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WOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL MODERNIZATION & NEW CONSTRUCTION

Design Meeting #8 – MEETING NOTES

3:30 PM Via Zoom Meeting

Attendees:

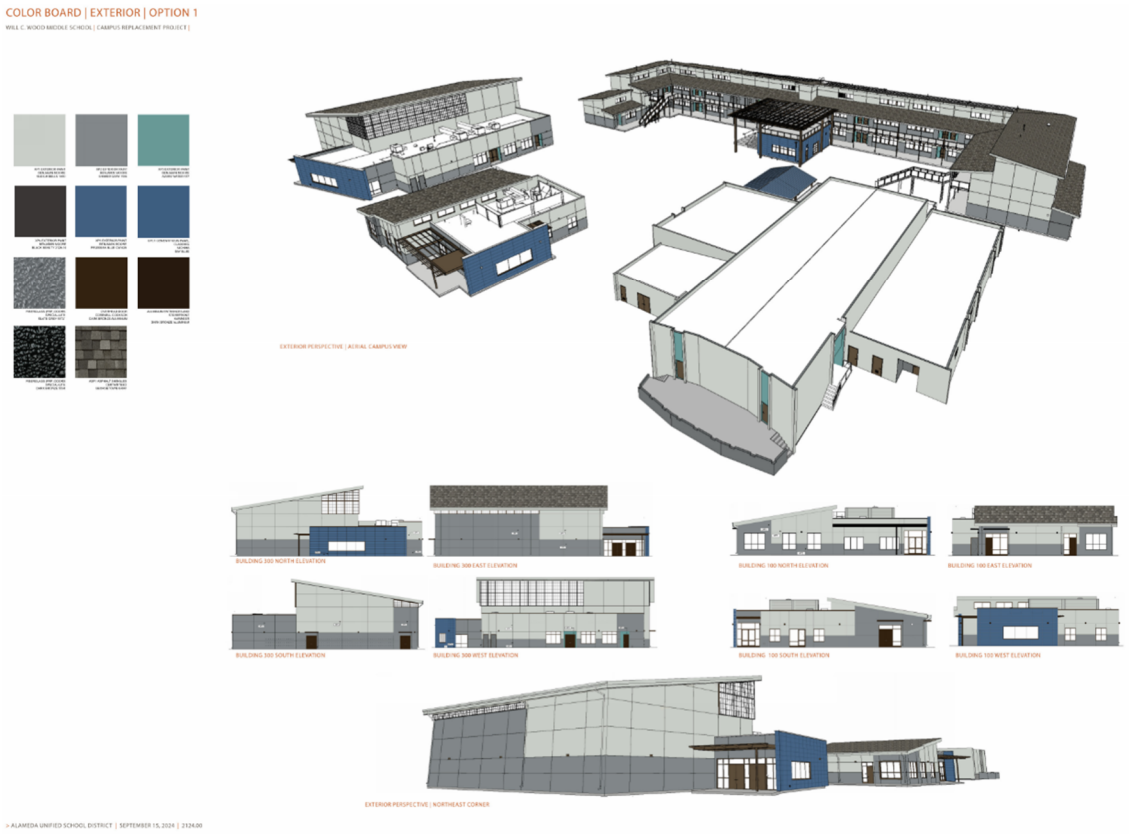
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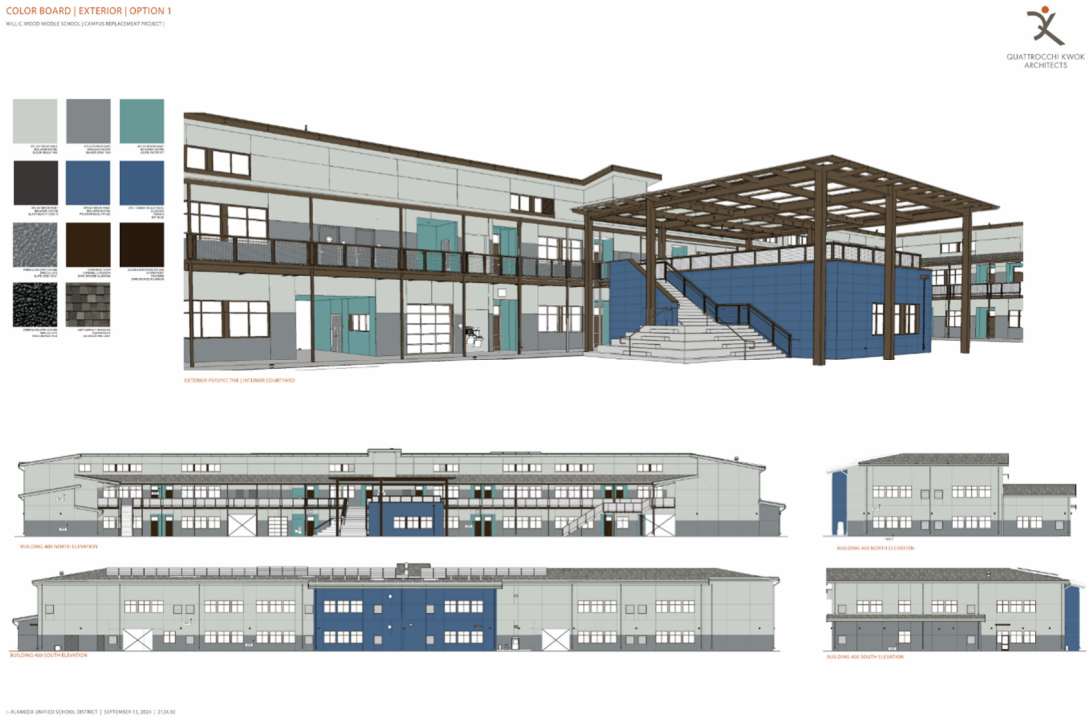
Review of Previous Exterior Color Options:

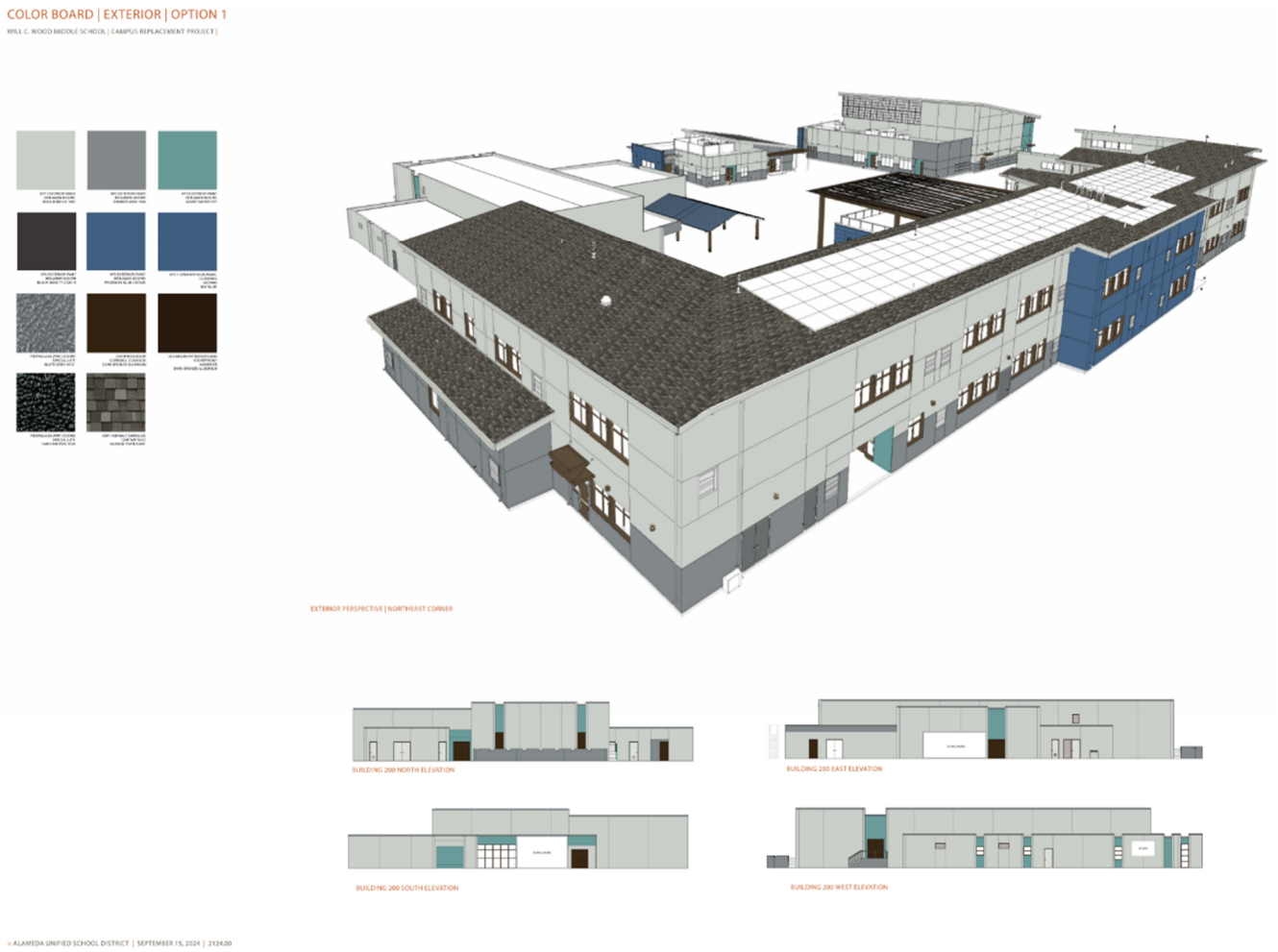
- QKA reviewed the three color options of red, green, and yellow as a refresher of what was presented and discussed in the last meeting on 9/25/24.

Updated Exterior Color Options:

- The following updated exterior color options are from the committee's feedback and input of the colors presented in the previous meeting.
- QKA presented exterior paint color Option 1 (Benjamin More "Azure Water 677") below.

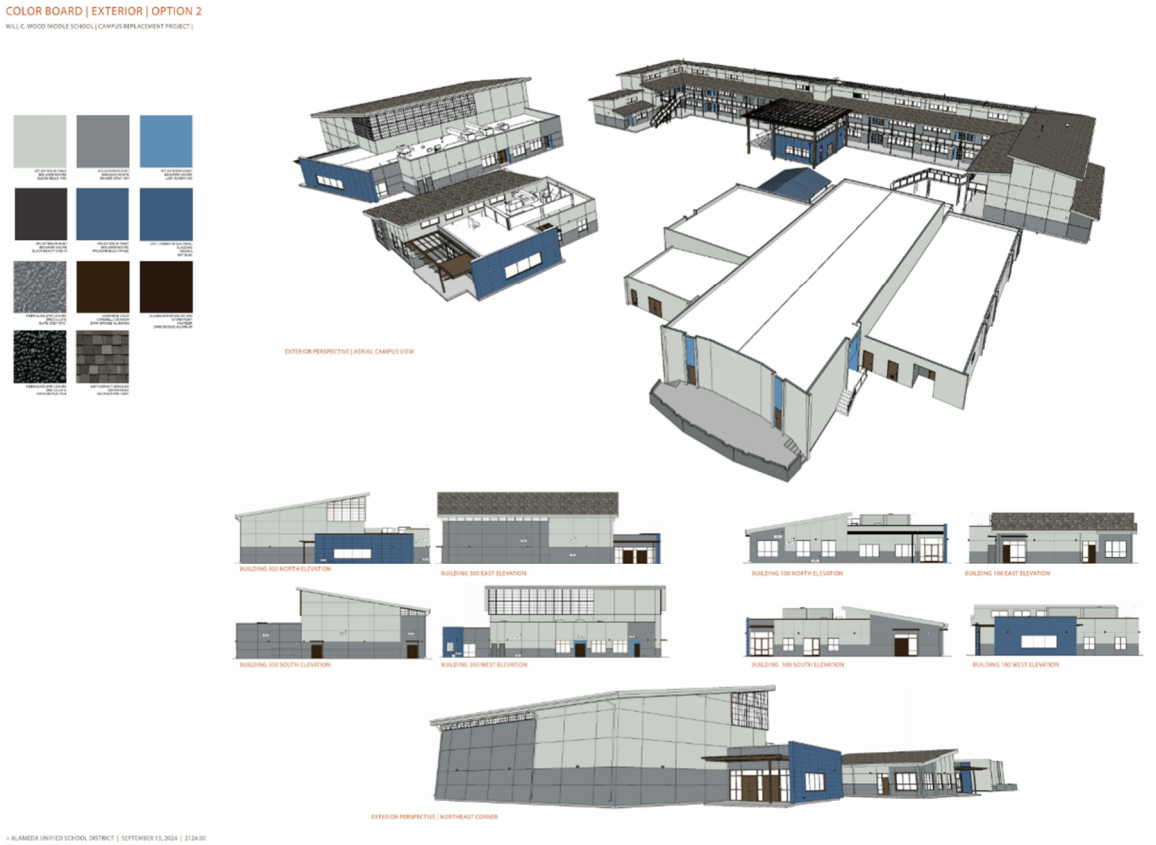


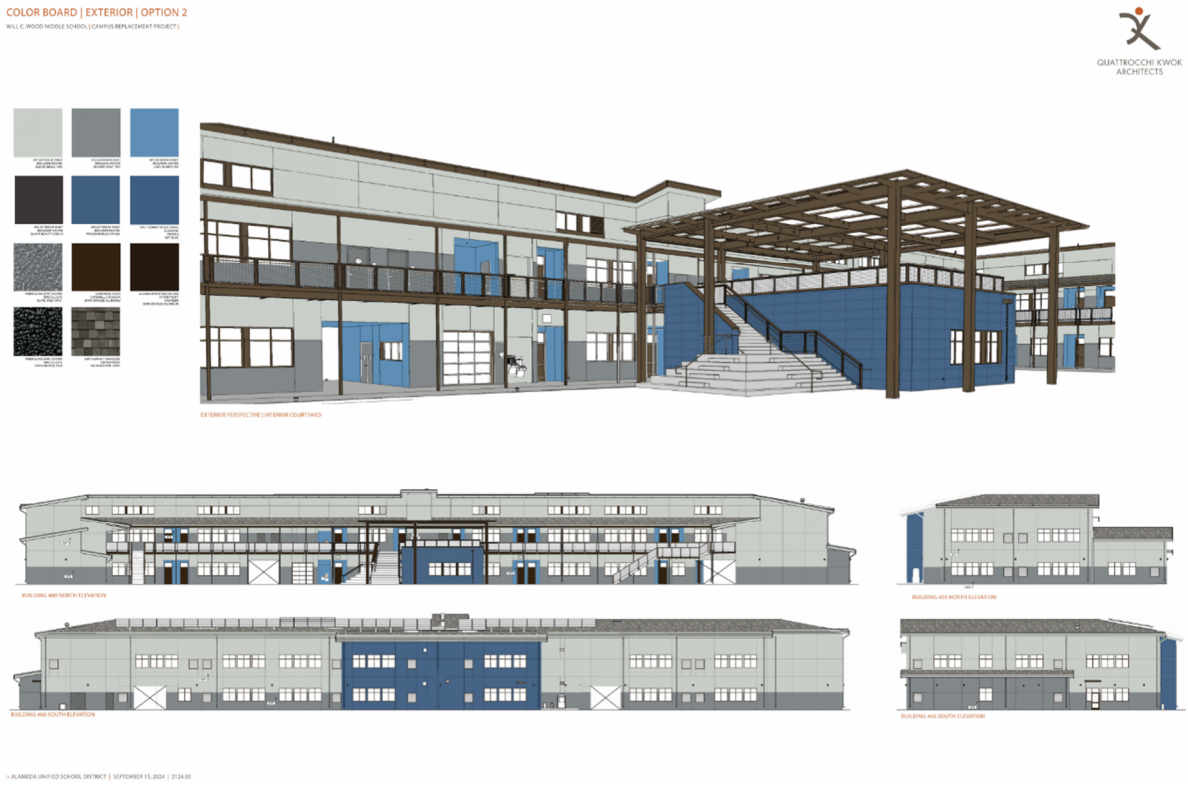


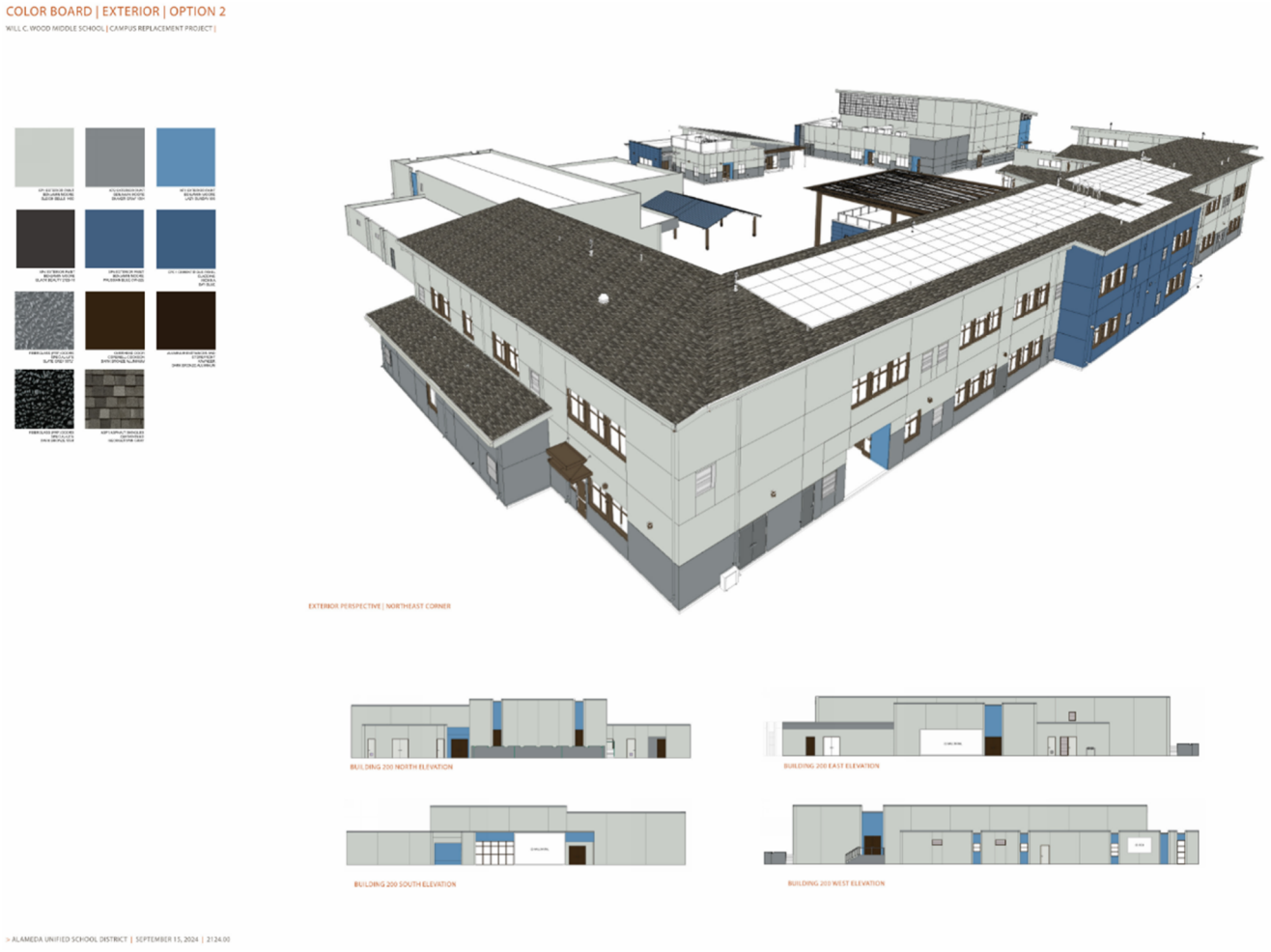


- The light green/teal exterior accent paint color is inspired by the ocean water of the bay.
- Teal color is not liked by the committee.
- The general use of exterior colors (light grey field color, dark grey band, accent color, and blue fiber cement wall panels) and their locations is acceptable by the committee.

- QKA presented paint color Option 2 (Benjamin Moore "Lazy Sunday 803") below.

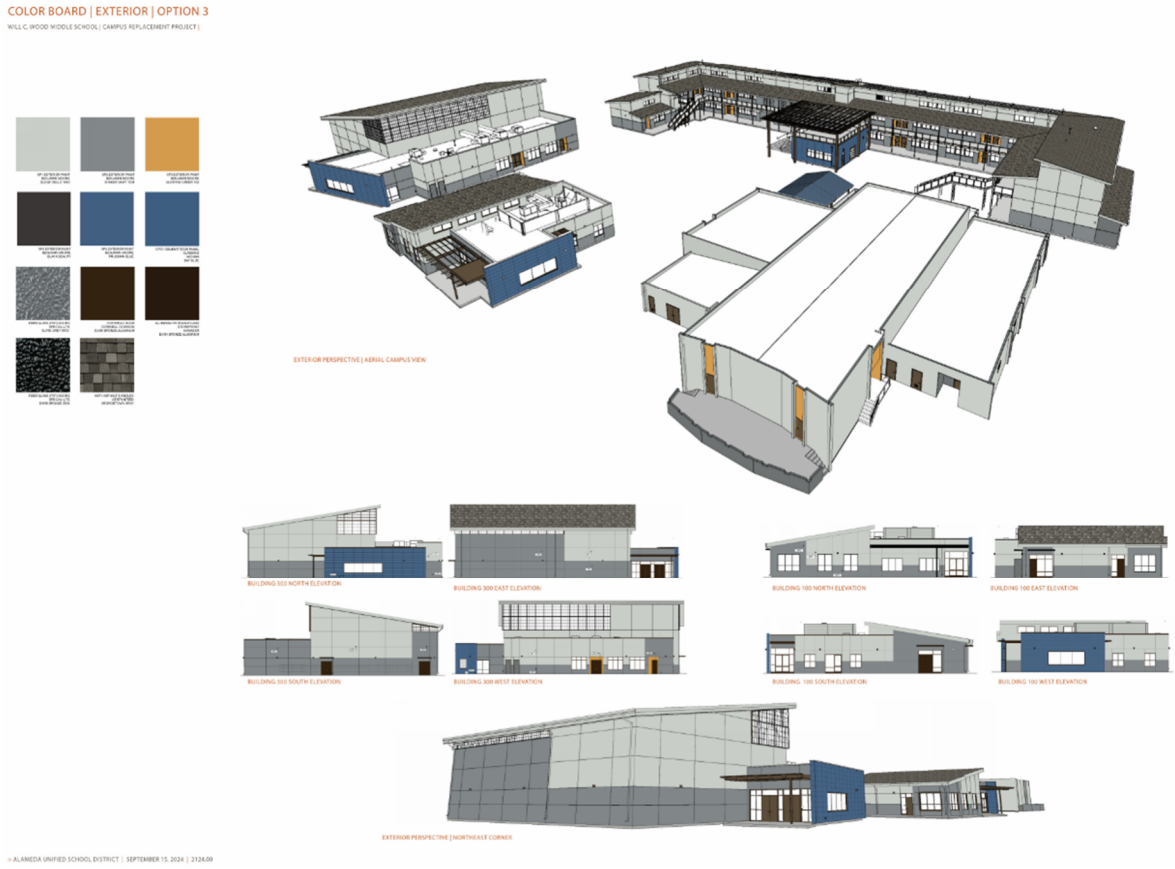


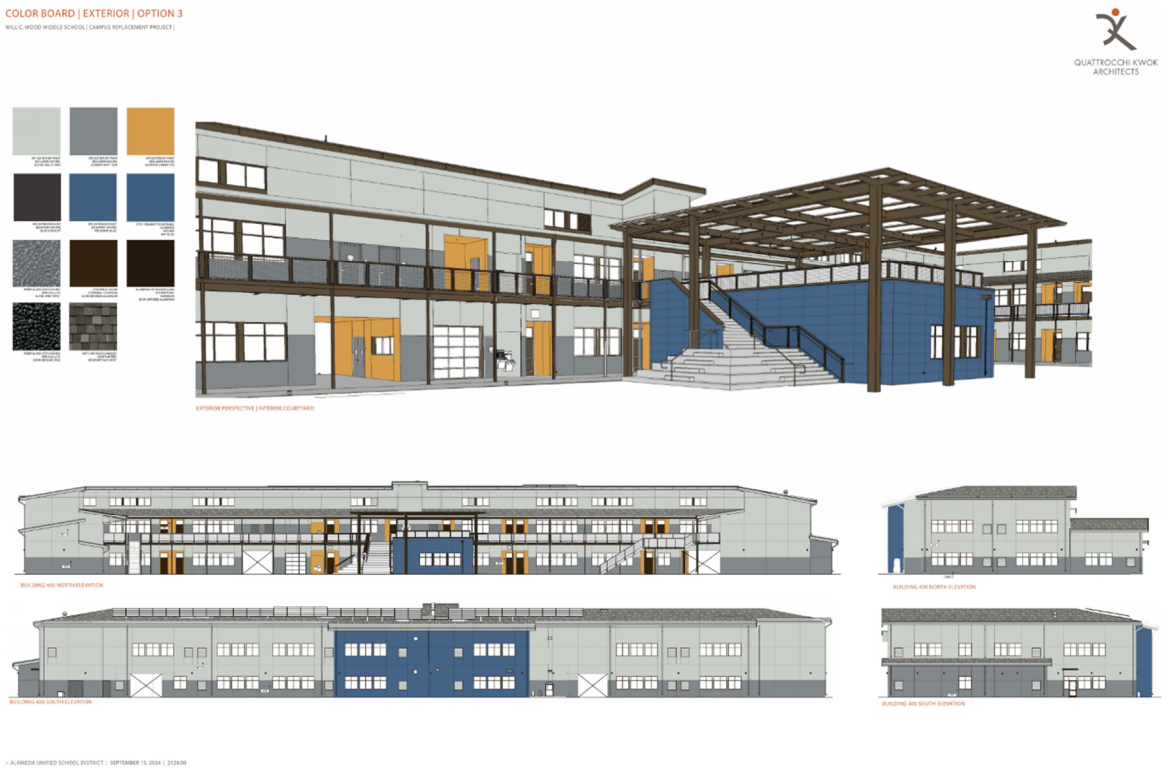


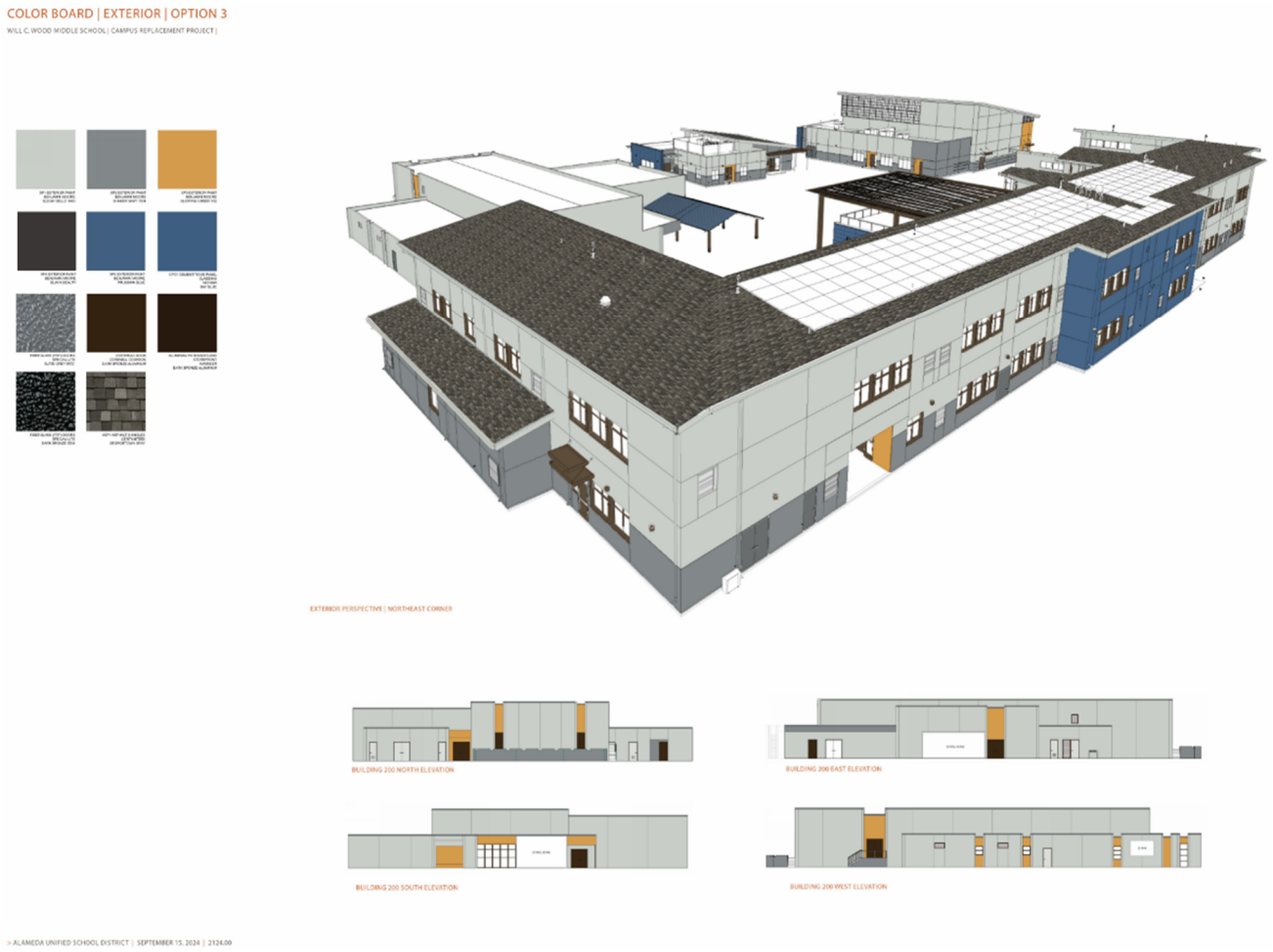


- Light blue accent paint color option provided was a request made from the previous meeting.
- Principal Jessica commented that the students overwhelmingly like gold and blue in a survey performed by the school. Blue as the primary accent color is good, but the students preferred the color gold.

- QKA presented paint color Option 2 (Benjamin Moore "Glowing Umber 182") below.



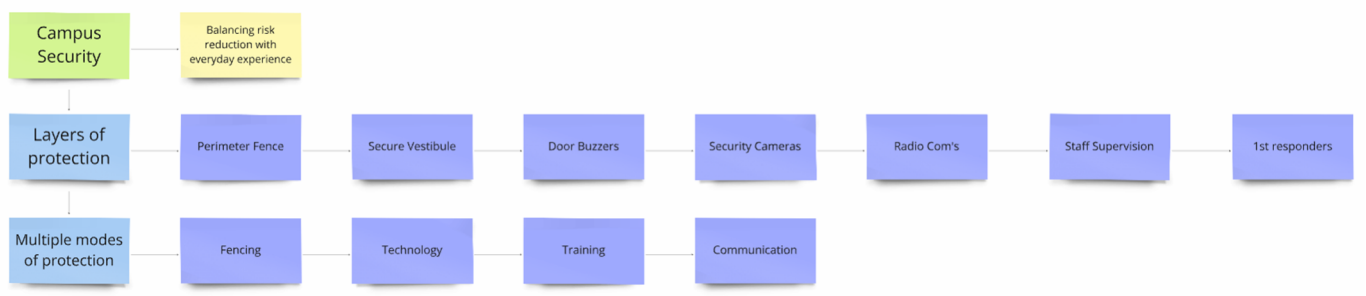




- The yellow accent paint color in this option is more of a gold tone in response to a suggestion that was made in the previous meeting. Gold is one of the primary school colors.
- Robert commented that the gold color of deeper earth tone yellow and warmer is preferred the bright yellow color that was previously presented.
- A concern was made that graffiti and shoe marks from students standing and putting their feet on the wall will stand out more in yellow than the other colors. Joel replied that the darker grey color band on the exterior wall will help with marks. Possibly use a different sheen (semi-gloss or glossy) on the yellow paint to help resist marks. No flat sheen.
- Principal Jessica commented that the school staff don't really like the yellow color, but the students do and it's important to acknowledge their input and pride of their school colors.
- Joel commented that it sounds like the gold color (Option 2) is where we're headed and the color to proceed forward with. Principal Jessica and the committee nodded in agreement.

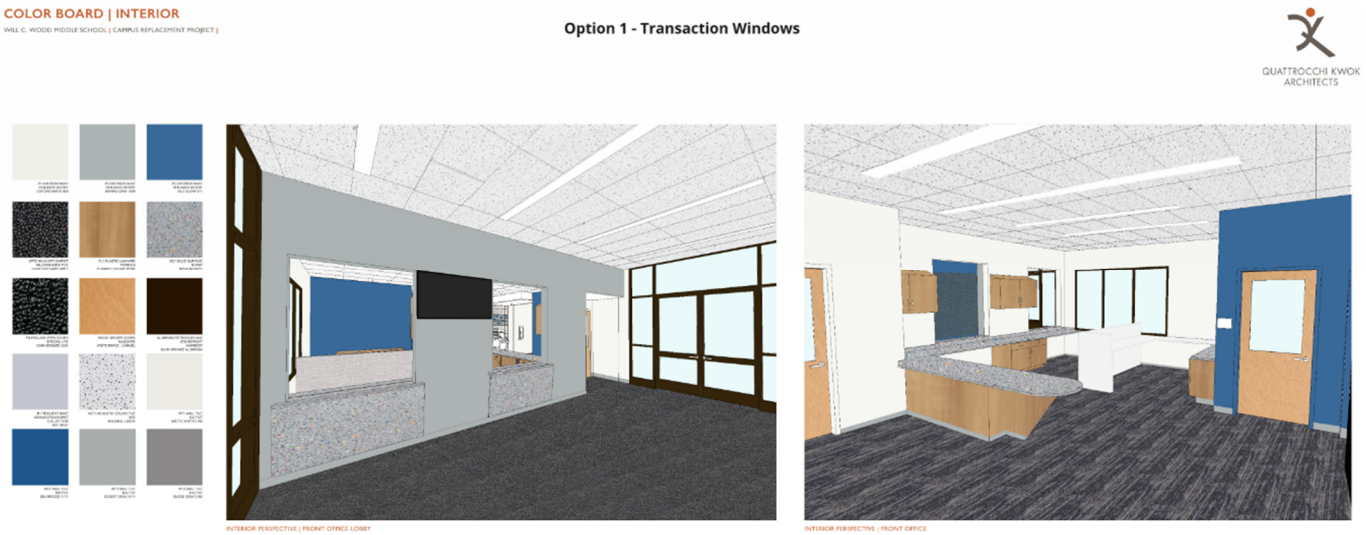
Campus Security Discussion:

- Balancing risk reduction with everyday experience. Finding right balance between reducing someone coming into the campus that shouldn't and making the school campus not look institutional or prison like.
- Layers of protection: perimeter fencing, secure main entry vestibule/lobby, door buzzers to control access, security cameras, radio communications, staff supervision, and first responders (police and fire department).
- Multiple modes of protection: fencing, use of technology, training, and communication.



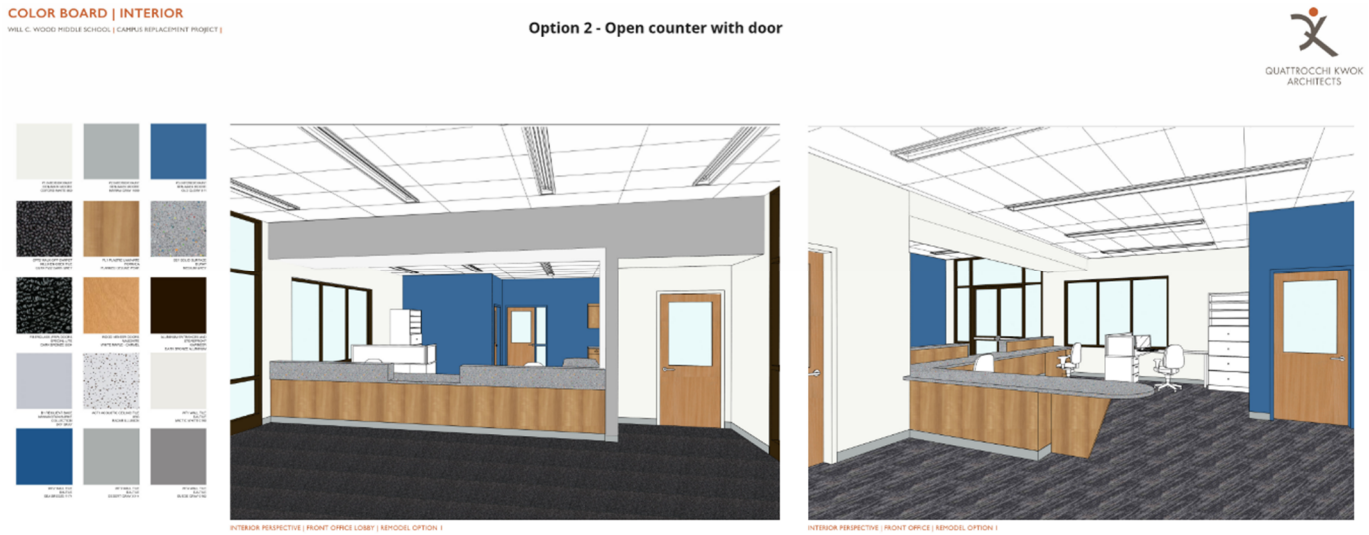
Reception Desk at Admin Lobby Discussion:

- QKA presented three reception desk options below.
- Option 1 – Transaction Window. This is currently the reception desk layout in DSA approved plans.



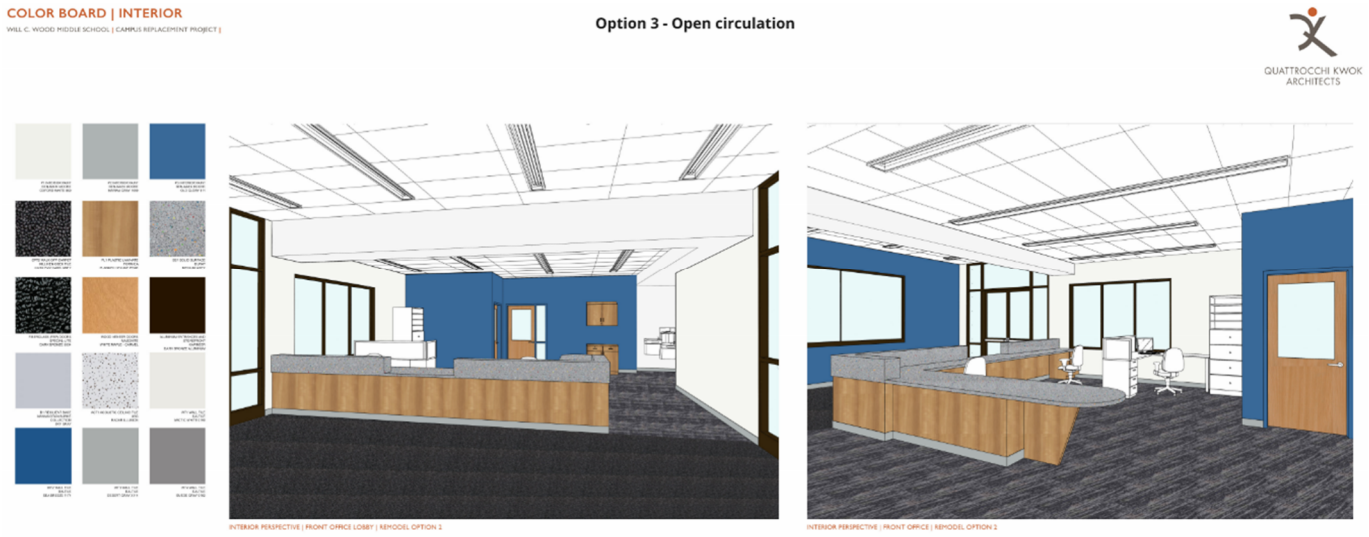
- Two openings for visitor check-in and protection for reception staff.
- Principal Jessica commented that the windows don't feel very welcoming and not in favor of this option. Prefer a more open reception counter like the one at Lincoln Middle School.
- Windows appears like a bank teller service counter.

- Option 2 – Open Counter with Door.



- Principal Jessica and school staff likes this layout and the open countertop concept. Principal Jessica have concerns about the buzzing (access control) of the Lobby doors.
- Brooke commented that the design keeps visitors out of the staff area and provides openness for welcoming feelings.
- Joel commented that students can come through the lobby door or staff entry door to access the admin area to see the school nurse, Principal and counselors if school operations allow for it. This is up to the school staff to decide. Principal Jessica replied that she doesn't want students to come through the staff door and would like the student to go through the lobby and feels there's no need for buzzing to enter through lobby door from the campus side.
- Shariq commented that things have quickly changed within the district about security, fencing and screening. There is a concern and issue with someone possibly jumping over the reception counter to get into the staff area. A possible solution is the programming of the buzzer for how the doors in the lobby will function and provide screening at the reception counter for staff protection.
    - Principal Jessica commented that she doesn't want the "fencing" screening protection at the reception desk. There is a human element when there's no screen between staff talking to visitors. If someone wants to get in, they will get in.
    - Connie commented that window and glazing are not welcoming. An openness between the lobby and reception counter allows for good conversation as well as staff hearing students talk to each other.
    - Brooke commented that screening/glazing can be added later and adaptable if desired.

- Option 3 – Open Circulation.



- The open circulation layout and concept was not liked by the committee because the is no access control to prevent visitors from entering the staff area without permission.

Other Discussions

- Shariq commented that sinks will only be provided in science classrooms as required by the curriculum and sinks will not be provided in standard classrooms.
    - Lindsey asked if there will be an opportunity to put sinks in standard classrooms later. Shariq replied, no because the infrastructure of plumbing is the cost challenge and the project is over budget.
- Connie asked where does the cost of furniture currently stand? Shariq replied that furniture is a low priority at this time, and that the main priority is to deliver just the project (building & site work).

Action Items

- QKA to send meeting notes to AUSD project manager team by email.

Next Meeting Date: To be determined.

End of Meeting Notes