

BrainSpaces

2011-12 CEFPI School Planner of the Year

At BrainSpaces, we plan schools for today and tomorrow that inspire meaningful learning for all students. Our work recognizes the balance among all aspects of educating students including student achievement, curriculum, accountability, leadership, operations & management, staffing, technology, community, public support, facilities, and the rapidly changing global environment.

Our proven process includes strategies for decision-making that allocate resources where they will yield the maximum educational value.

OUR CLIENTS SAY:

We are proud of the relationships built, the clients supported and the students that are delighted by the results of our work. Included below are a collection of endorsements from our clients.

We believe these words speak more loudly and clearly than nearly everything else.

"Amy's bringing together, presenting and leading the design integrates her architectural skills with an uncanny understanding of educational principles, which are incorporated into a constructible design solution - is absolutely amazing to witness. And to be the recipient of such educationally valuable designs a tremendous honor for our state."

Wally Diller, WY School Facilities Dept.

"Imagine you could form a dream team of advisors, your personal board of directors. Kelley Tanner would be sitting at that table...she understands that the built environment is paramount in the education of children. She is a good planner because she truly listens to the user." - Steve Cole, Project Manager, Seattle Public Schools

"[BrainSpaces] has done an extraordinary job of listening, creating, revising, and designing for our needs. Amy is very adept at soliciting feedback from people with competing ideas in a way that allows for participation, but not domination." - Dr. Carol Comeau, Superintendent, Anchorage School District

"Amy's outstanding and innovative work on educational facilities has established her as one of the most creative educational architects practicing today" - Dr. Esther Cox, co-author of NASSP's *Breaking Ranks, Changing an American Institution*

"Kelley's ability to work with clients collaboratively, her flexibility, knowledge of facility planning, pre-design and educational specifications made her invaluable to our district and our projects. She is an effective leader and has great communication skills, commitment, group facilitation abilities...I am also very impressed with her organization, vision, support and work ethic...I would highly recommend Kelley to any district or organization." - John Bingham, Director of Capital Projects, Marysville School District

BrainSpaces served to bridge the gap between educational needs and architectural artistry. While the design was amazing, I was also taken with the furnishings that they selected to create the learning spaces. So many of these arrangements spoke to the design for learning - beyond traditional concepts. - Robert Hudson, Assistant Superintendent, Aptakisic School District

"Ms. Yurko brings energy and enthusiasm to the challenges of design. Her international experience with school projects and various educational philosophies have provided her with the ability to share different perspectives and innovative solutions. A couple of the core values of our school district are to emphasize the human connection with stakeholders and to maximize learning opportunities for every child. Amy embraces these concepts and developed creative new solutions for each of our high school projects." - Dennis Auker, Laramie County School District #1, South, Central, East Cheyenne High Schools

"Ms. Yurko has impressed me with her overall superior performance as an educational facility planner, and her relentless drive as an advocate to continually improve educational facility designs, while keeping the design focused on the learner. I appreciate her continued desire for providing excellence in all she does." - Robert Bechtold, Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District.

"When I look around the school and see students exploring their ideas with the same curiosity as they explore their new building, I find myself saying out loud the same thing I say when I see a bolt of lightning in the sky: 'Wow, did you see that?!'" - Brian Amsler, Assistant Principal, Lincoln School ('Lincoln Lightning')



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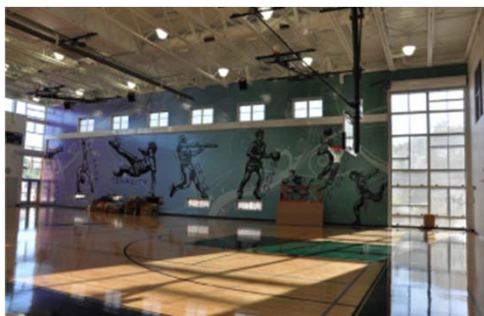
Kelley Tanner



BrainSpaces at Maker Faire: Design the Classroom of the Future

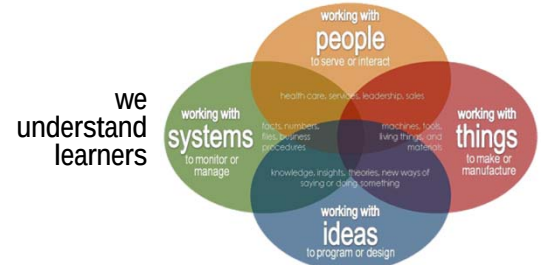


Amy Yurko



Who we Are

BrainSpaces Inc. is a consulting firm promoting best practices and brain-based considerations in the planning and design of learning environments. We are a collaboration of architects and educators who seek, explore, and design and enhance effective links between learning & the physical environment.



What we Do

BrainSpaces maintains a collaborative organization where fresh ideas are combined with hands-on experience to develop the best solutions each of our clients. We engage the expertise of students, educators, and communities and we apply research and theory with real-life insights and best practices from across the country and around the world. Our approach provides our clients with fresh ideas and innovative school facilities that truly support learning.

we explore ideas and solutions



Where we Excel

Integrating architectural expertise and educational perspective is a unique strength of BrainSpaces. Understanding both educators and architects allows for an accurate translation of educational goals and needs into clear and effective direction for the District. We seamlessly assimilate both educational and physical components of schools into a comprehensive, coordinated and accurate set of tools for implementation by our clients and design teams.

we create spectacular environments



What is our Passion

At BrainSpaces, we are passionate about learning. Together with the communities we serve, we explore options, generate fresh ideas, and provide tailored solutions, which result in school facilities programs, plans and designs to transform your educational goals into real spaces. Spaces that truly support learning. **BrainSpaces.**

