community
together, unite us**

**Fun &
Safe**

**Windows,
daylight,
views**

**Reconnect our school
to the community**

**Trees,
greenery,
nature**

**Safe access, a place for
community, both
building and site**

**A building to
reflect our
community
rich in history
and culture**

**New
School**

Brookside
Elem.
School

McMahon
High
School

Rail line

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr.

Knapp St

Meadow St Ext.

Wilson Ave

S. Main St

Oxford St

Meadow St

Woodward Ave



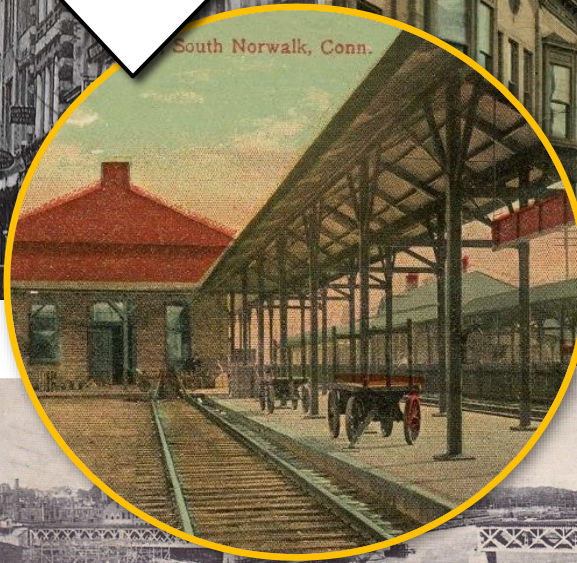
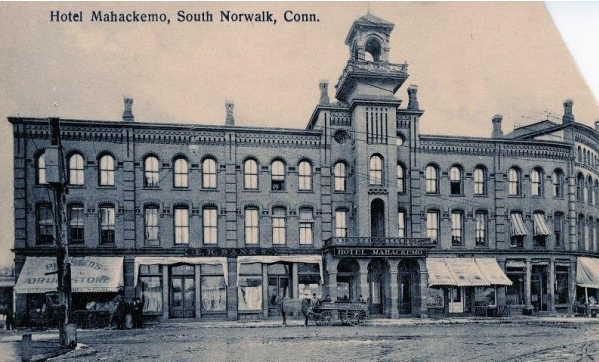
A Building to reflect YOUR COMMUNITY

**An organizing element that can
unite, reflect rich history, & be fun!**

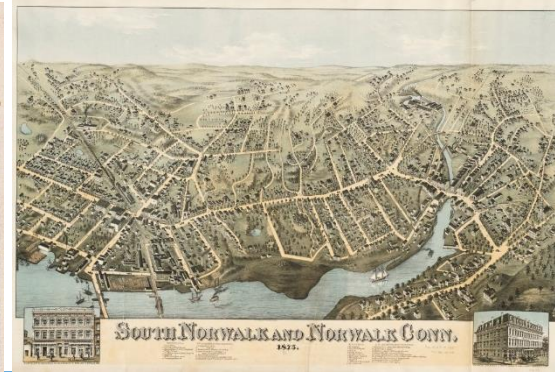
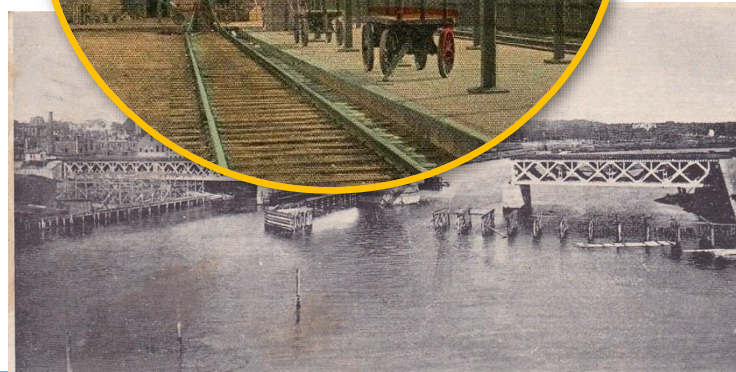
‘Light at the end of the tunnel’

SoNo prepares for first neighborhood school in over 40 years

Hotel Mahackemo, South Norwalk, Conn.



Washington Street, South Norwalk, Conn.



An aerial photograph of a residential neighborhood, showing houses, trees, and streets. The image is covered with a semi-transparent blue overlay. The text 'SITE AND BUILDING PLANS' is centered in white, bold, sans-serif font.

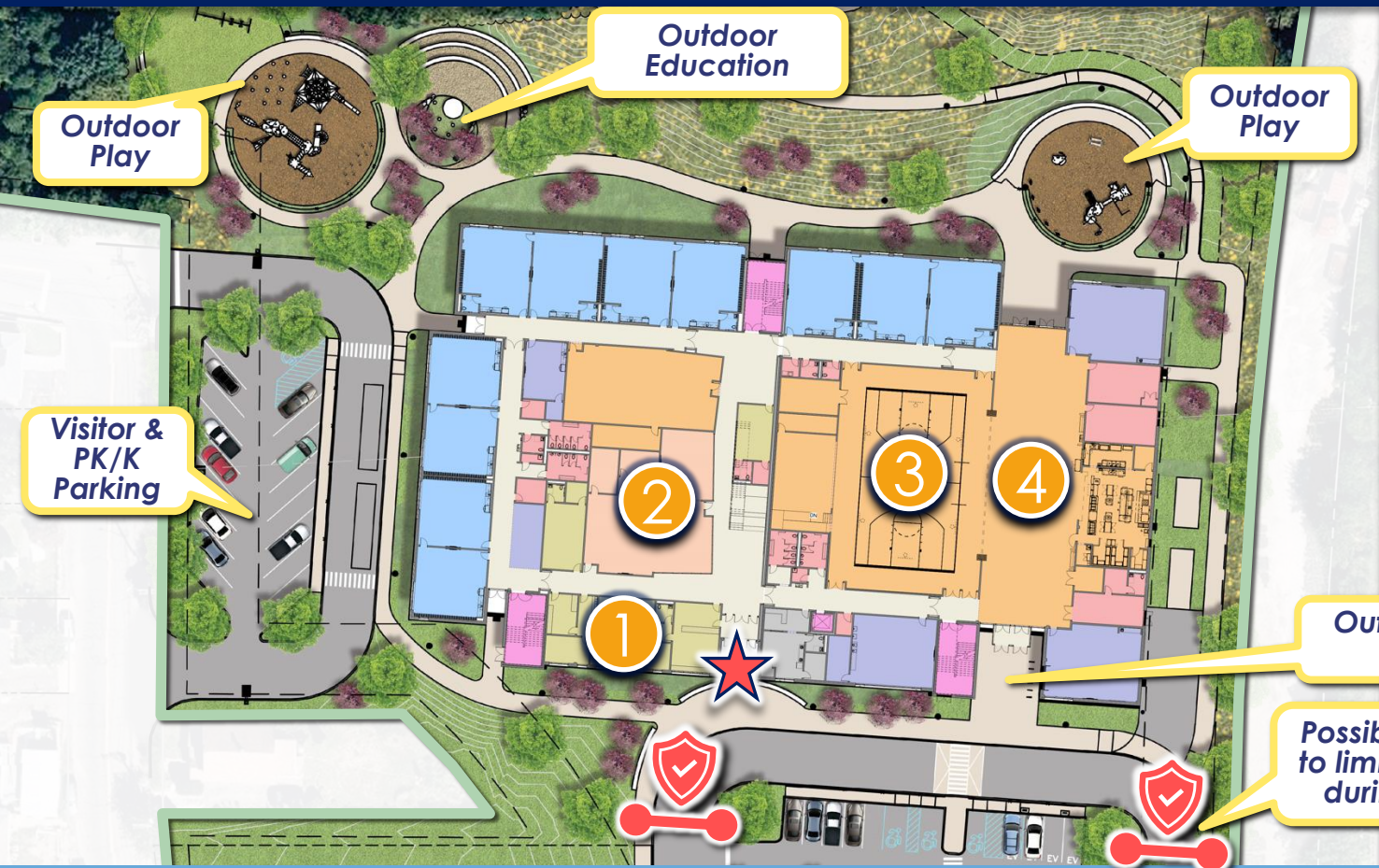
SITE AND BUILDING PLANS



- ★ Main Entry to Site (★ *Second Entry*)
- 1 Main Parking Lot (109 Spaces)
- 2 Visitor Parking Lot (18 Spaces)
- 3 Outdoor Learning & Play
- 4 Upper Play Field
- 5 Service & Loading



- ★ Main Building Entrance
- ★ PK/K Entrance
- ① Main Parent Drop-off
- ② PK/K and Bus Drop-off
- ③ Community Amenities (*caf./Gym*)
- ④ Outdoor Learning & Play



★ Main Entry

① Admin.

② Media

③ Gym

④ Cafeteria

Outdoor presentation,
play, dining

Possible gates
to limit access
during day

Main Level

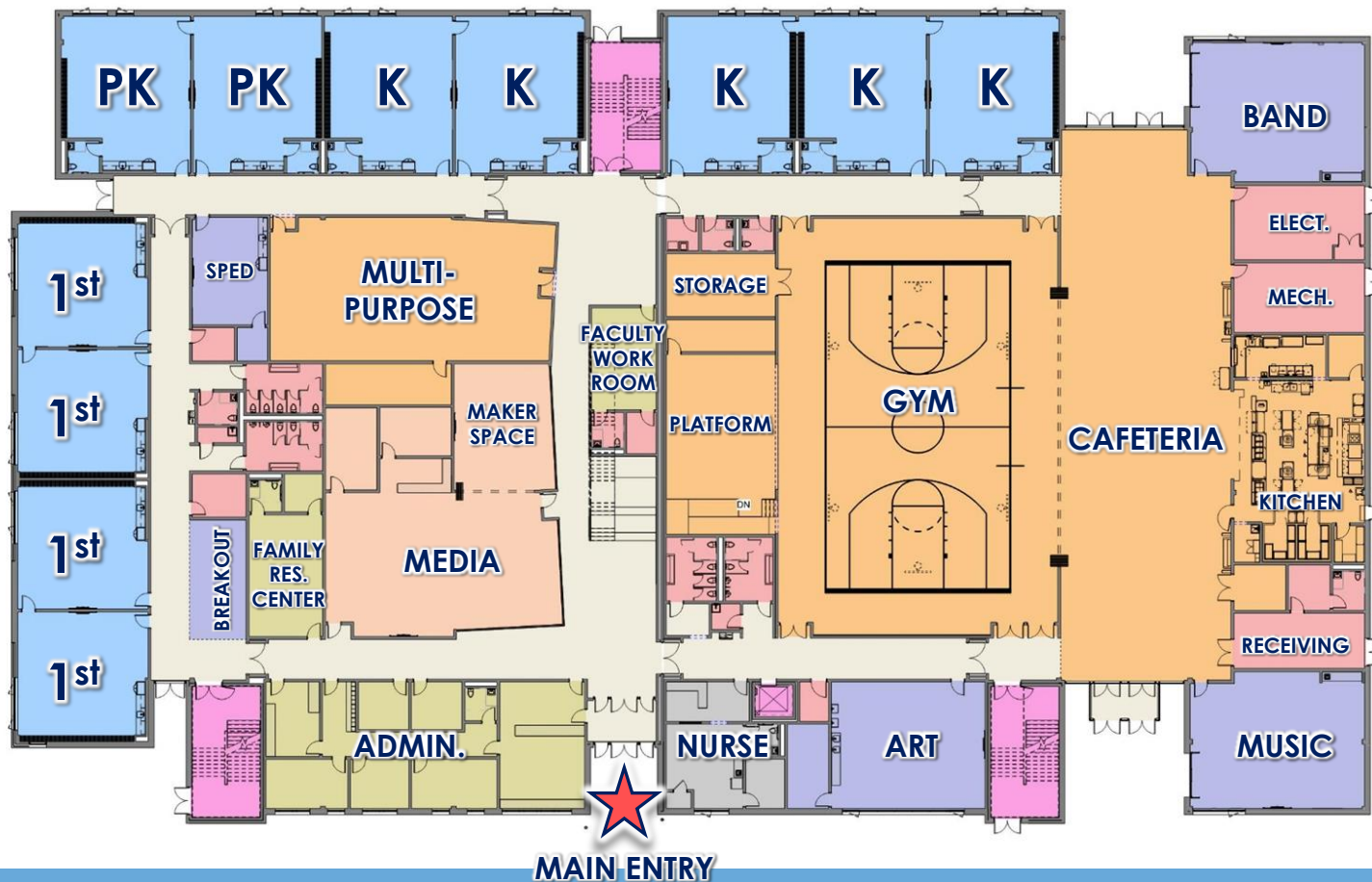
EL. 27'

Main Level 52,605 NSF

Upper Level 33,664 NSF

Total Building 86,269 NSF

MAIN LEVEL
52,605
NSF



Upper Level

EL. 41'

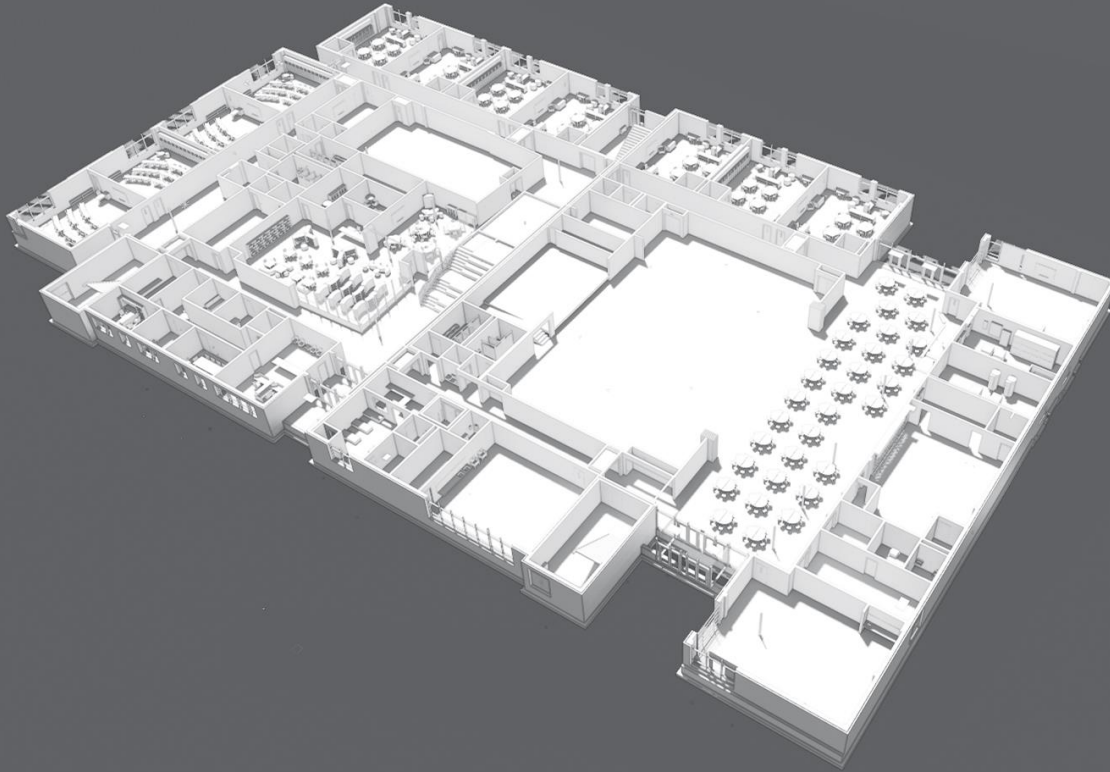
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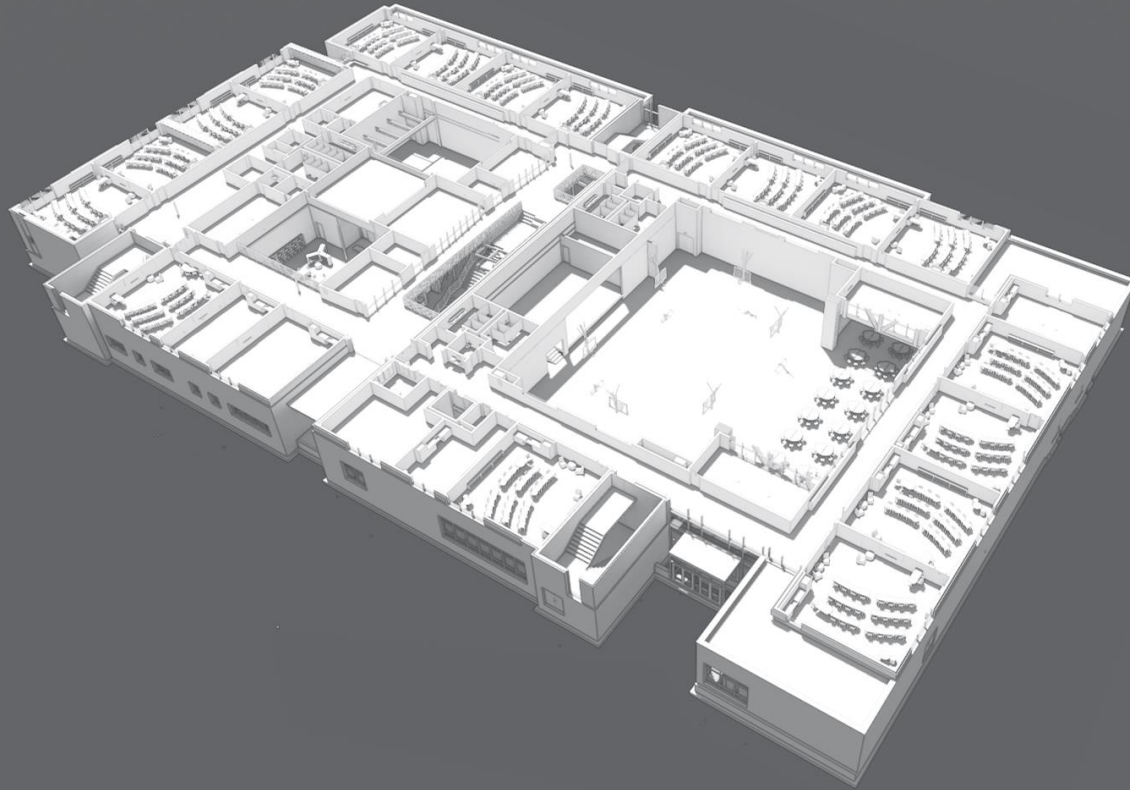
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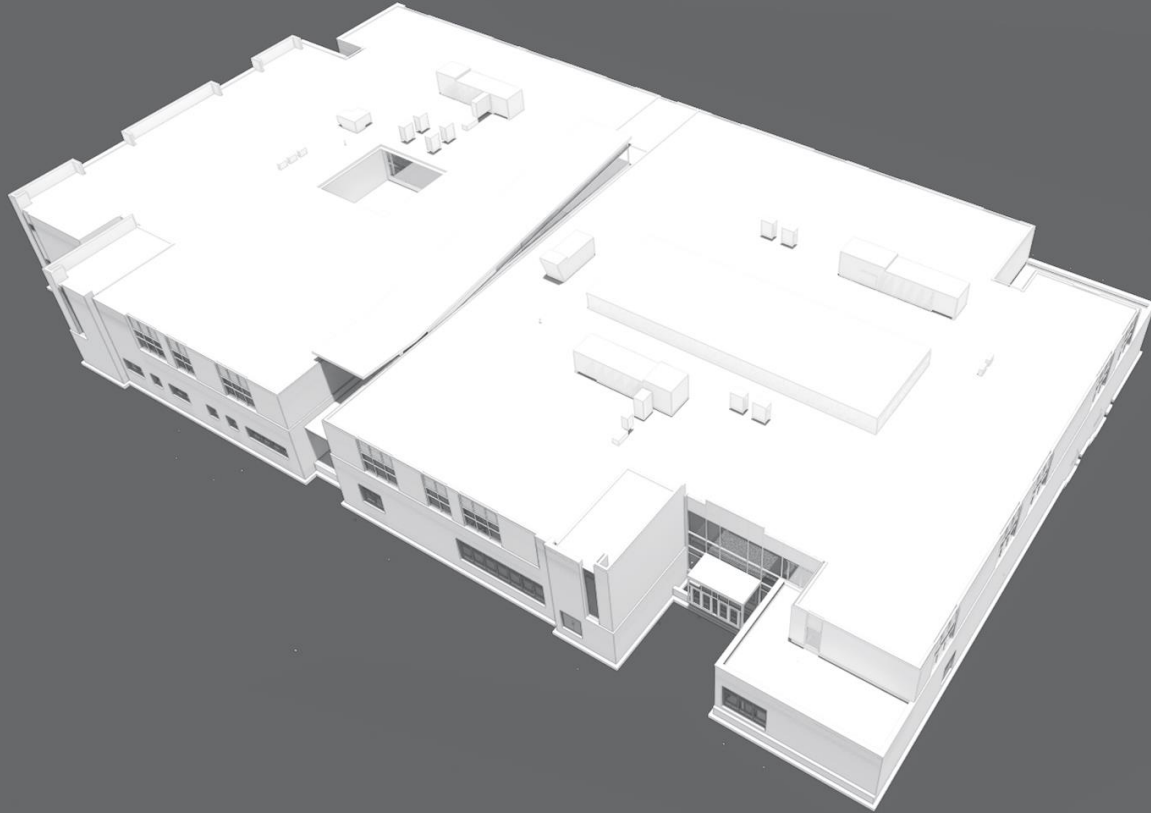
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33,664
NSF









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GRAND HALL, MEDIA CENTER

A Building to reflect YOUR COMMUNITY



A place for...
COMMUNITY

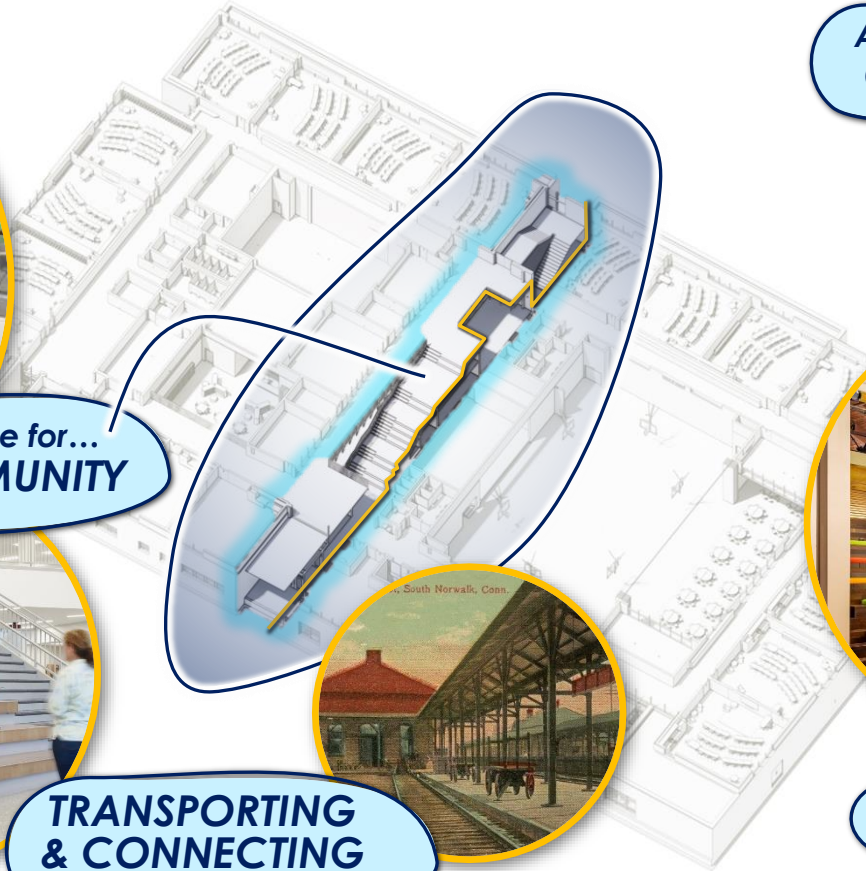
Precedent
Imagery



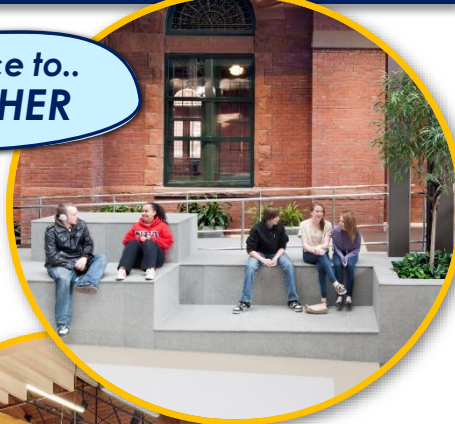
**TRANSPORTING
& CONNECTING**
the students



South Norwalk, Conn.



A place to..
GATHER



LEARN



SOCIALIZE



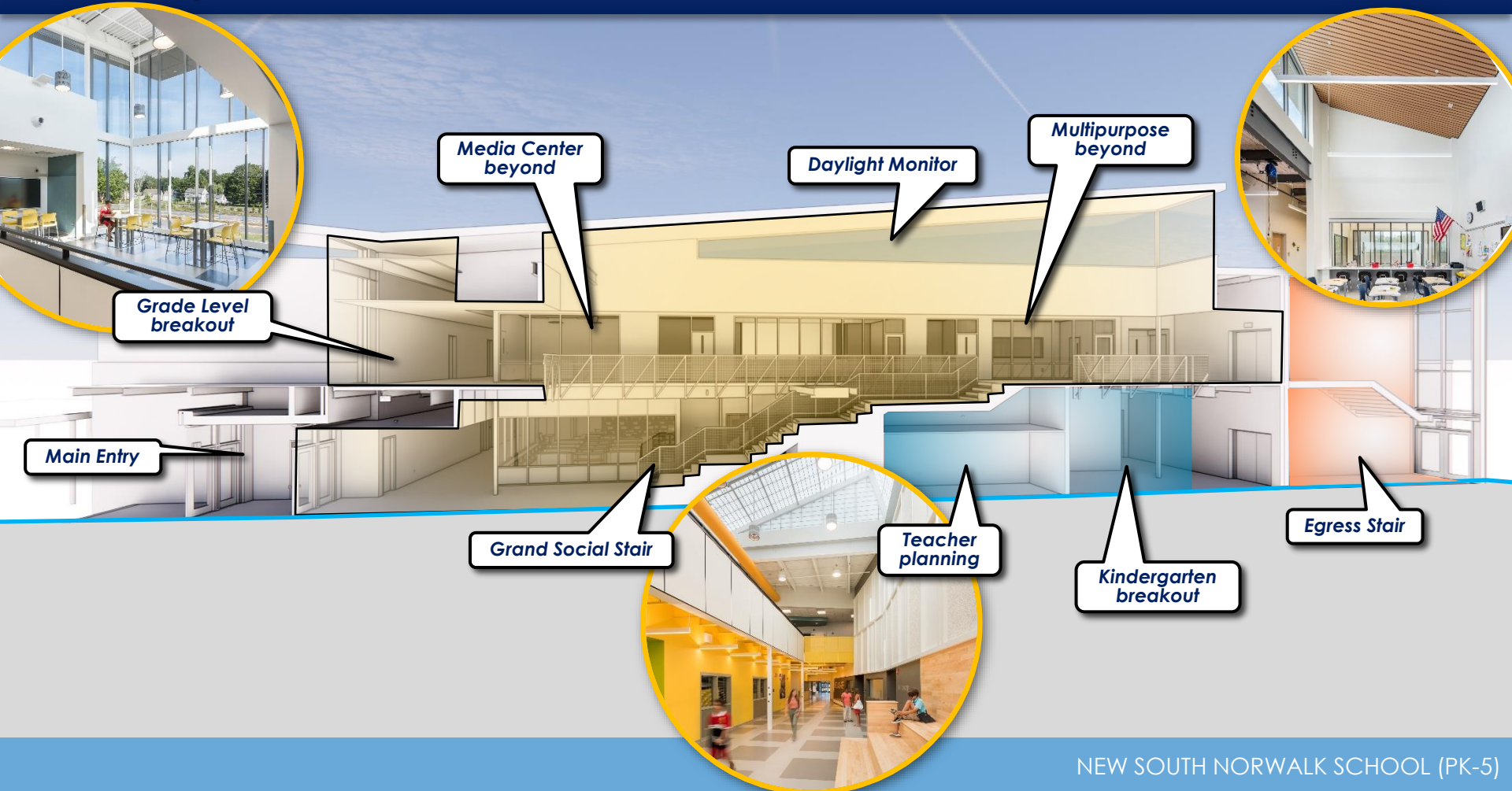


*Graphics on
Fire Wall*

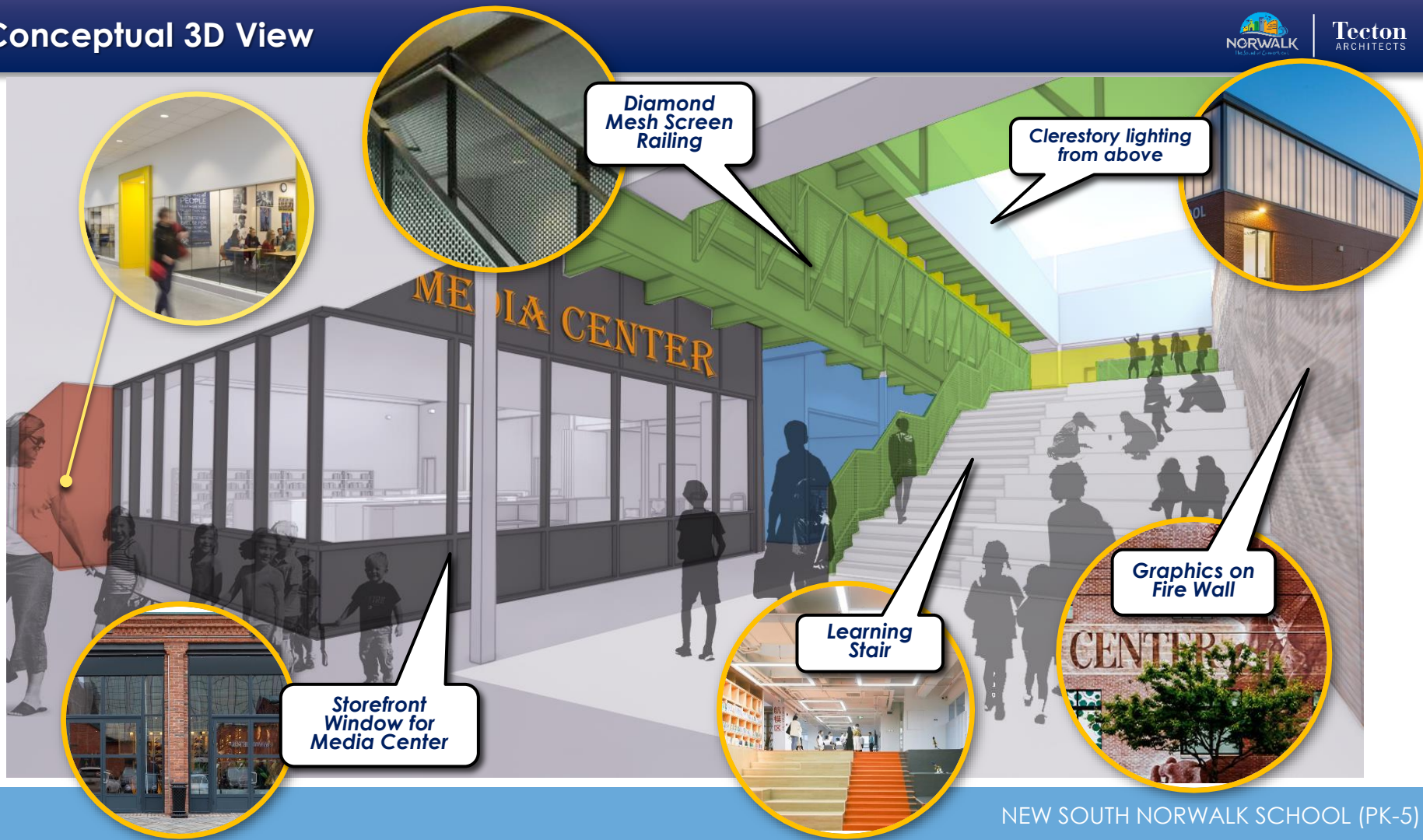
*Window Bay
with Projected
Roof*



Main Entry & Social Stair



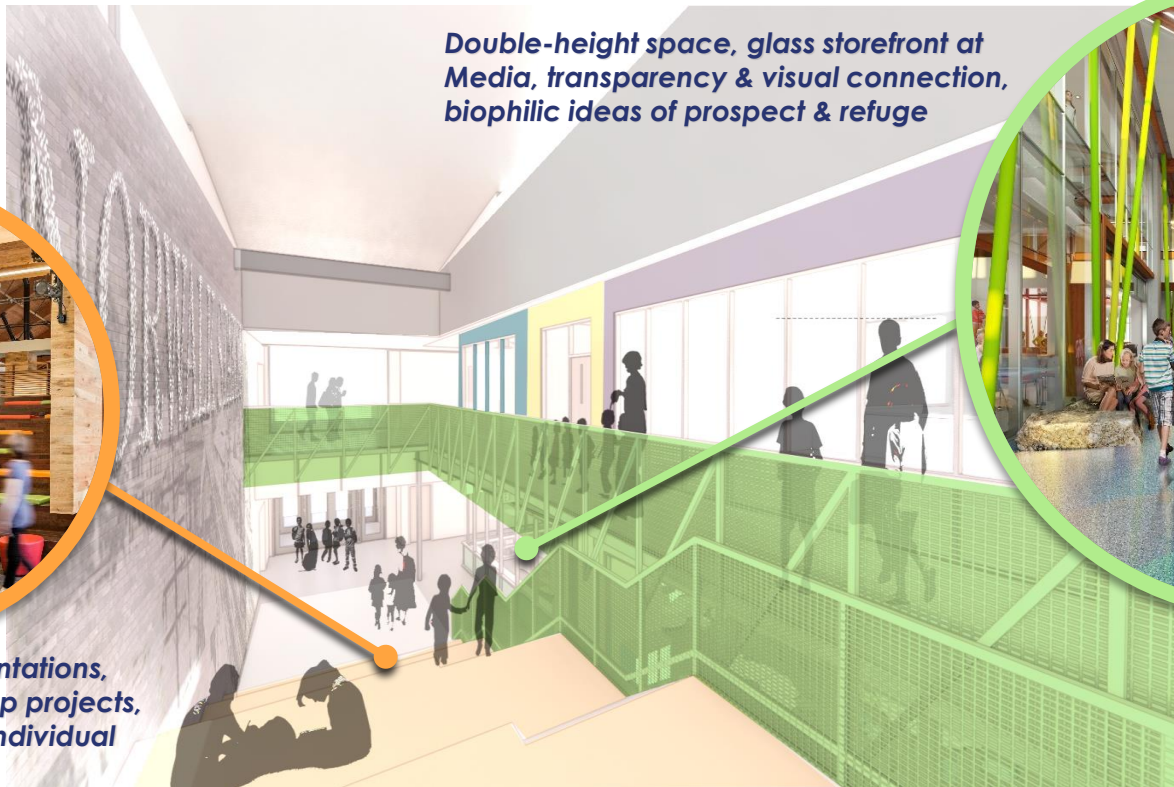
Conceptual 3D View





Double-height space, glass storefront at Media, transparency & visual connection, biophilic ideas of prospect & refuge

Social Stair for presentations, collaboration & group projects, but also spaces for individual student work





CAFETERIA, GYMNASIUM

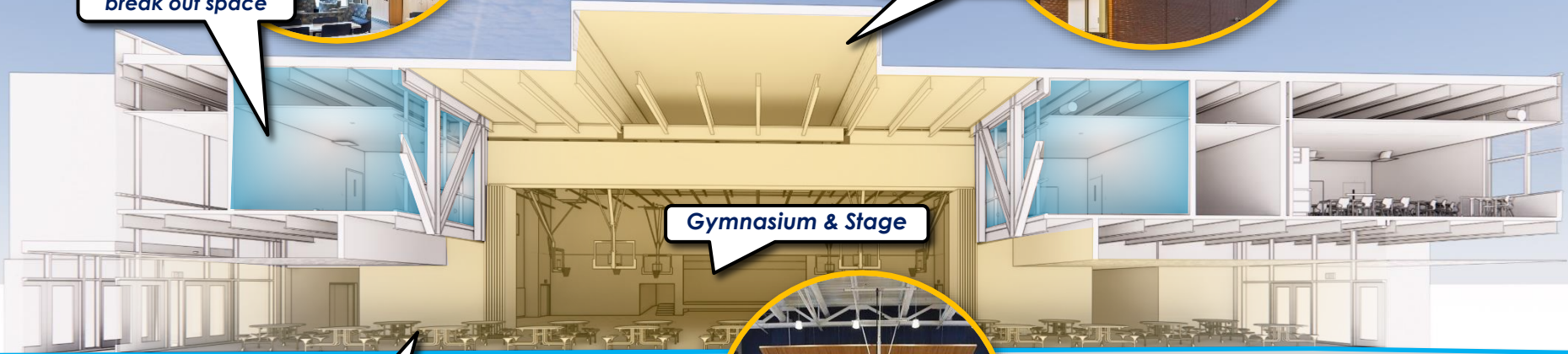
Cafeteria & Gymnasium



Grade level
break out space



Clerestory lighting
from above



Gymnasium & Stage

Cafeteria



Manchester Memorial
Elementary School, Dore &
Whittier Architects



View of opposite wall facing stage

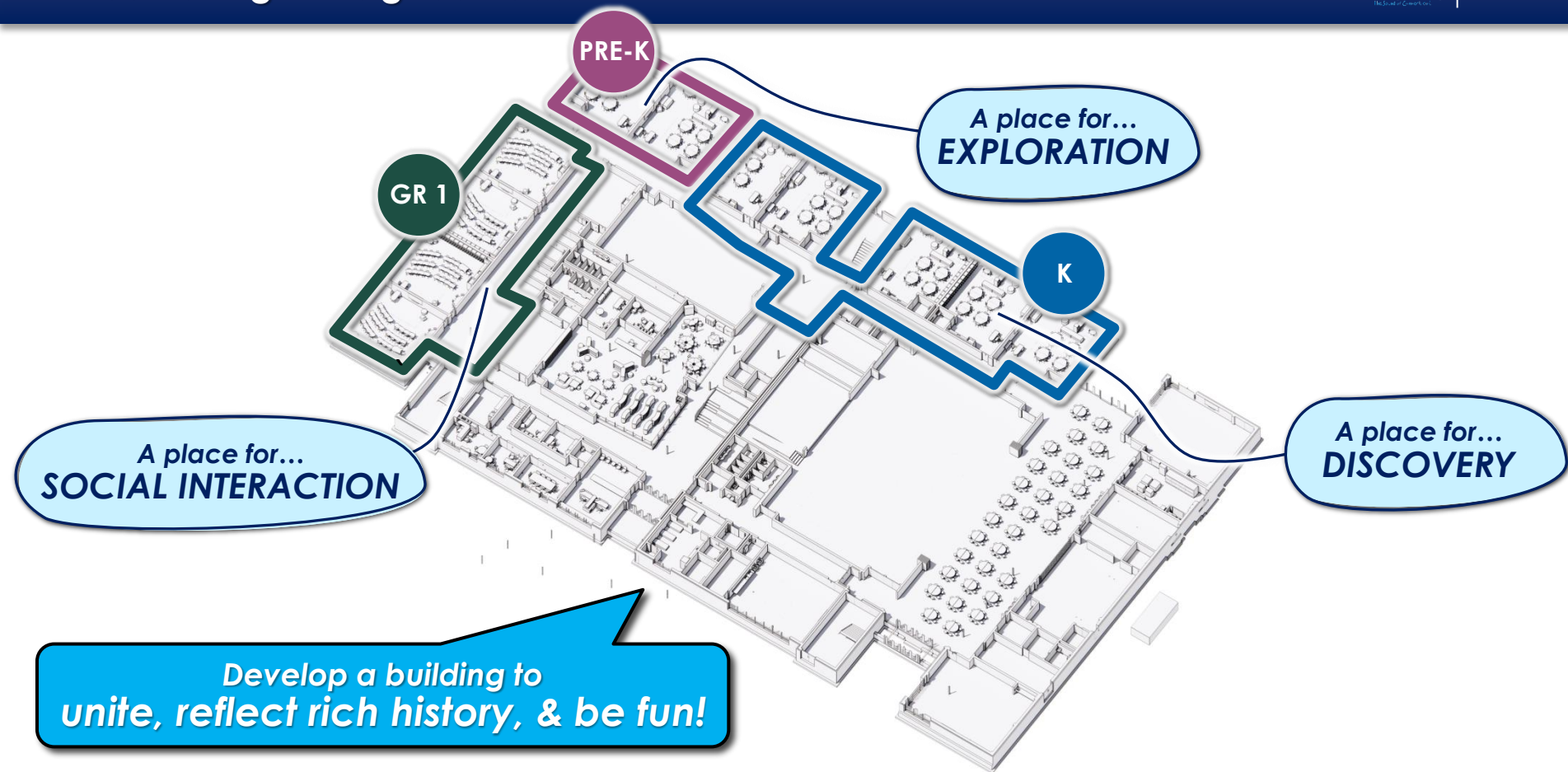
Conceptual 3D View



View of opposite wall facing stage



PLACEMAKING IN NEIGHBORHOODS



A place for...
STUDY

A place for...
INNOVATION

GR 2

GR 3

GR 4

A place for...
RESEARCH

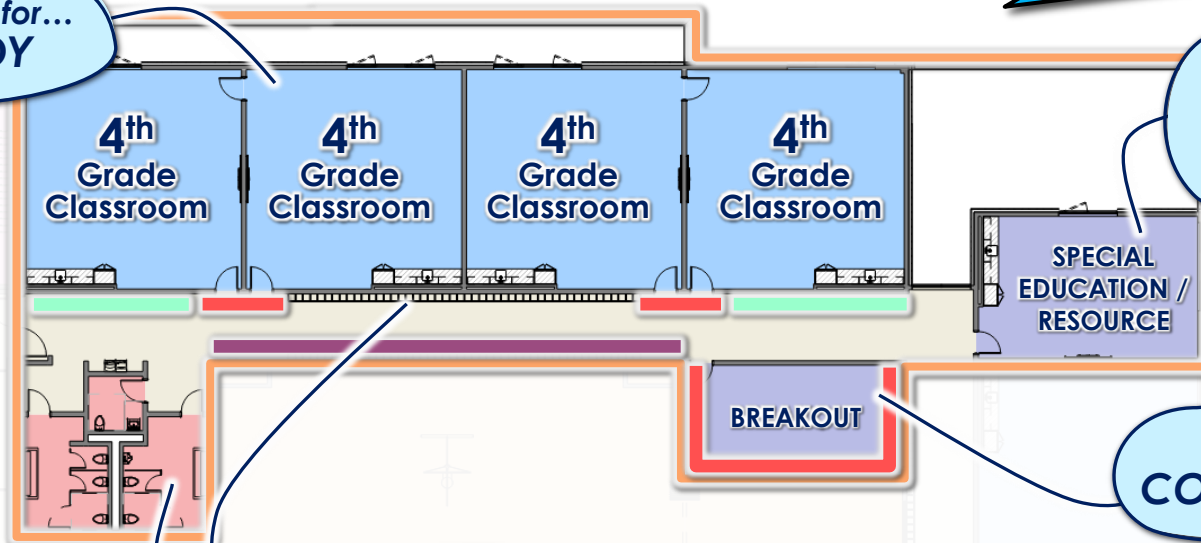
A place for...
CURIOSITY

GR 5

Develop a building to
unite, reflect rich history, & be fun!

Let's take a tour through a possible
4th Grade Neighborhood!

A place for...
STUDY



A place for...
ONE-ON-ONE
or small group
learning

A place for...
COLLABORATION

Necessary amenities
are nearby

Possible areas for:

- Personalization
- Student Display
- Theme Imagery





PRE-K
Ponds



K
Forests



1
Oceans



2
Grasslands



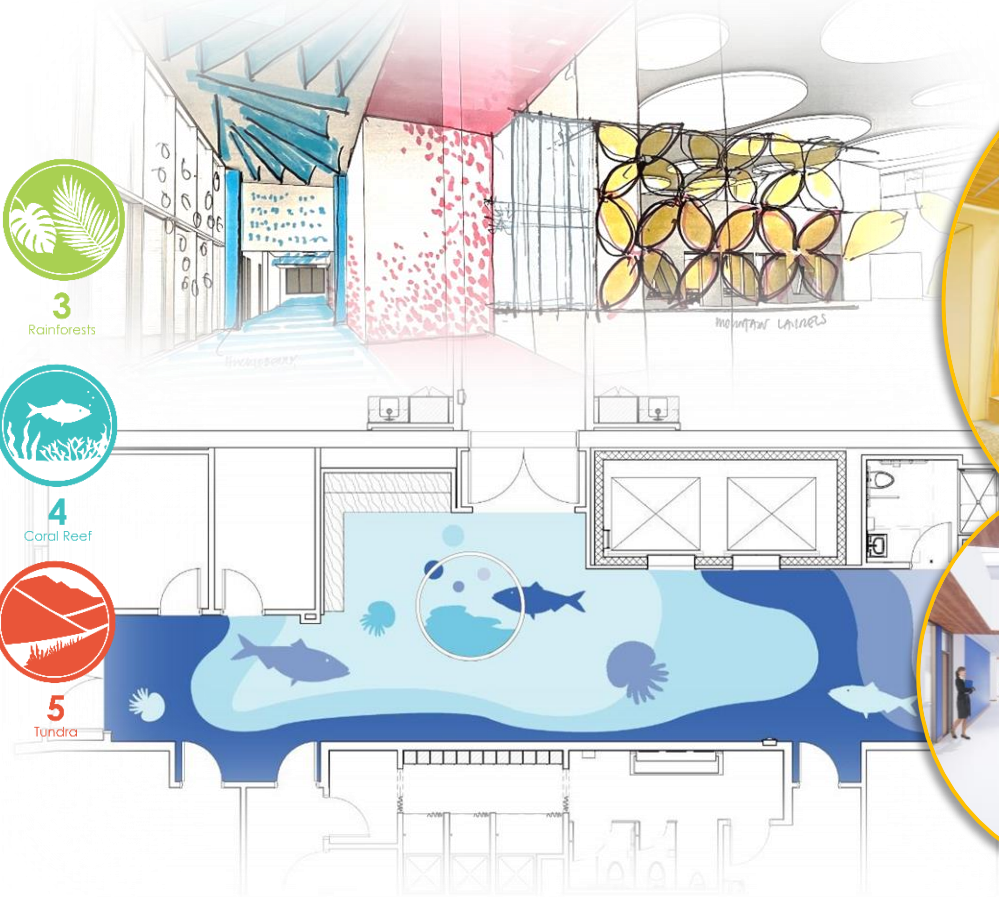
3
Rainforests



4
Coral Reef



5
Tundra



Materials Palette – Pocket Parks (Breakout Spaces)



BRICK



GRAPHIC WALL
PROTECTION

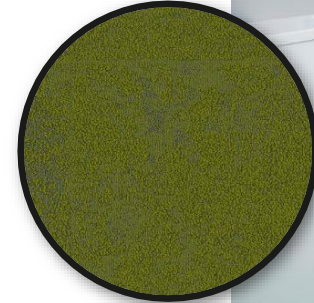


What is a pocket park?

“...urban open space at the very small scale...
Pocket parks can be tucked into and scattered
throughout the urban fabric where they serve
the immediately local population.”



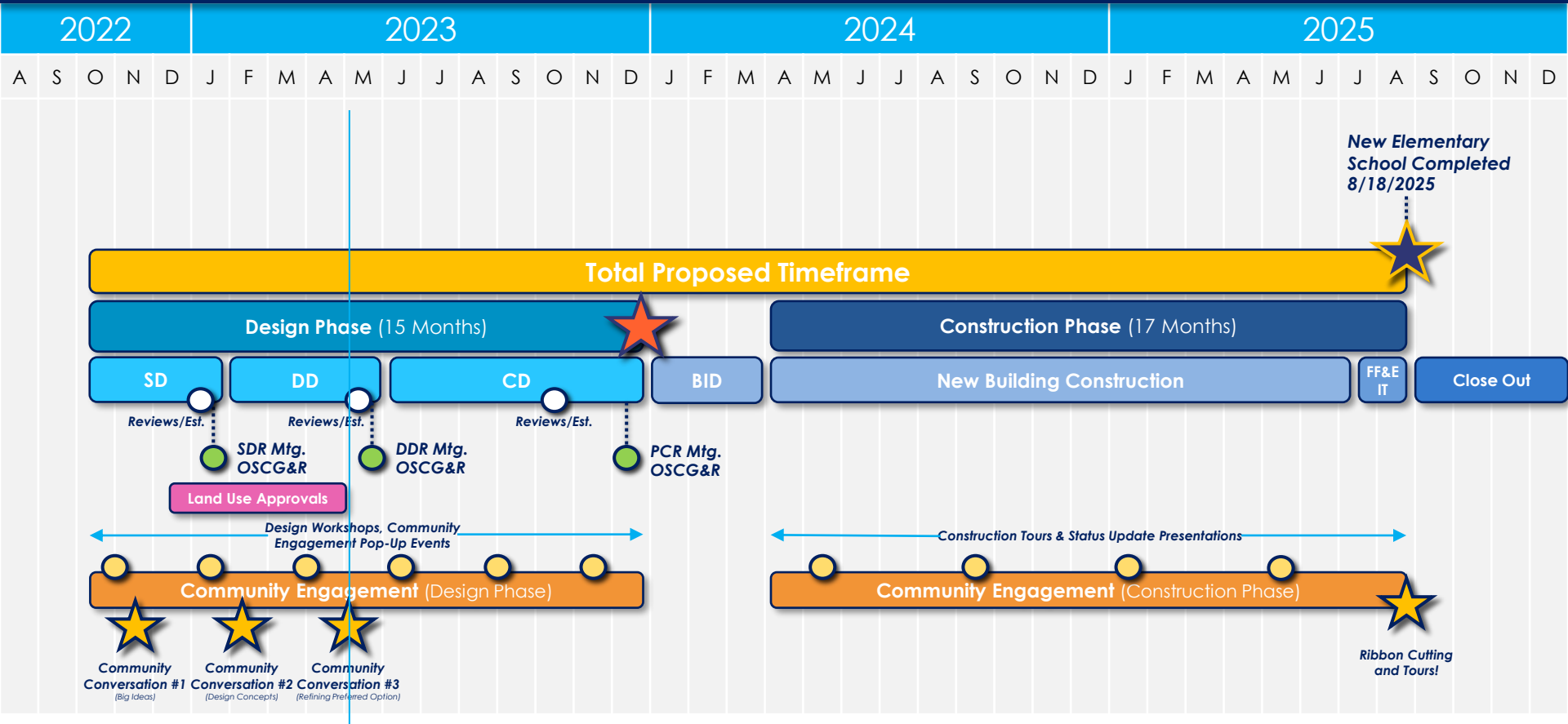
POTENTIAL FF&E SELECTIONS



An aerial photograph of a neighborhood, showing a mix of residential houses and commercial buildings. The image is covered with a semi-transparent blue filter. The text 'NEXT STEPS' is centered in the middle of the image in a large, white, bold, sans-serif font.

NEXT STEPS

Schedule



Project Website:

**[https://sns.construction.
norwalkps.org/](https://sns.construction.norwalkps.org/)**



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