

FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR **POMPERAUG & GAINFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS** POMPERAUG REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 15

Community Conversation #2 04.10.2025

AGENDA

Start 6:00pm **1.** Team Introduction 2. Critical Aspects of the Project (Goals, Schedule) 3. CC#1 Recap 4. Case Studies ~ Consolidated New & Phased-Occupied Renovation 5. Interactive Discussion (Mentimeter!) 6. What's Next (Stay Connected) End 7:00pm **Building Tour of PES**



TEAM RE-INTRODUCTIONS





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CRITICAL ASPECTS OF THE PROJECT

Gainfield Elementary School (2032-33 ~ 381P)

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Developing a plan for Pomperaug RSD 15:

Impactful community conversations Generational, long term thought process **Equitable**, facilitate access to education **Best value**, financially responsible **Creative solutions** to optimize space **Elevate** educational environment **Explore Possibilities** New, RNV, Consolidate, Other?

EXISTING CONDITIONS YOUR SCHOOL FACILITIES

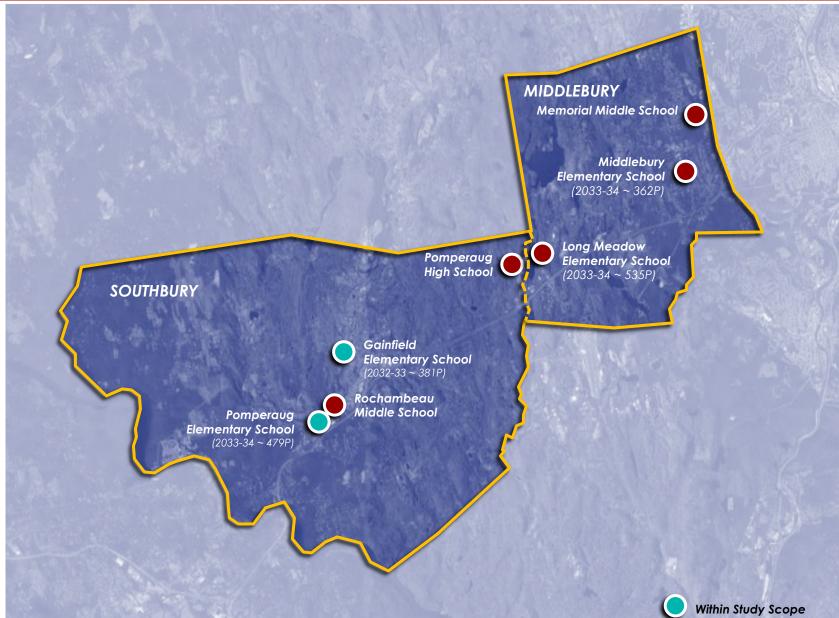


GAINFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



POMPERAUG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL





EXISTING ENROLLMENT AREA ANALYSIS



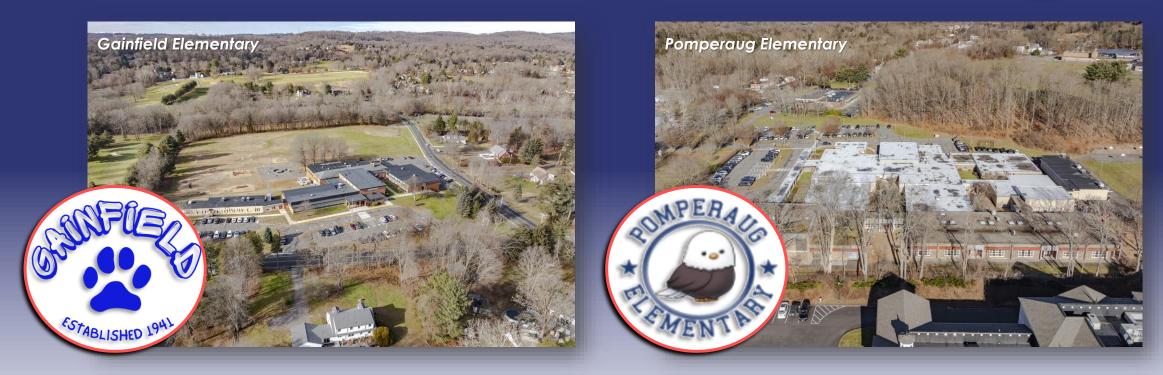


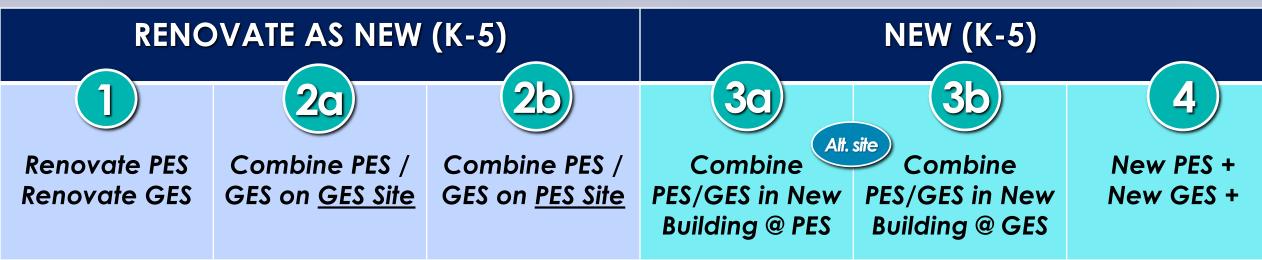
Building Name	Orig. Cons.	Age	GR.	Curr. Enroll.*	GSF	SF/Stu.	State Standard
Gainfield Elementary	1941	83	K-5	324*	55,371	140	45,497 +9%
Pomperaug Elementary	1967	57	K-5	395*	66,745	136	53,752 +4%

*Current Enrollment data gathered during programming conversations with Principals on 1/16/25.

Goals for the Project







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https://www.region15.org/board-of-education/ges-pes

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CC#1 RECAP

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CC#1 Recap

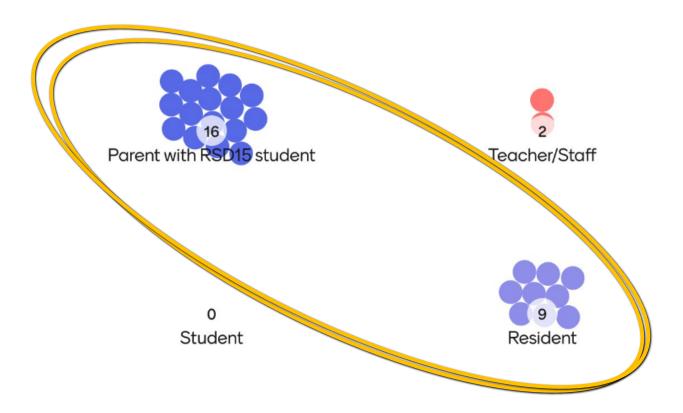


Topics of conversation		Insurance costs of New vs. RNV		Adding to LMES	
CULTURE	Consolie Conce Brook	erns –	Class Size		
SAFETY	Poll Teac			Outdoor ducation	
Attracting Talent	get their feedback before coming to the community		Small Feel, Home Town Schools		
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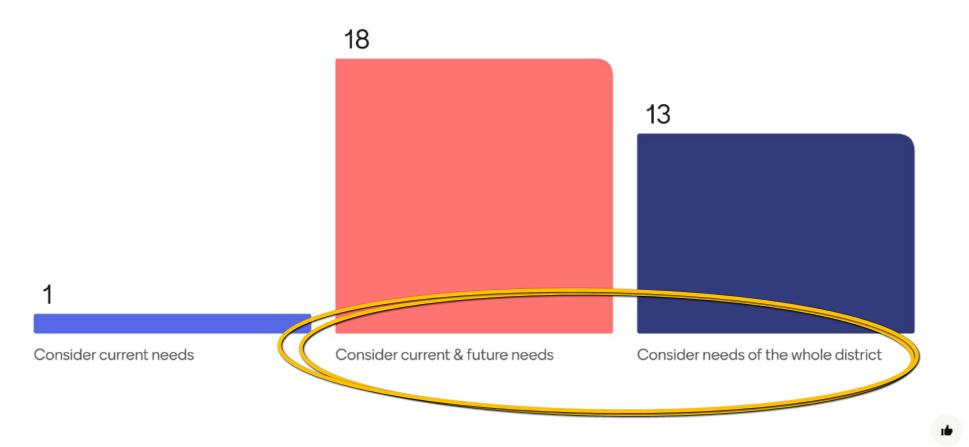


Tell us about yourself...(check all that apply)



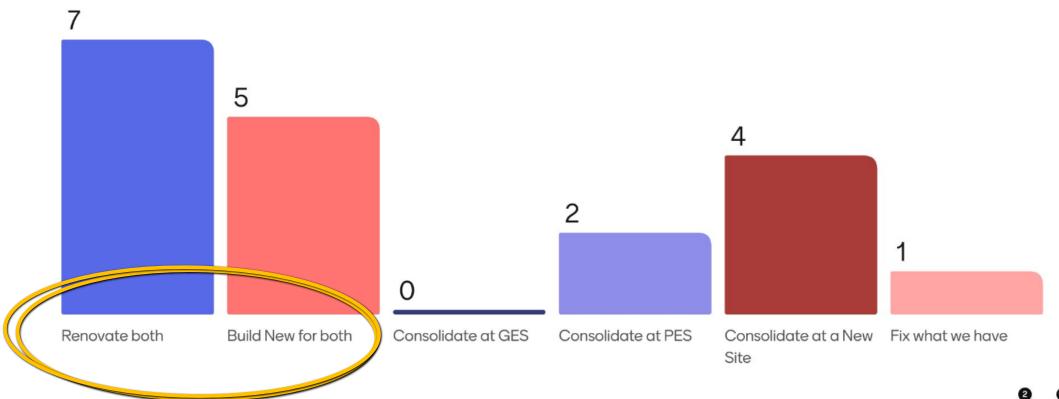


When making improvements to PES/GES, what is most important? (Select up to 2)



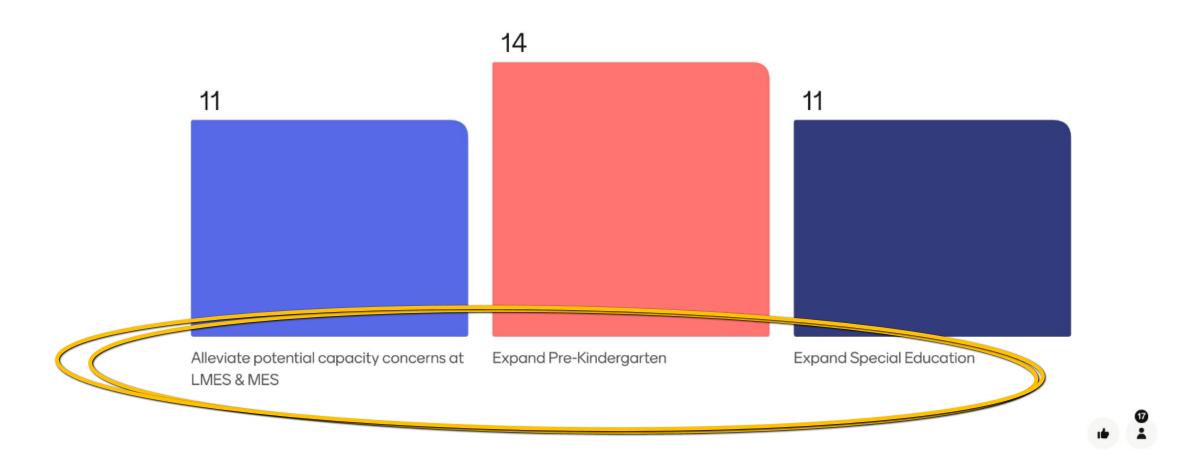


Of the possible options for GES/PES, what is your preference?





Should the options consider the following (check all that apply)





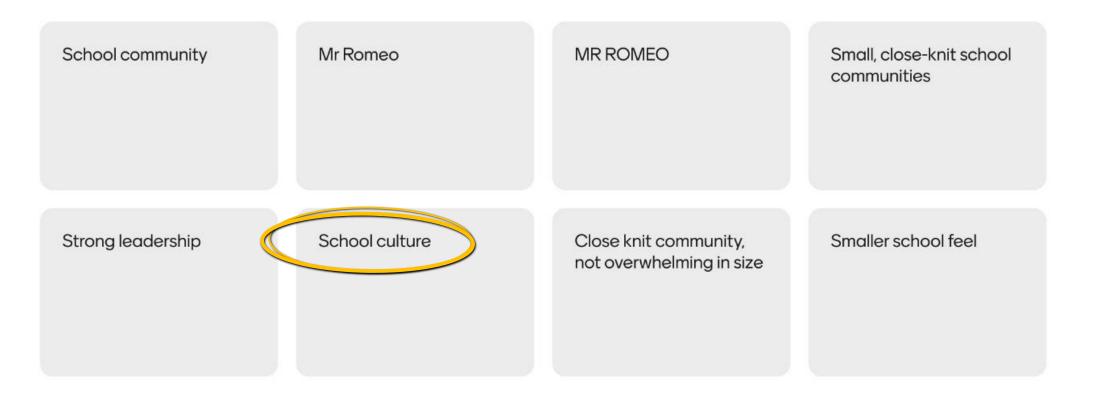
What else should the options consider?

49 responses



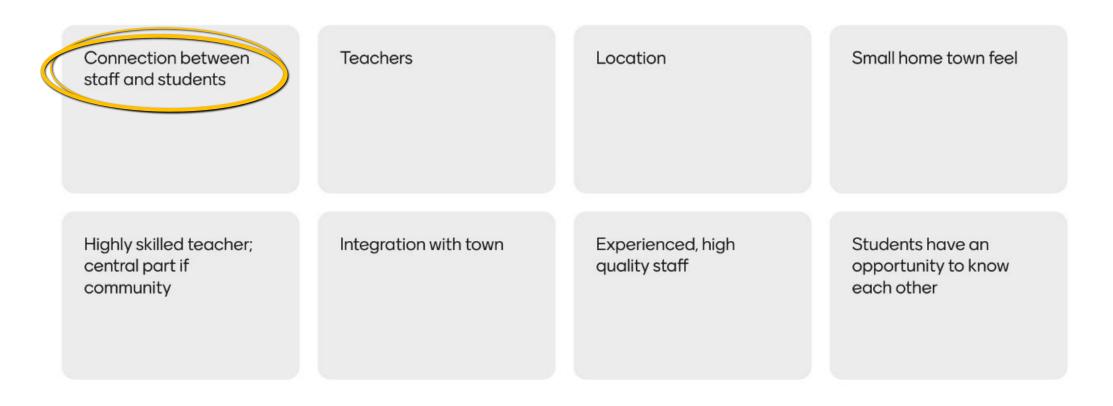


What works well, and should be continued?



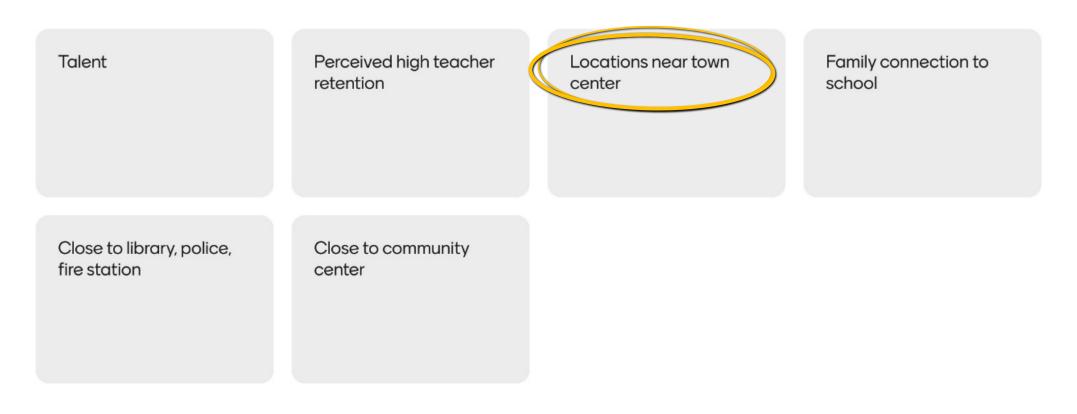


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What would you change, if anything? (Choose up to 3)



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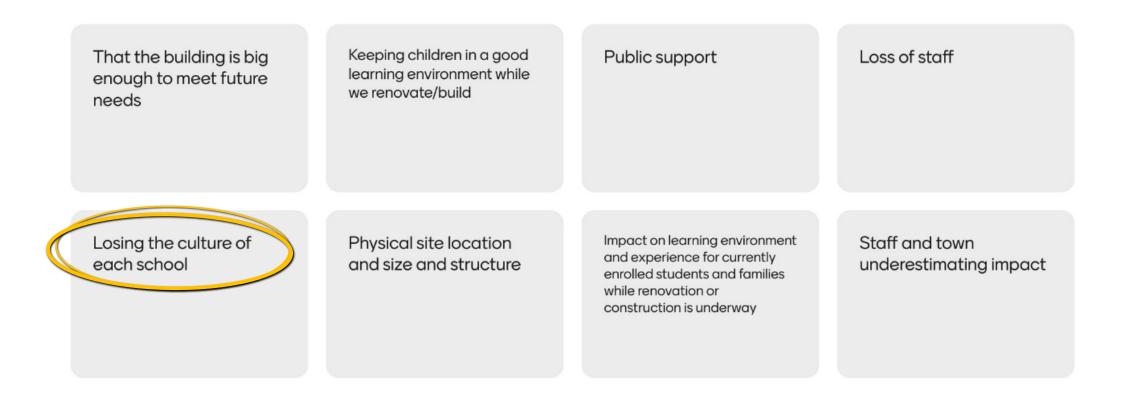


What are your biggest concerns or questions about the project?

Size of building	Impact to learning and cost and location	Forming an impersonal megaschool	Timetable
Location of new construction	Location	Size of a combined school	Size

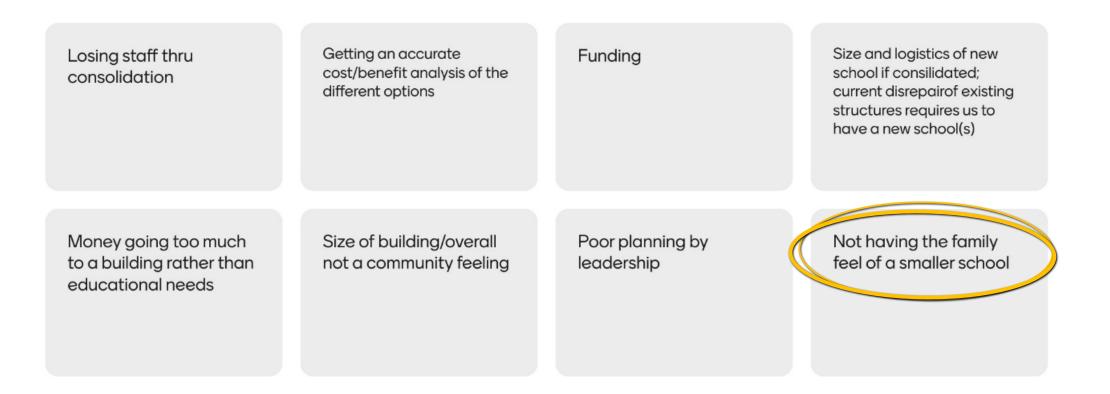


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That a bigger consolidated school, solves one issue but causes other issues that need to be considered Children that thrive in a smaller more intimate space getting lost in the shuffle Consolidation. More students in one school is not always a good thing, even if it is a cheaper option. It should be about student/teacher experience and not cost.

Long term changes that last

CC1 Mentimeter Survey – Live Results! (3/13/25)



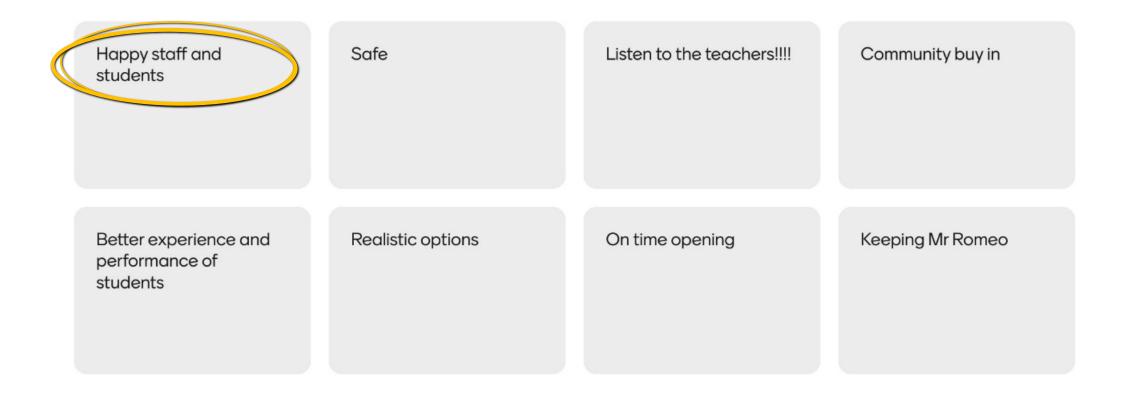
In the context of the PES/GES Feasibility Study, what is most important to you?

28 responses





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A solution with long-term viability	Get teachers to understand the benefit of change.	Community culture	Teachers
Quality of student	Happy kids!!	Leadership must plan	Students and staff feel
experience		first.	like they belong.



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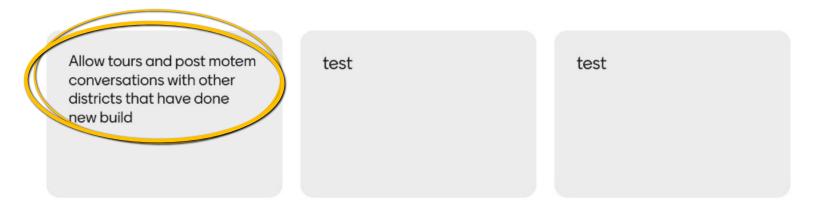


What other topics should we cover at future conversations?

Options	Options and details	Go forward options	Options
Costs	Alternate locationsIBM?	Scope of options	Snacks



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CASE STUDY Pomperaug High De Y G Me dow Elementary School

CONSOLIDATED NEW

Gainfield Elementary School (2032-33 ~ 381P)

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Your Questions & Concerns...

- Consolidation
- Culture & sense of community
- Small-school feeling
- Physical site, location, structure



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WHAT'S RELEVANT:

- Consolidation of two school cultures
- Small Learning Communities
- Topographical challenges on site
- Septic system

Some differences are...

- Brand new site with ample acreage
- Pre-Kindergarten
 program included
- Larger total student population



Madison, CT | New | Grades PK-5 | 640 Students | 90,997 GSF | \$61.2 Million TPC | \$48.4 Million CC | 18 Mo. Const, Completion 7/25

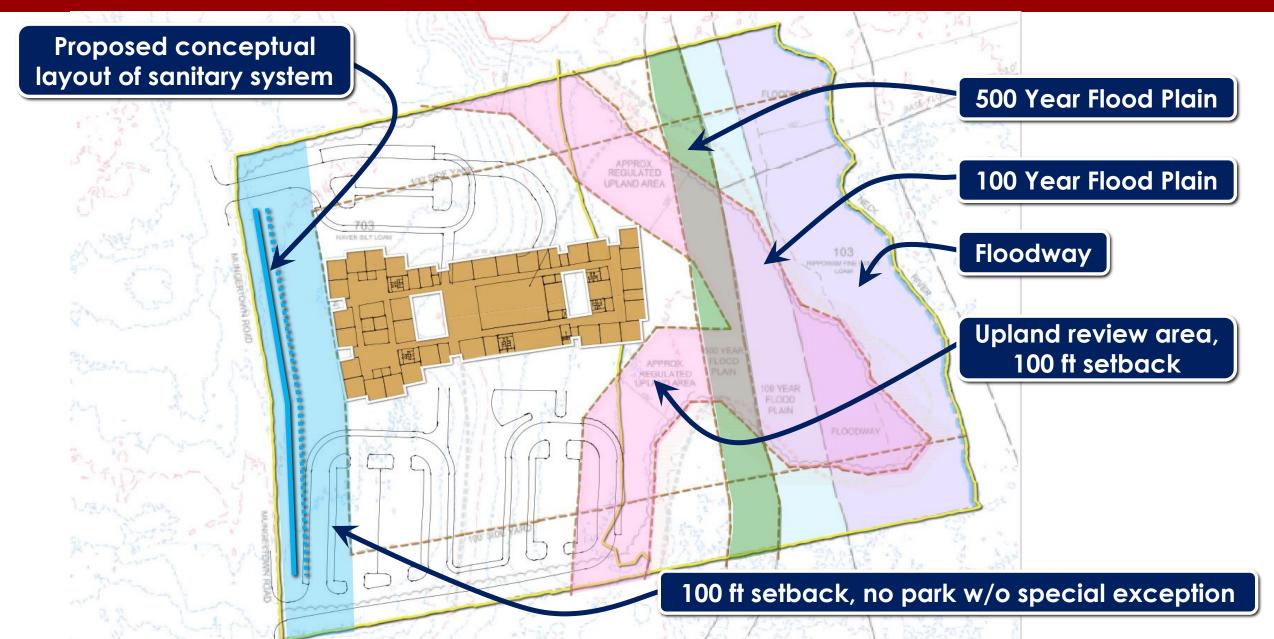
Madison's Story:

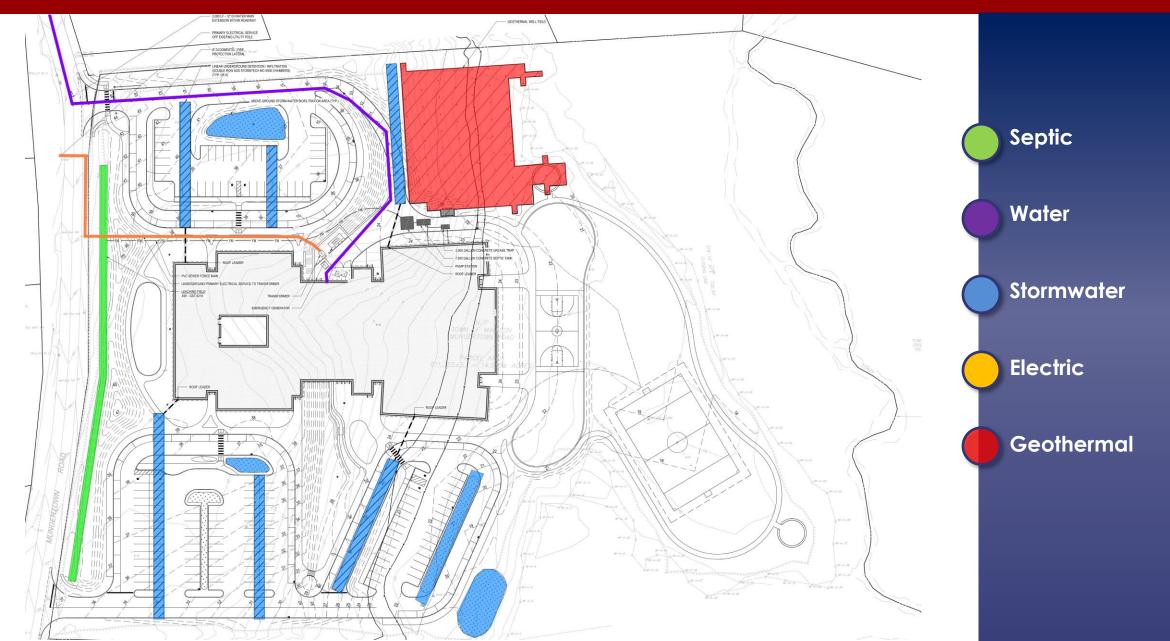
- Embarked on a "Renewal Plan" in 2019 to address aging facilities
- Step 1: build a new PK-5 on newly acquired property, close Jeffrey & Ryerson K-3 Elementary Schools, converted Brown Intermediate into a PK-5
- Property is 14.2 acres, nearby academic campus containing HS & MS
- Site is on septic system, topographic challenges, wetlands in back



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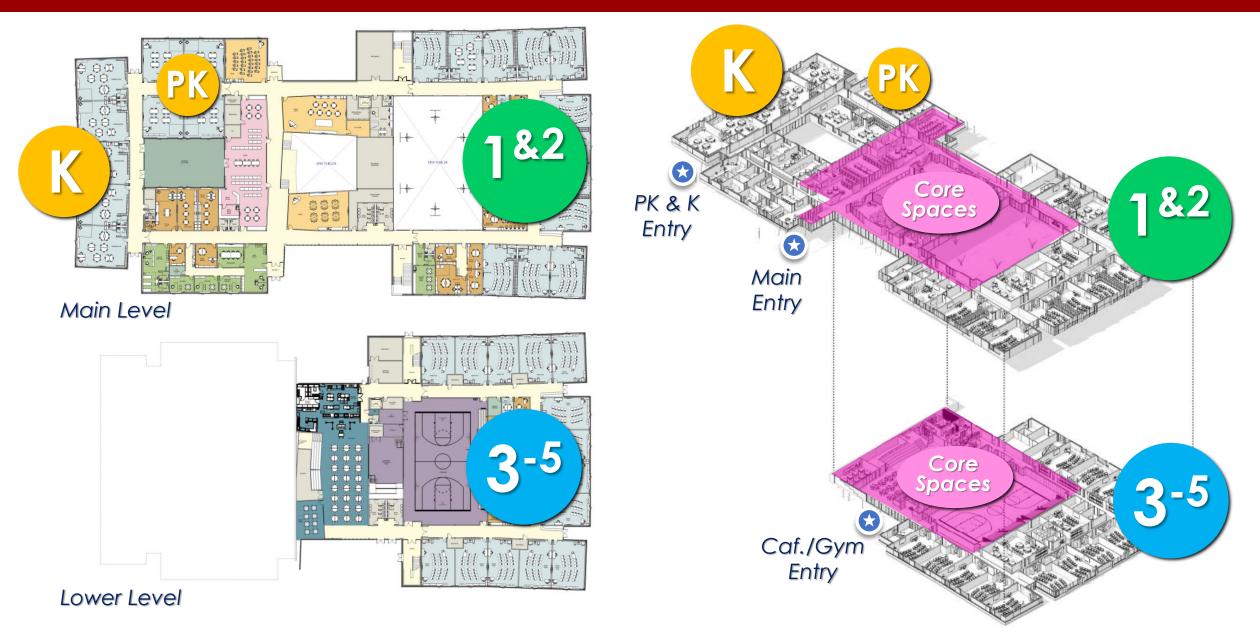






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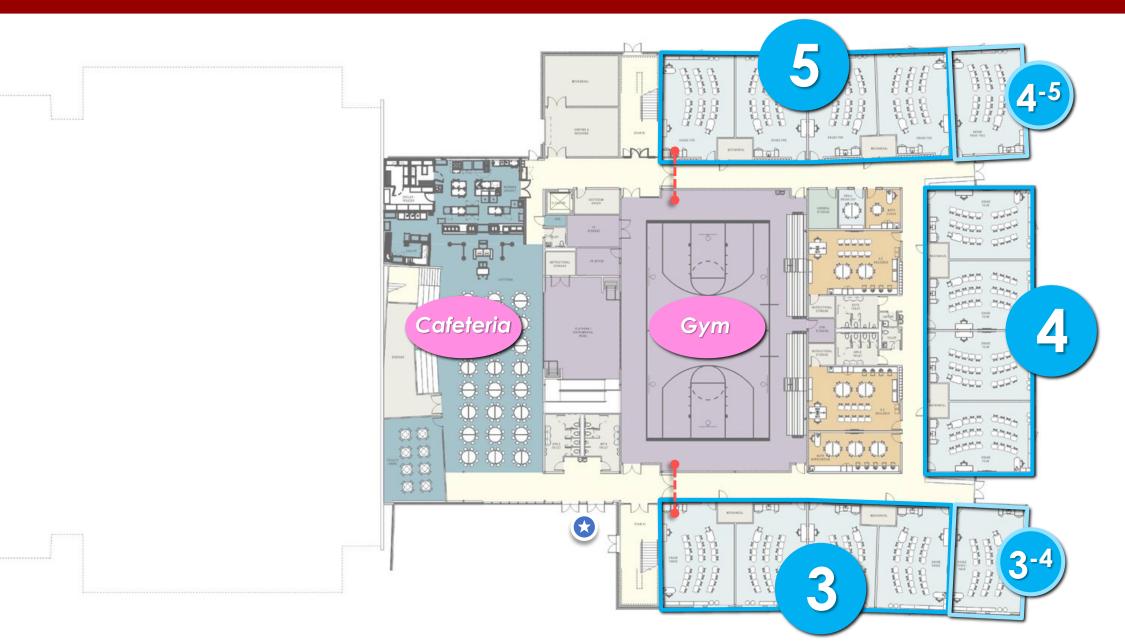
"School Within A School"







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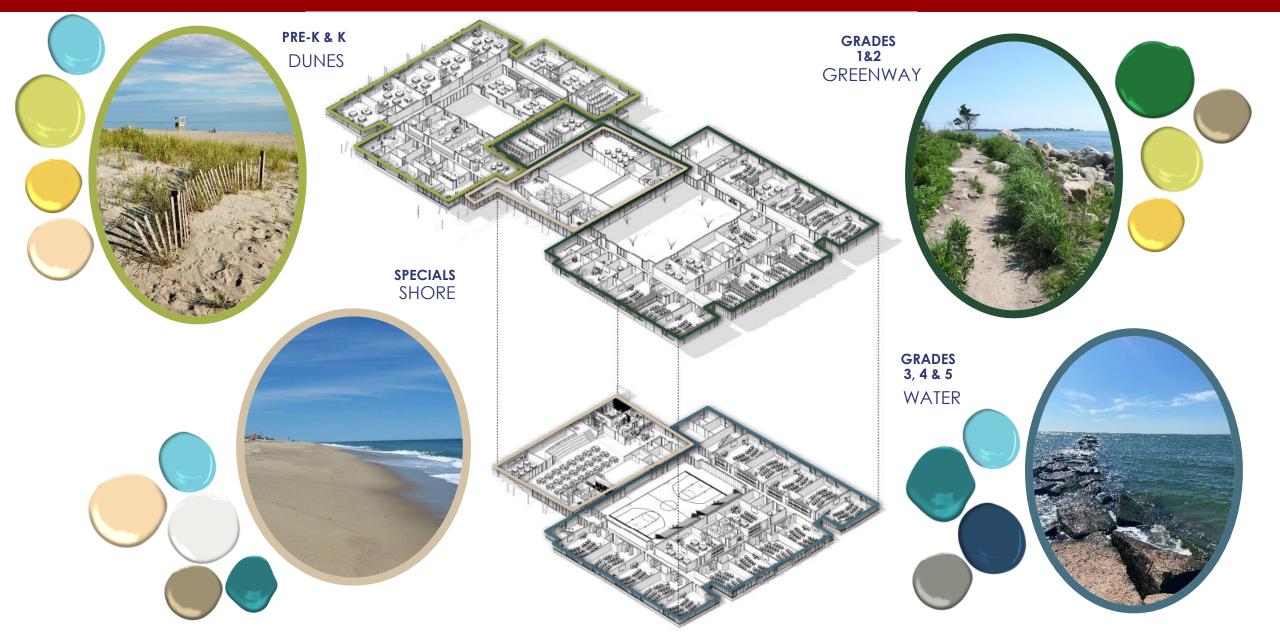
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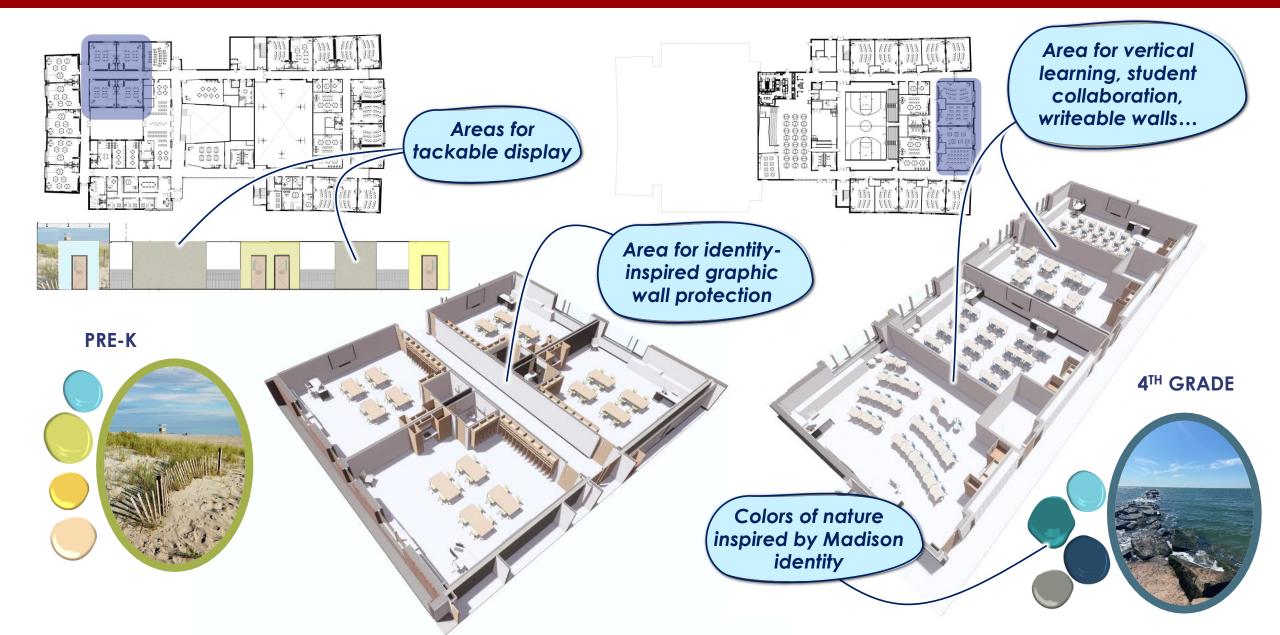












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CASE STUDY Pomperaug High Description

PHASED-OCCUPIED RENOVATION



omperaug Elementary School

Your Questions & Concerns...

- Impact to learning
- Maintaining good learning environment while under construction



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WHAT'S RELEVANT:

- Phased-occupied
 renovation
- Similar total student
 population

Some differences are...

- Relatively flat site
- Single level building
- One vintage, 1950's

...Even so, it still took almost 3 years of construction! That's <u>half of your</u> <u>elementary school</u> <u>experience!</u>



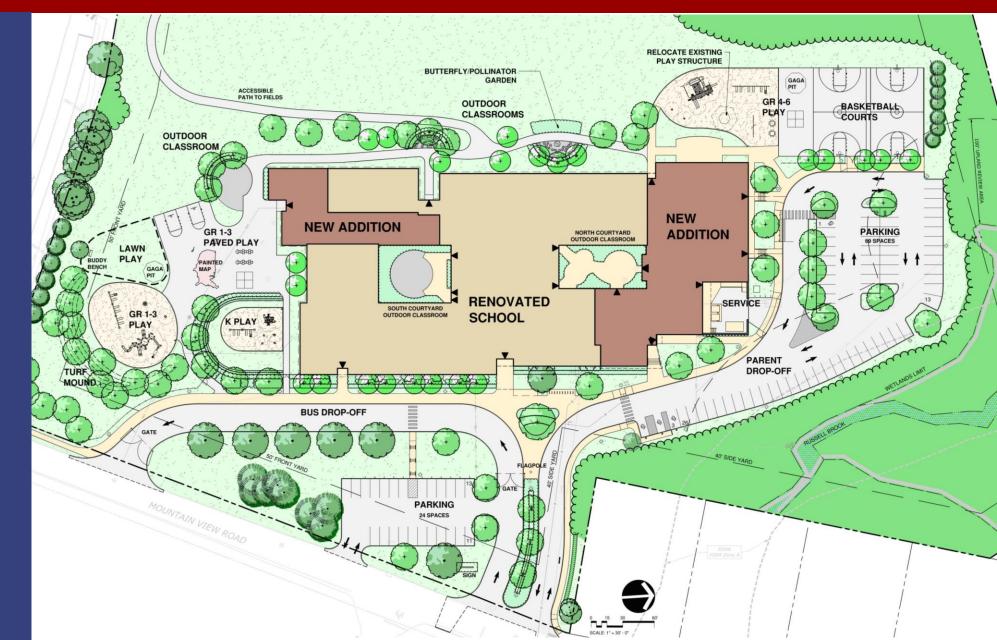
Simsbury, CT | RNV | Grades K-6 | 522 Students | 68,080 GSF | \$39 Million TPC | \$33.7 Million CC | Completed 2024 | 36 Mo. Const.



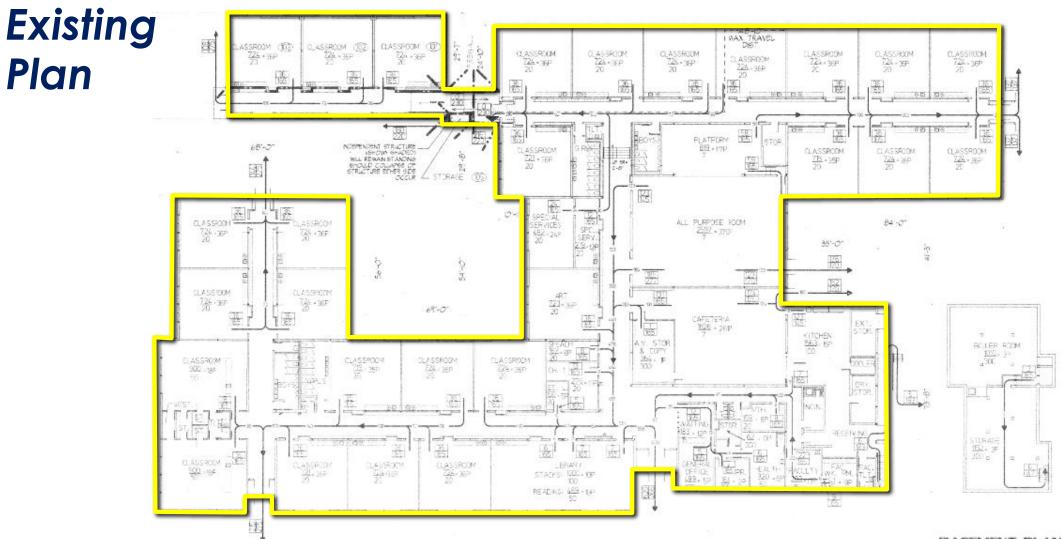


Existing Site





Proposed Site



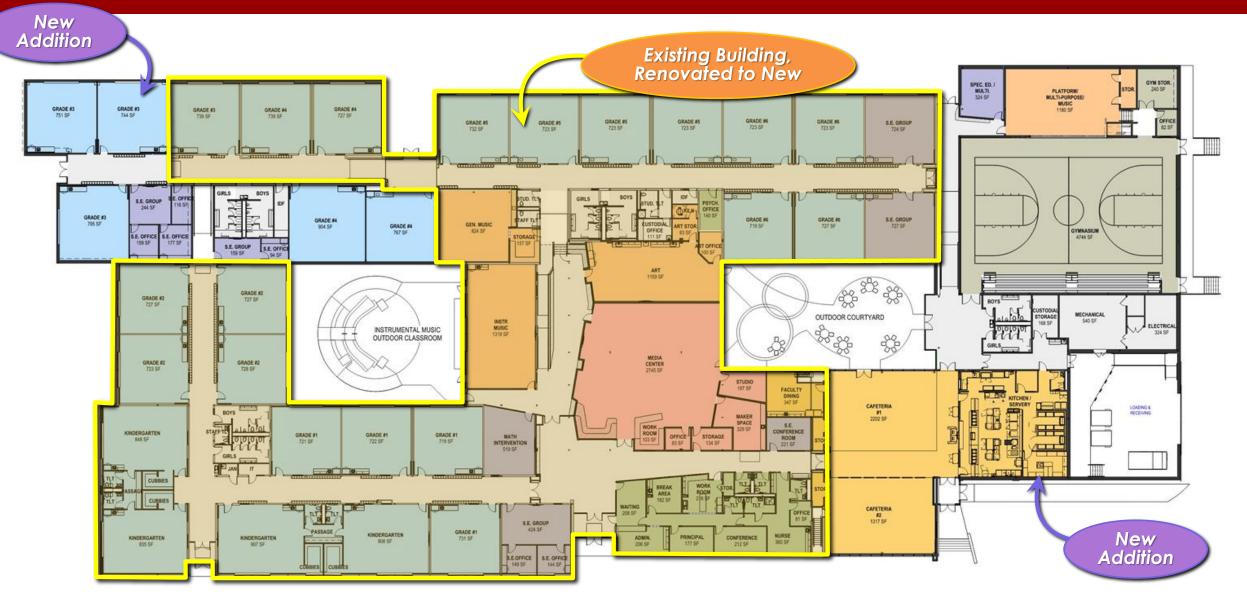
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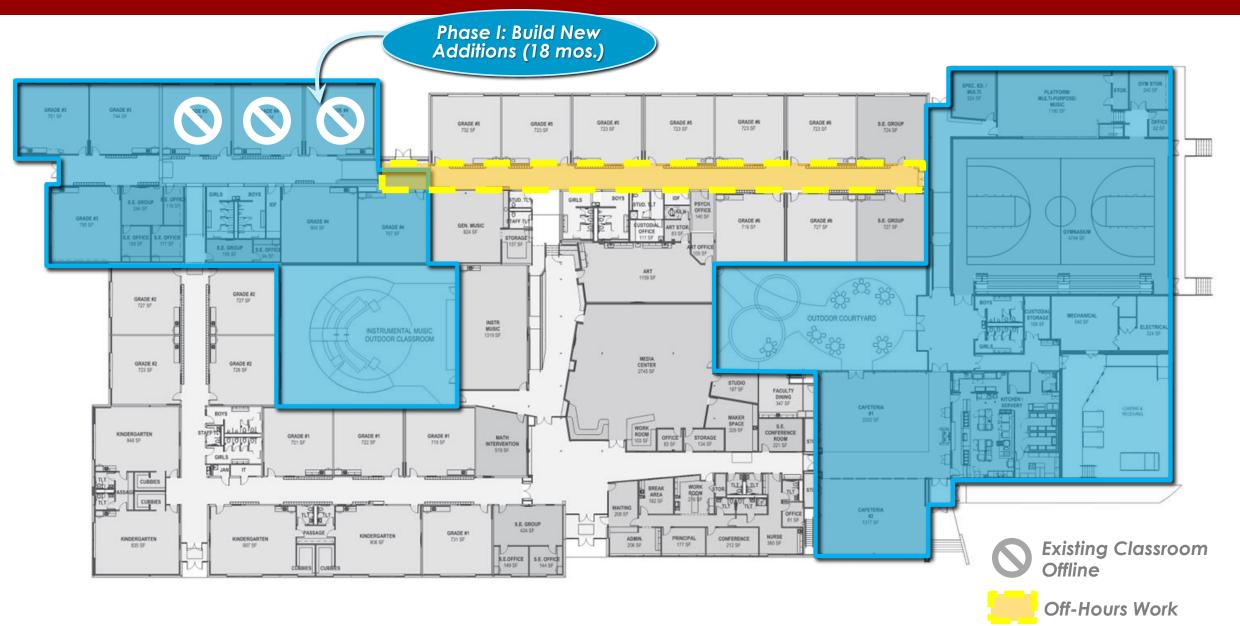
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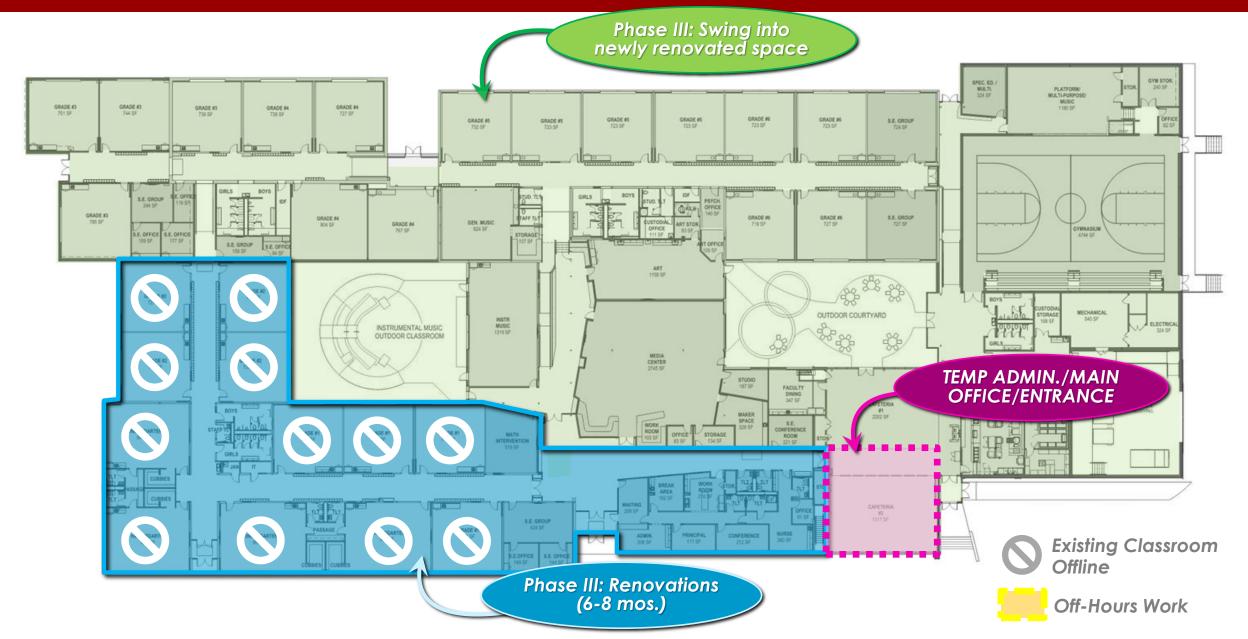
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Opportunities to engage students in the process!

In Summary ~ Comparison





MADISON NECK RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

New Construction Grades PK-5 640 Students 90,997 GSF \$61.2 Million TPC 18 Months (Construction Duration) 🤜 Completion July 2025

SIMSBURY LATIMER LANE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

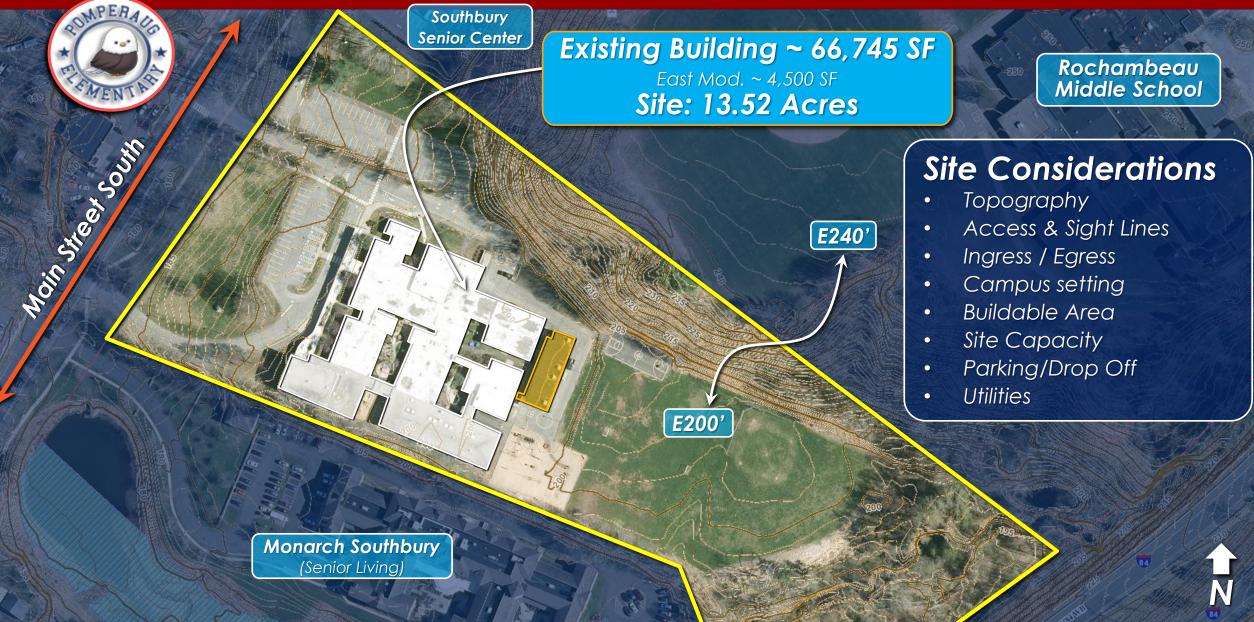
Renovate As New Grades K-6 Almost 2X as long, with students living through 522 Students 68,080 GSF \$39 Million TPC 36 Months (Construction Duration) Completed 2024

the process...

EXISTING CONDITIONS SUMMARY

POMPERAUG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL





EXISTING CONDITIONS SUMMARY

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GAINFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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E195'



Existing Building ~ 55,371 SF North Mod. ~ 1,200 SF, South Mod. ~ 3,140 Site: 8 Acres

Poverty Road.

Old Field Pool

E210'

Site Considerations

- Natural Diversity Area
- Flood Plain
- Topography
- Access & Sight Lines
- Buildable Area
- Site Capacity
- Utilities
- Traffic / Drop Off



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INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION

OUTHBURY

Rochambeau Middle

2033-34 ~ 479P)





Instructions

Go to www.menti.com

Enter the code

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Or use QR code



Tell us about yourself...(check all that apply)





0 Student





Describe what's unique about the culture at PES.

Close community	School song	Part of the community Walk to police, fire, town hall	Be Kind mural
N/A	Don't know yet. We have a 1.5 year old and another on the way. Excited to find out.	The staff is very close. STAR student promise.	Caring staff Relatively small classrooms which creates strong teacher stident connection



Describe what's unique about the culture at PES.

"Little Pomperaug"	Don't know yet. Have a	Relationship teachers have	School song
School song, assemblies,	toddler at home that will	with students. School song	
tile wall mural	attend in a few years	tells history. Be kind mural	
Small town- local atmosphere	Downtown location and a wonderful friendly staff and vibe.	Part of the community	Assembly Outdoor mutal



Describe what's unique about the culture at GES.

Supportive culture	Quieter part of town	Artwork in hallways.	School song, painted walls, happy little school
Excellent community phenomenal principal	The (more) modern library	Admin and staff foster a caring community and excellent relationship between staff and student	When I was in5th grade a hot air balloon landed in the back field



Describe what's unique about the culture at GES.

All staff knows all kids and cares about them deeply Multiple generations

Similar size to each other each have a small school community/culture

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What do GES and PES have in common?

23 responses

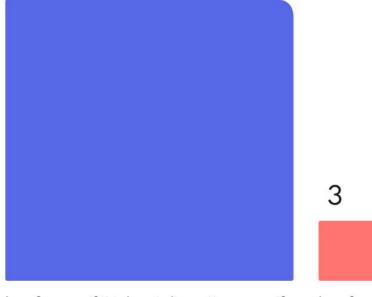


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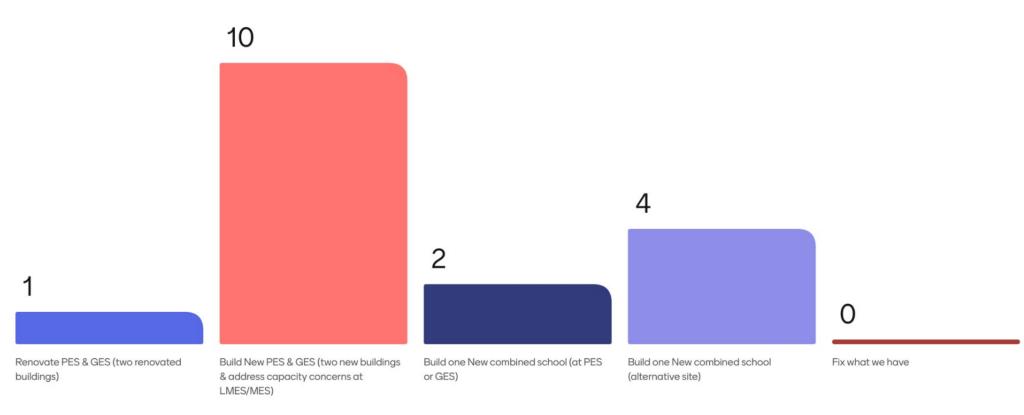


I prefer new if it is least disruptive, even if it costs more

I prefer additions/renovations if it is less costly but more disruptive



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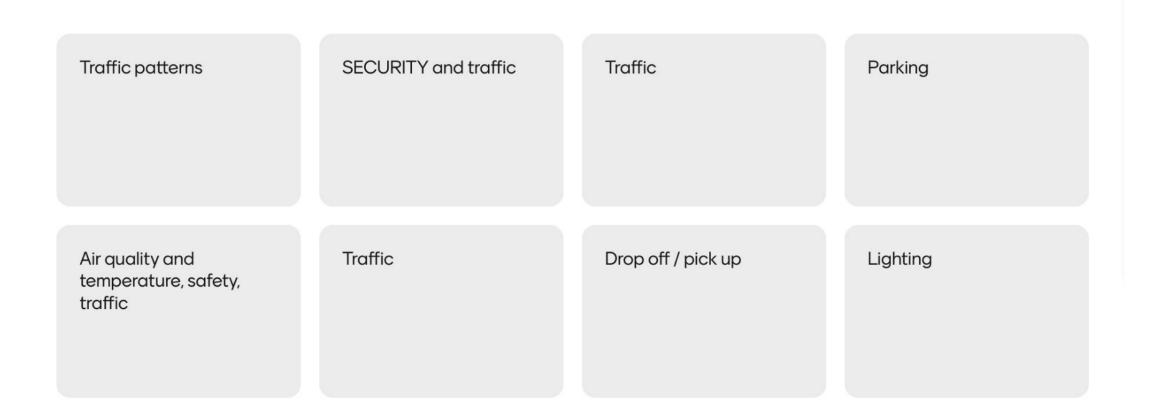


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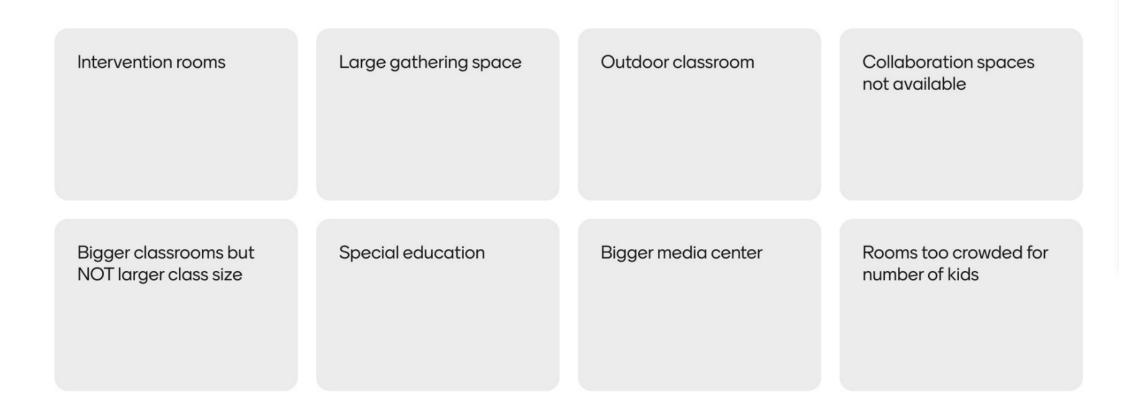
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Equity	Collaboration space	Efficient footprint	Parking, air conditioning, additional learning spaces
Classroom sizes to support large classes	Staff parking. Get traffic off the public roads Optimize energy efficiency Review and implement iron tight security		



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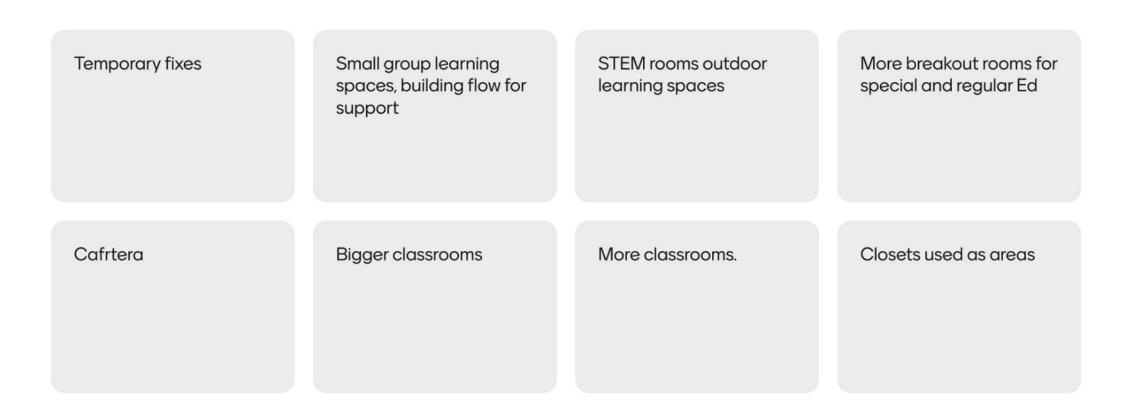
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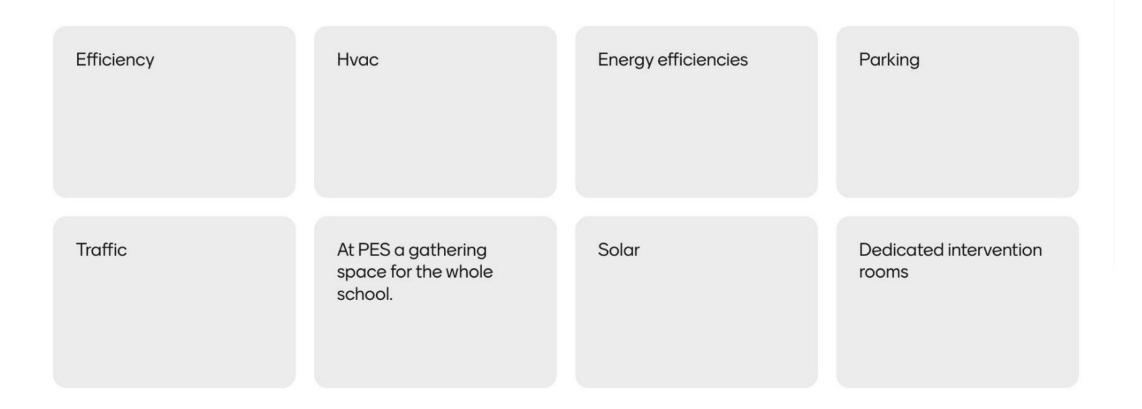
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Dogital labs	More light and air	Closets	Bigger gym
Space	Additional learning spaces		



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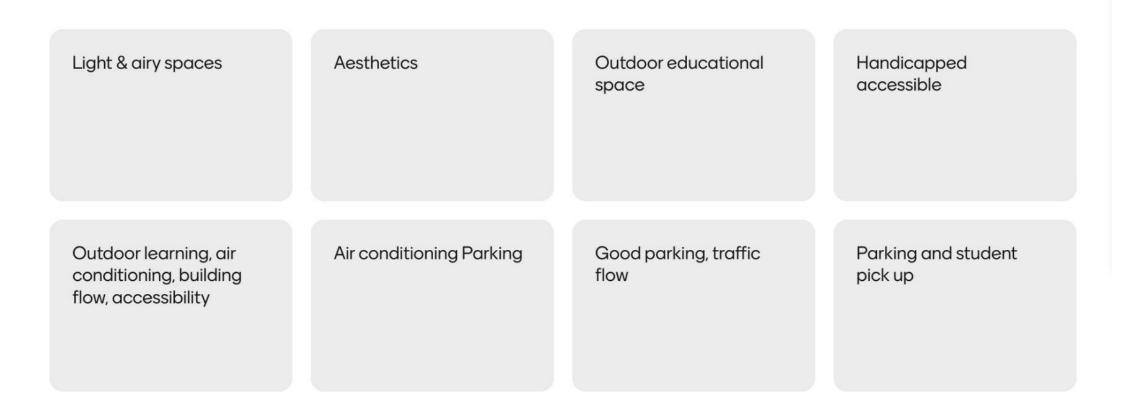
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Solar	Additional learning spaces	Life learning

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WHAT'S NEXT

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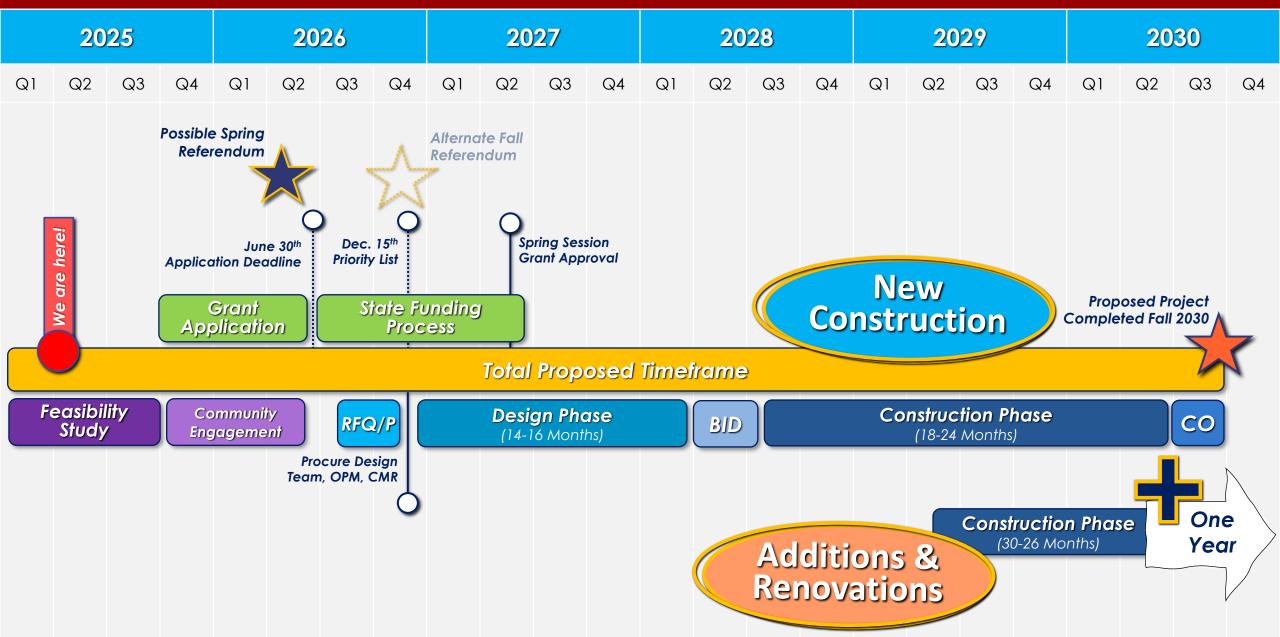
PROPOSED MILESTONE SCHEDULE (Revised 03/07/25)



2025 Μ Μ S А J J А Ο Ν D here! Working Group Meetings (Virtual) PES/GES Study Committee (In-Person) are We Programming & Needs Assessment Program Development Late Summer ~ Think Tank #2 Think Tank #1 Select Preferred Session 1 ~ 1:30 – 3:15 PM @ PES Session 1 ~ 1:30 - 3:15 PM @ GES Option Session 2 ~ 4-6PM (Town/Community) Session 2 ~ 4-6PM (Town/Community) **Options Development** lop Options Refine the Options **Refine Preferred Option** Scope, Schedule and Budgeting 3/13 4/10 5/22 4/22 (5PM) 3/11 (5PM) 6/10 (5PM) 1/30 (5PM) Conditions, Utilization Initial Options & Finalizing the Plan & and Thinking Big! Feedback **Next Steps!** Comm. Survey #2 Comm. Survey #1

KEEPING IT IN PERSPECTIVE MILESTONE SCHEDULE (PRESENTED 3.11.2025)







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