La Crosse School District

Community Engagement

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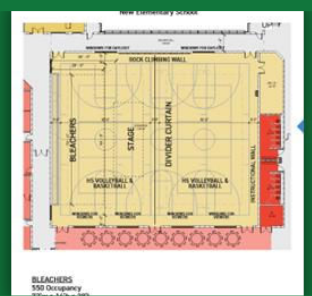
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Design Process



Engagement

- Open house community meeting
- Building tours with the staff of Spence and Emerson
- Group envisioning sessions with the staff about new building



Design

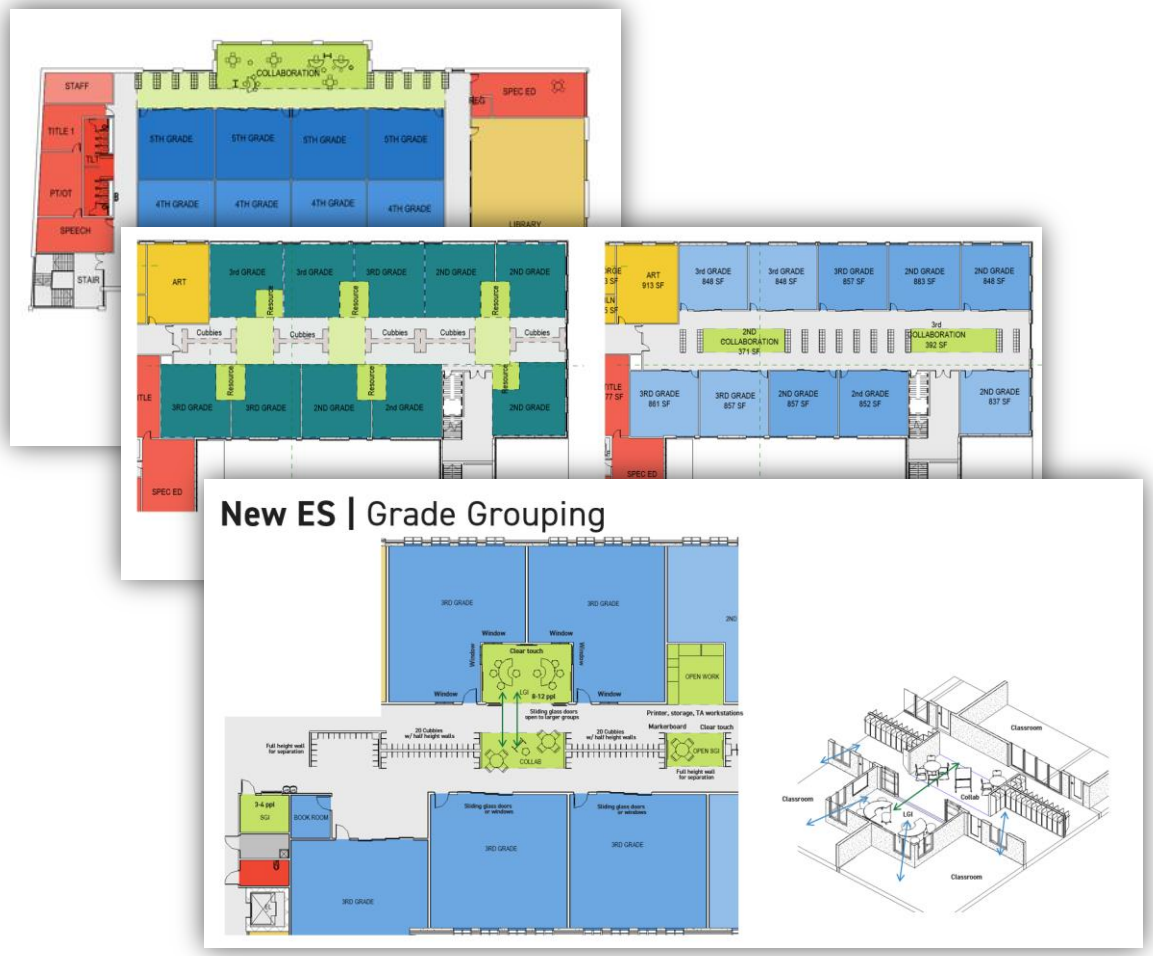
- Calls with Spence and Emerson principals
- Meetings about special education programing
- Bi-weekly core planning team meetings with School District admin



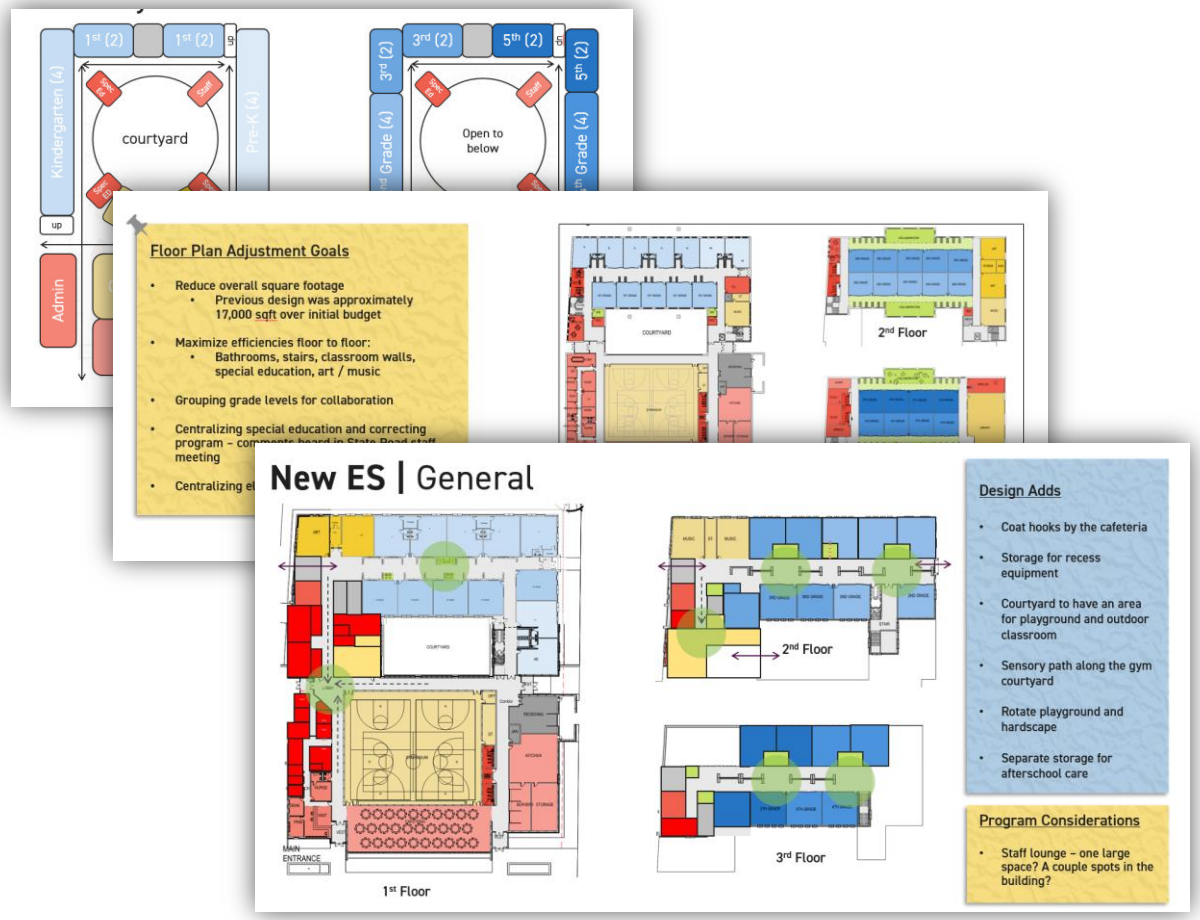
Coordination

- Weekly design meetings for interior and exterior
- Bi-weekly Engineer coordination meetings
- Meetings with the city regarding site and building design

Plan Progression



Grade Levels



Overall

Goal Setting – La Crosse School District

Elementary UPGRADE Referendum 2024

Collaborative / Flexible Learning

The Why - Educational spaces should reflect the needs of today's students and teachers. Classrooms need to support many forms of learning - lectures, hands-on activities, small group collaboration, cross-disciplinary opportunities, etc. The space outside of the classroom can also be designed to allow for the expansion outside of the room for additional collaboration and flexibility....



Sustainable / Green Strategies

The Why - The School District of La Crosse is committed to reducing and managing the impact of our buildings on the environment. It is our responsibility to be stewards of the environment and to educate the next generation. The district has used many strategies on previous projects such as geothermal, solar, LED lighting. Future projects will balance energy savings with life cycle analysis....



Community Spaces

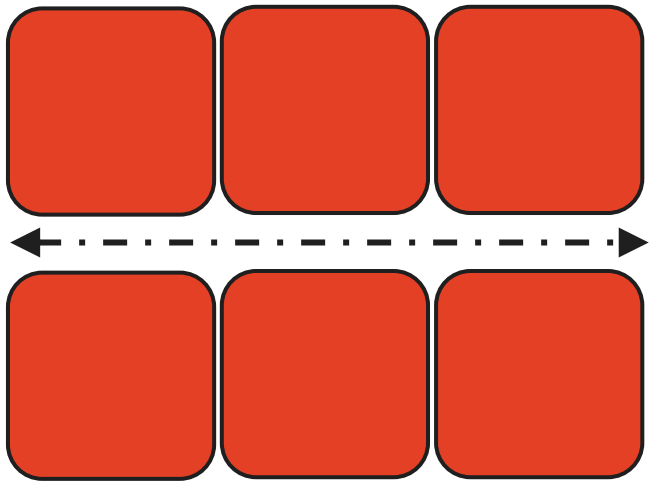
The Why - Schools serve their surrounding communities above and beyond the day-to-day academic needs. Spaces such as the cafeteria, library, and gymnasium are home to many after school events and activities. The school and these types of spaces should reflect the community and their needs....



Inclusive Learning Environments

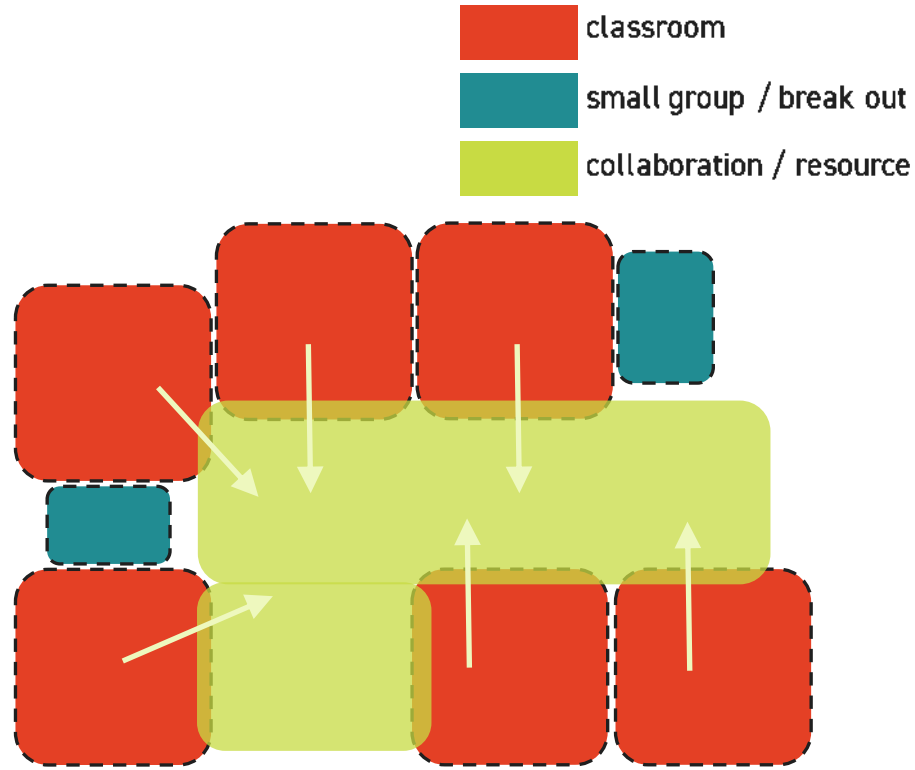
The Why - Each of our students deserve the same opportunities to be part of their learning community. Educational spaces and playgrounds should be designed to be inclusive for all students regardless of disability....

Collaborative Learning



traditional core academic layout

- Classrooms located on both sides of a narrow corridor
- Student learning occurs almost solely within the classroom
- Limits curriculum delivery and any opportunity for hands on and project based learning



contemporary core academic community

- Classrooms encircle a collaboration zone, or resource area
- Small group instruction and break out spaces are integrated into the overall configuration (other amenities may be present)
- Operable and transparent walls allow for supervision, greater circulation, and access

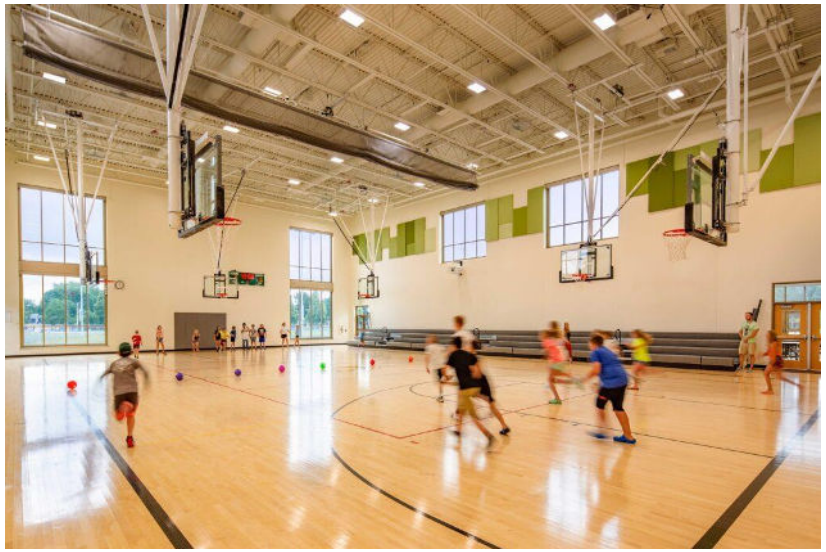
Sustainable & Green Strategies

There are some small steps that we can follow in schools:

1. Educate people on **responsible consumption**.
2. Increase **natural ventilation and light** in school buildings to **save energy**.
3. Use **permeable paving** for rainwater filtration.
4. Use **bioswale** for landscaping, which will work as natural **water filtration** system.
5. Encourage all to use **recycled products**.
6. Organize **sustainability campaigns** for students-parents.
7. Enroll in **Focus on Energy** program.



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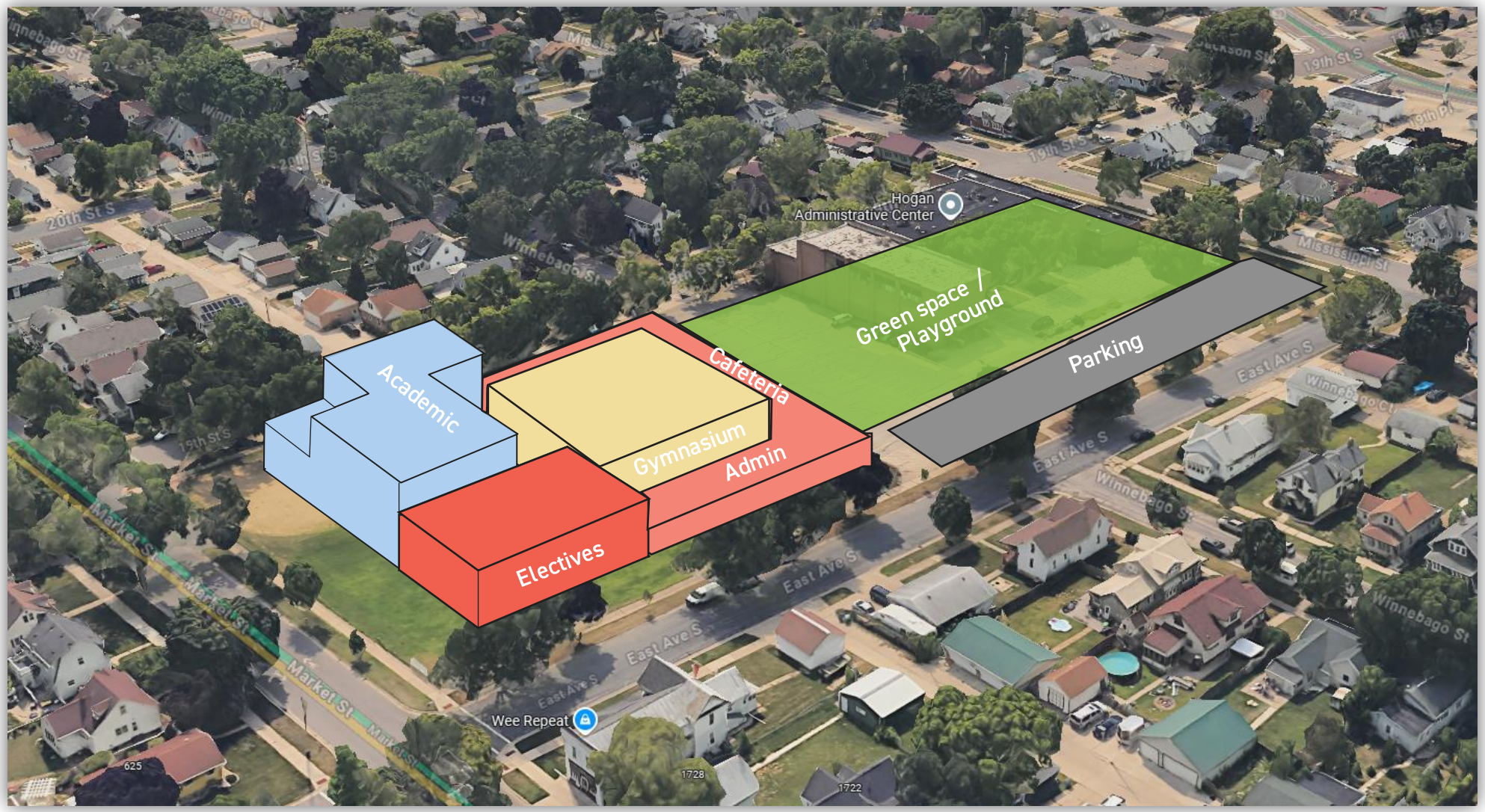


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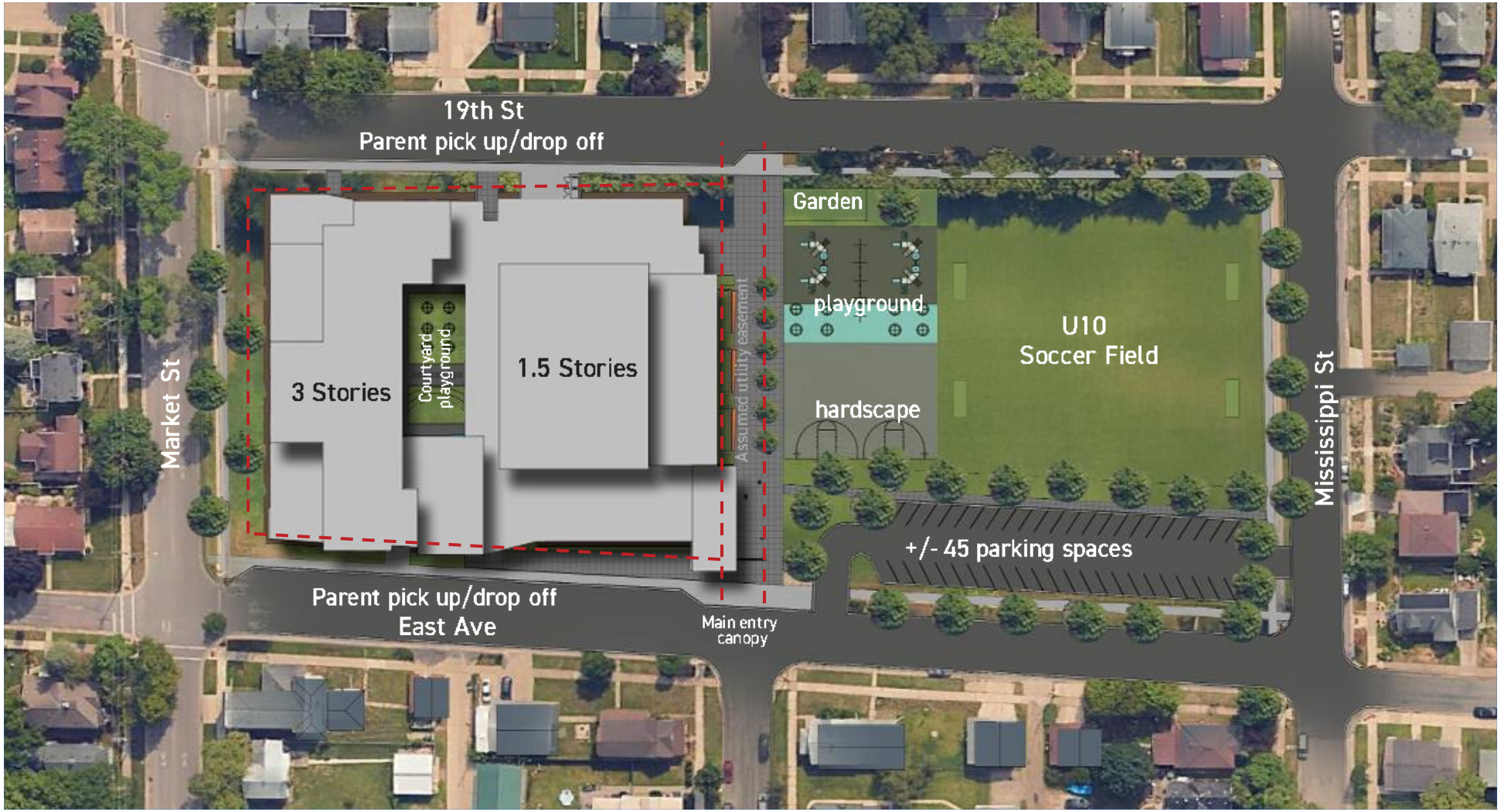




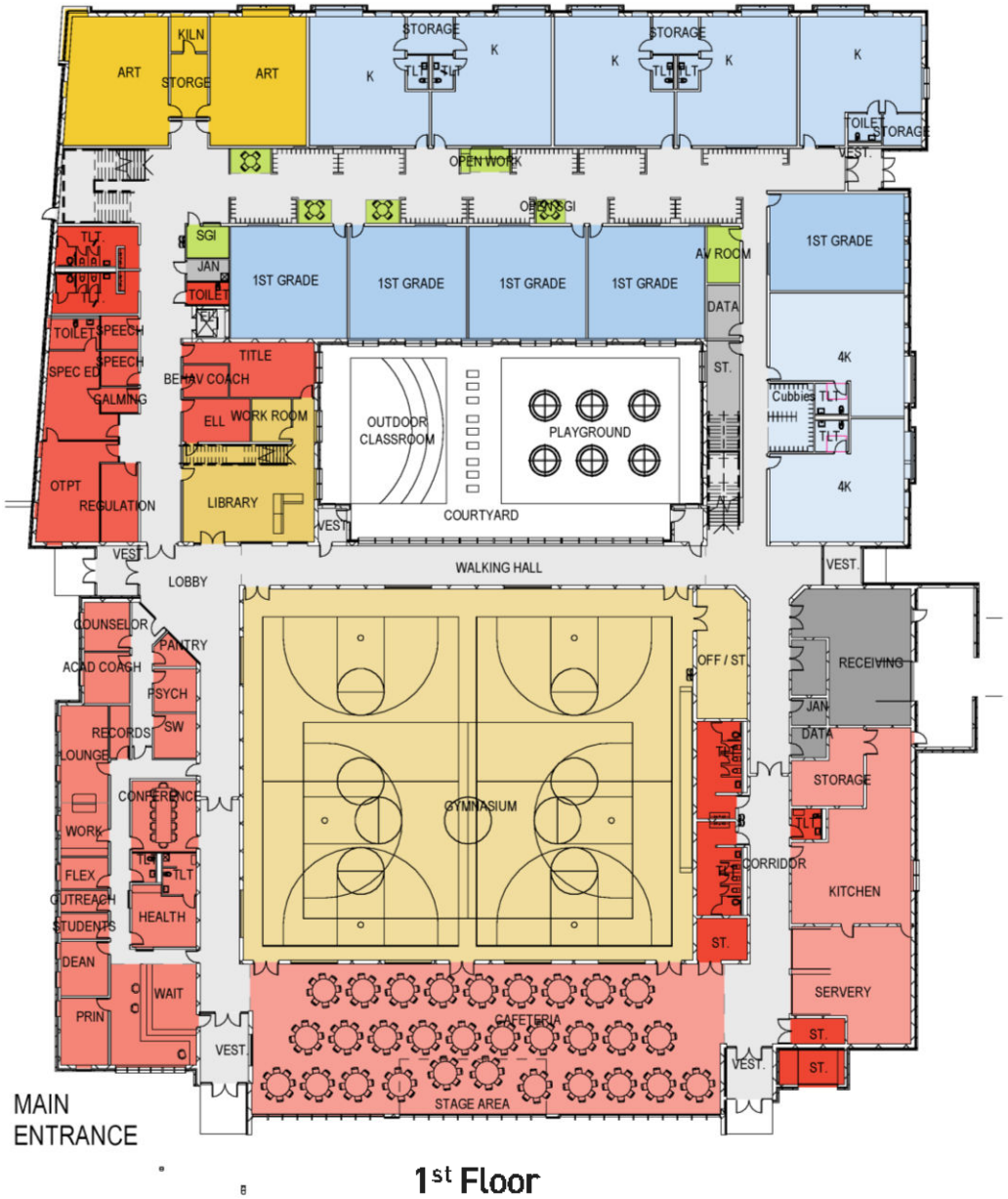


New Elementary | 3D Massing

New ES | Site Plan



New Elementary | Proposed Plan



1st Floor



2nd Floor

SECOND FLOOR - DEPARTMENTS

Scale: 1" = 40'-0"



3rd Floor