

#### **Elmsford Union Free School District**

Capital Improvement Planning Committee – January 7, 2015





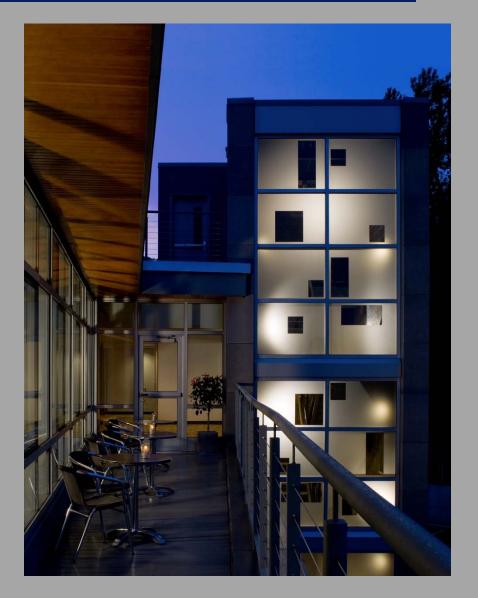
#### Presenters

#### **Russell A. Davidson, FAIA**

President, KG&D Architects & Engineers, PC Project Executive / Principal in Charge

#### Erik J. Wilson, AIA

KG&D Architects & Engineers, PC Associate Principal





#### Design Philosophy

Listen,

We listen actively to the owner's vision and needs, closely evaluate existing spaces and programs, and look at the unique context of every project.

#### Imagine,

We then help to reveal the full potential of a new or renovated building through a creative and imaginative process of testing good ideas with design.

#### Build.

We implement a quality designed building project that satisfies the owner's needs and surpasses expectations.



#### 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools

#### educational trends

- schools within a school
- project-based learning
- community integration
- multi-purpose spaces
- small group instruction

#### sustainable design

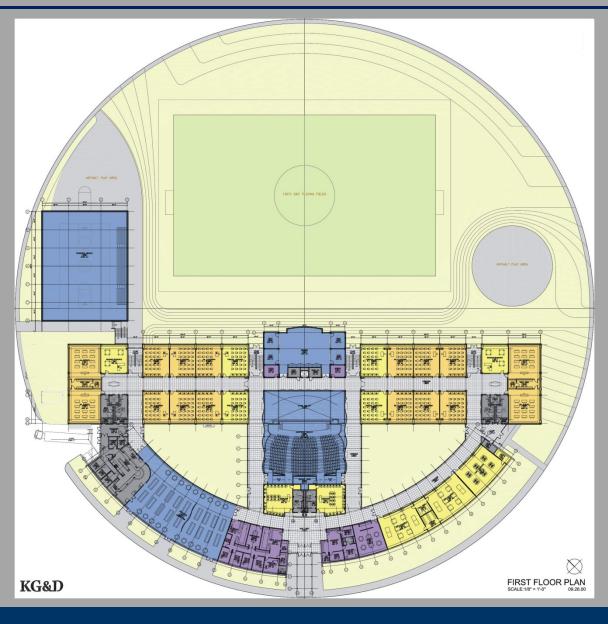
- •reduce energy use
- daylighting & ventilation
- materials (renewable & non-toxic)
- educational opportunity

#### Russell A. Davidson, FAIA, President



# schools within a School

#### House Model



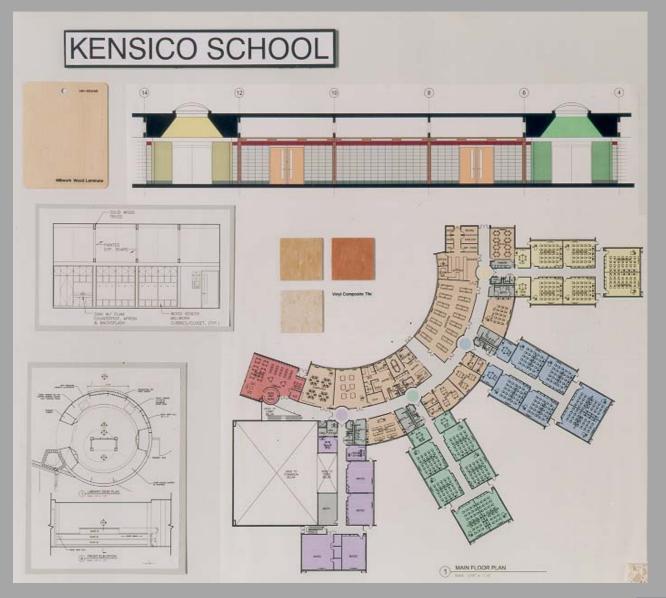


#### Grade Clusters or Teams/Cohorts





#### Distinct Entries & Identity





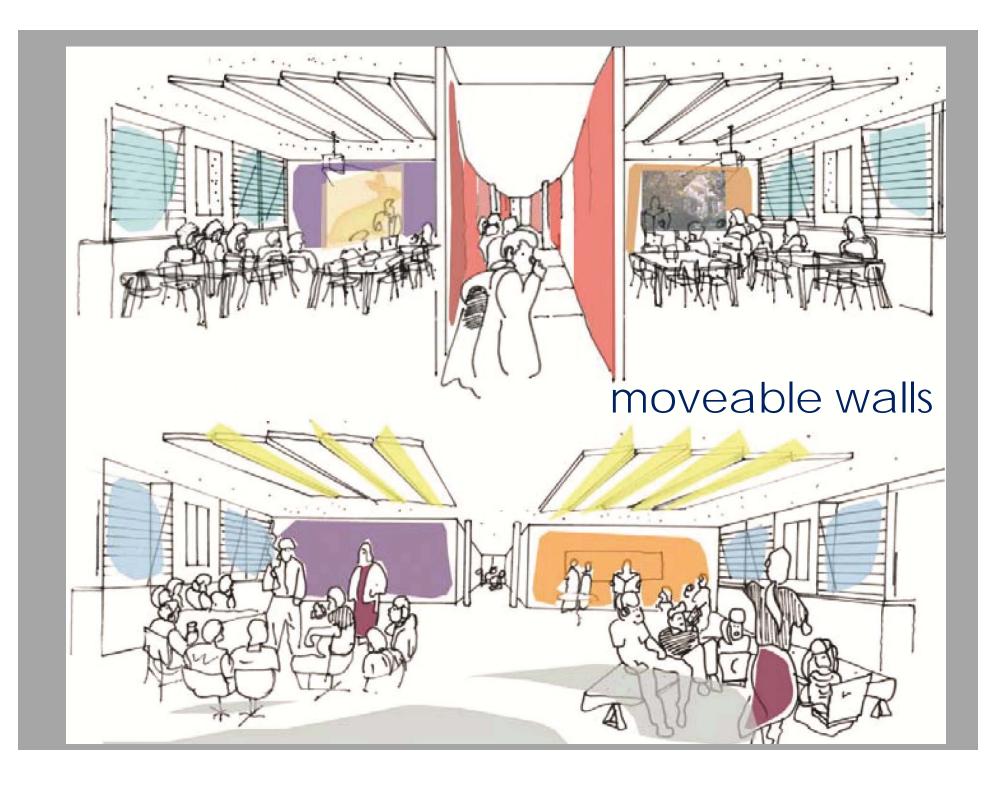
#### Streetscapes



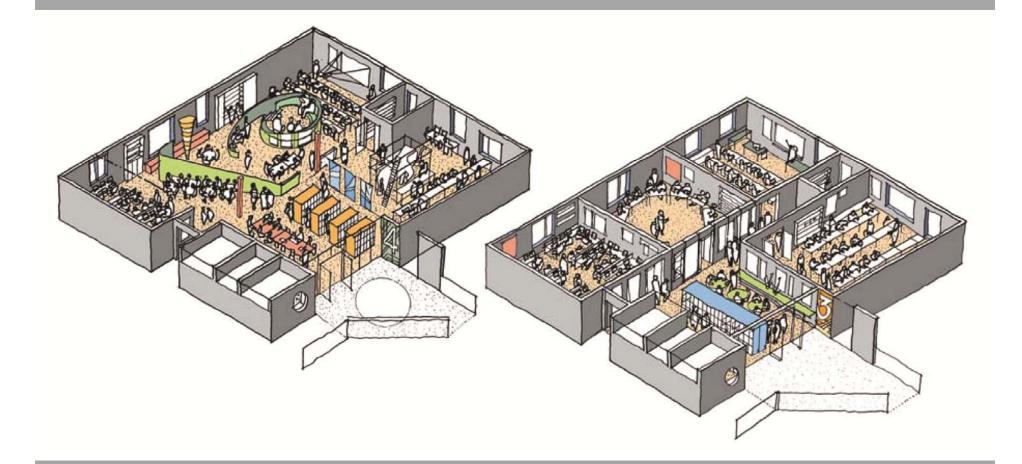




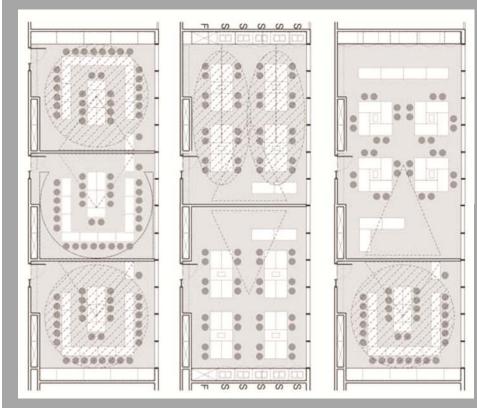
## project-based learning



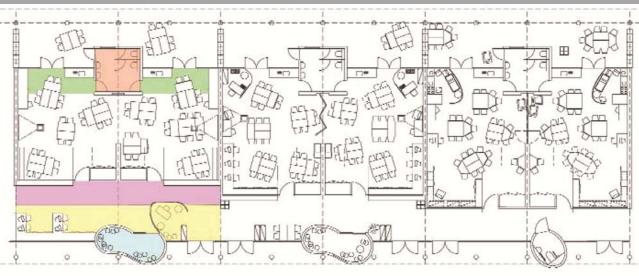
#### Learning Communities







#### reconfigurations flexible spaces require larger rooms





#### "Swiss Cheese" Classrooms



#### Commons/Project Areas









#### Roslyn High School: Cafeteria Commons





#### Ridgefield Academy "The Bridge" Learning Commons











#### Dobbs Ferry: Cafeteria/Learning Commons



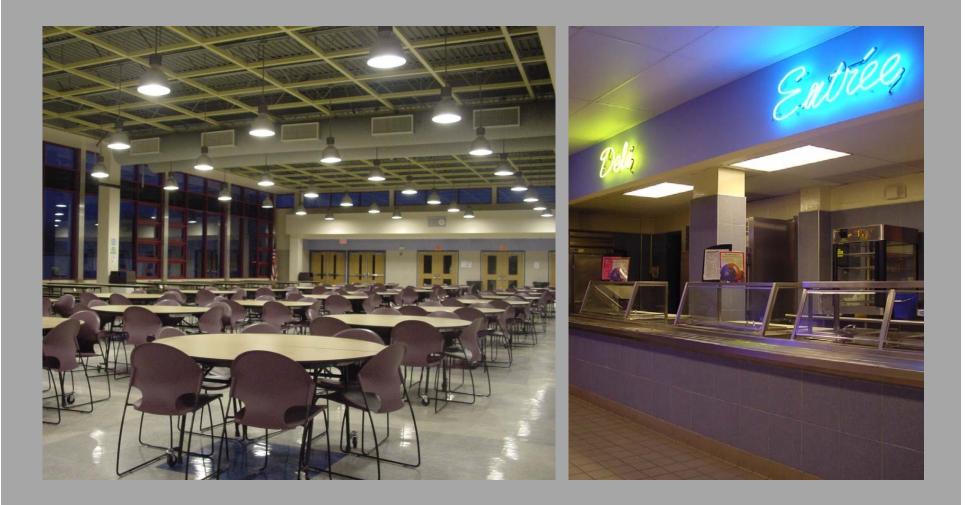


#### Jacob Burns Media Arts Lab: Media Center





#### White Plains High School: Cafeteria





#### Universal Labs: Interdisciplinary





#### Community Integration









#### Universal Access & Wayfinding







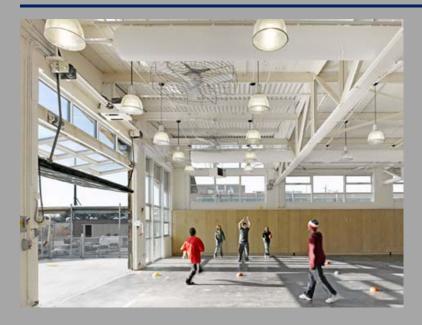
### multipurpose spaces



#### informal teaching and meeting spaces



#### Indoor/Outdoor Connection









#### Outdoor Classrooms





#### Small Group Instruction









#### Other ideas

technology: wireless vs. dedicated stations

middle school identity

future schools as network hubs/ broadcast centers?

long-term flexibility: the building should serve any grade or cluster configuration

learning styles project-based teaming

> "moveable feast": rolling labs and computer stations

# sustainable design

### why green schools?

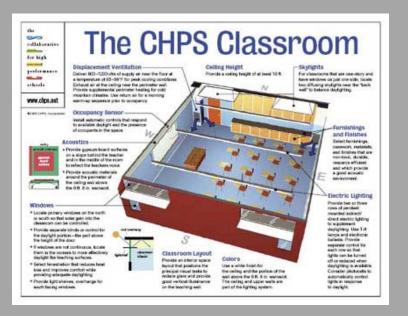
- daylight and fresh air = higher student performance
- health and safety: renewable and non-toxic materials
- reduce energy by up to 50%
- green buildings don't necessarily cost more to build; lower life cycle cost
- educational opportunity: teaches users how to live and learn more sustainably

### how?

- great buildings are the result of great clients
- successful projects are the result of an effective collaboration between architect and client

#### High Performance Schools

- environmentally responsive site planning
- daylight harvesting
- high performing building envelope
- materials chosen using life cycle cost
- highly efficient heating, cooling, and lighting
- systems fueled by renewable resources
- systems are commissioned to operate optimally



a sustainable school "...has three distinct attributes: it is designed to create a healthy and comfortable learning and working environment; it is less costly to operate than a conventional school over the life of the building; and it is constructed to conserve important resources such as energy and water."



#### Site & Water

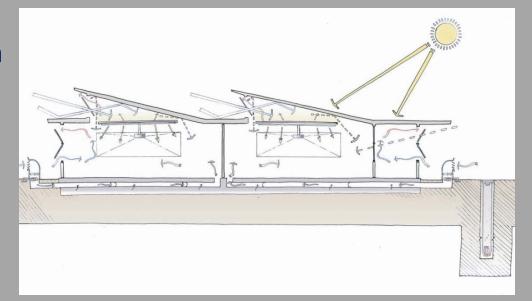
- no development on wetlands or parkland
- reduce footprint
- storm water treatment or detention on site
- erosion control
- reduce heat islands
- avoid light pollution
- water efficiency; use reduction





## Daylighting

- daylight is a critical human need and required in most instructional spaces in NYS
- glare-free daylight can be provided by proper use of overhangs, light shelves, window treatments and window tinting
- proper ventilation is a key companion to day-lit spaces
- turn off the lights if daylight is adequate!





# daylighting

- indirect lighting
- glare control
- light shelf











# Daylight Modeling





### Green Roofs

- green roofs have living vegetation over a waterproof membrane
- in use worldwide
- require some maintenance (like all roof systems)
- don't need mowing!





#### Materials

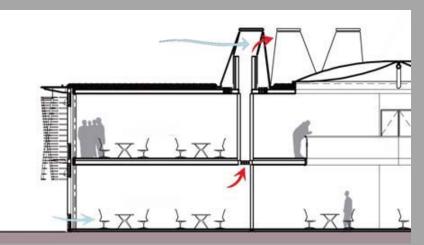
- recycled content postconsumer or post-industrial / pre-consumer
- salvaged materials
- low energy consumption used in the manufacturing
- low transportation costs used in getting material to the jobsite – locally produced
- high renewable content managed growth or certified wood.
- bio-based materials e.g., wheat grass cabinetry
- healthier low/no off-gassing



## Fresh Air

- natural ventilation for cooling
- combination of lighting and ventilation



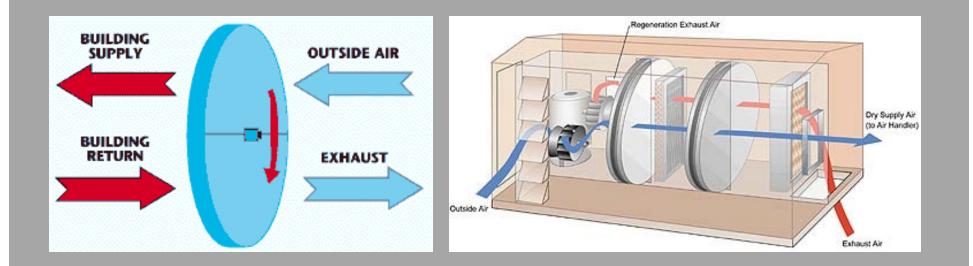






#### Heat Recovery

- recover energy lost in building exhaust systems
- reheat/cool outdoor ventilation air





# Renewable Energy

- photovoltaic
- wind
- fuel cells
- micro-turbines





## Sustainability: Jacob Burns Media Arts Lab



The Media Arts Lab at the Jacob Burns Film Center received LEED Gold in 2010 and promotes a well rounded approach to sustainability. Key sustainable features include:

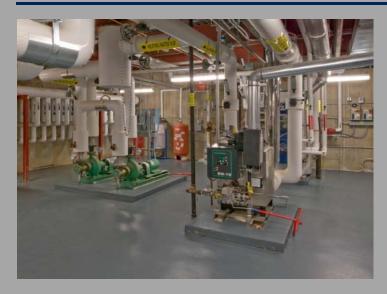
- geothermal wells
- photovoltaic panels
- green roofing system
- low/no flow pluming fixtures
- local recycled building materials
- "Green Fact" signs







## Sustainability: Post Road Elementary School





In 2010 this new building earned an Energy Star Rating of 100, making it the most energy efficient public school building in New York State at the present time. Major sustainable design elements include:

- geothermal heating and cooling
- green roof system
- solar photovoltaic roof top panels
- extensive day lighting
- low impact plumbing fixtures
- recycled and natural materials





## Energy Savings & Project Financing

KG&D is the only firm in the region that is combining Energy Performance Contracts and Capital Improvement Projects as an alternative finance method for the delivery of large renovations projects.

- Eastchester Union Free School District completed, \$7 mil EPC / \$12.8 mil bond
- Orange-Ulster BOCES completed, \$5.7 mil EPC / \$21 mil bond
- Valhalla Union Free School District in construction, \$3.7 mil EPC
- Katonah Lewisboro Public Schools in construction, \$2.6 mil EPC





## Katonah Lewisboro Athletic Fields





## Brewster Central School District Athletic Field





