



SCHOOL DESIGN WORKING GROUP MEETING NO. 2

8.19.26

APS School Design Working Group

**New Construction, Additions,
or Major Renovations (>\$15 M)**

v. 5-11-26



The APS Capital Team will convene a ***School Design Working Group (SDWG)*** as part of the process for the following major capital projects: (i) *new school construction*, (ii) *building additions*, and (iii) *renovations (>\$15 M)*. The overarching purpose of the SDWG is to ensure that key stakeholders have input and remain updated during the planning and design phase for the construction and/or renovation of Atlanta Public Schools' facilities.

1. Establishment of a *School Design Working Group (SDWG)*: To ensure communication and participation of the school community throughout the design and construction process, the school Principal will be asked by the Project Manager to assist in the establishment of the Working Group, including representatives for the following parties:

- School Principal
- Associate Superintendent
- Facilities Leadership--@ least one (1) member
- Safety/ Security Representative
- IT Representative
- Architect
- Assigned *Project Manager*
- One (1) to Two (2) School Faculty Representative(s)
- One (1) to Two (2) Go Team Representative(s)
- One (1) to Two (2) PTSA/PTO/or other Parent Representative
- One (1) Community Member (living within NPU)
- One (1) Student Representative (optional for ES)

2. Role of the *School Design Working Group*

1. This working group serves as an *advisory group*, not a *decision-making body*. The key responsibilities of the SDWG are around the following three (3) pillars:
 1. **Vision:** Help define how the physical space of the school should support the school's vision, educational outcomes, safety, and overall operational efficiency;
 2. **Information:** Provide ideas and feedback to the capital team (including architects, construction company, and district personnel) from various perspectives—administration, teacher, parent, student, district department, community;
 3. **Advocacy:** Review schematic designs to provide input related to functionality.

3. SWDG Meeting Timeline: The SWDG will meet during the course of the project as outlined below:

1. *Meeting #1 June 15, 2026:* Review school needs and discuss the Architect's scope of work.
2. *Meeting #2 August 19, 2026:* Review and provide input on the Schematic Design options proposed by Architect.
3. *Meeting #3 November 4, 2026:* Review Construction Documents (at around 50% completion) and discuss the phased construction approach.
4. *Meeting #4 January 27, 2027:* Provide a construction briefing to be held prior to the start of construction

4. Record of Meetings

- The Architect and Project Manager are responsible for the recording and distribution of SWDG minutes from meetings. SWDG meeting minutes shall be available within three (3) business days following the meeting.

5. Other Meetings Outside of the SWDG (internal APS):

- A. APS Department Design Reviews: In addition to the scheduled design review by the SWDG, there will be ongoing meetings involving internal departments at APS. These departments include, but are not limited to: Facilities, Instruction, Technology, Maintenance, Safety, Transportation, and Nutrition. All APS design reviews will be coordinated by the Project Manager and scheduled (at a minimum) as follows:
 - Review #1- Occurs at the end of Schematic Design Phase
 - Review #2- Occurs at 95% completion of Construction Documents, prior to start of construction
- B. Regular Meetings Between Architect and Facilities Personnel, including Project Manager
 - The APS Project Manager will meet with the Architect's team at minimum on a bi-weekly basis to ensure that the project is moving through Schematic Design, Design Development, and Construction Document phase in a timely fashion.
 - The Architect should inform the Project Manager of meeting times with design consultants as these meetings can possibly serve as a part of the bi-weekly meetings.

- Note: The Architect is responsible for coordinating the design reviews and/or approvals with the GaDOE, City of Atlanta and other applicable agencies, as outlined in the Contract.



AGENDA

SCHOOL DESIGN WORKING GROUP ROLE ■

PROJECT SCOPE ■

CONSTRUCTION BUDGET ■

CONCEPT DESIGN [D.1] ■

APPENDIX: ■

OTHER CONCEPTS [A > E]

SCHEDULE

OTHER MIDTOWN PROJECTS

DRIVERS & CONSIDERATIONS:

CORE DRIVERS:

- ENROLLMENT: 1675 > 1975
- INSTRUCTIONAL UNITS: 87 > 102
- GDOE SPACE REQUIREMENTS
- STAFF: 175 > 180
- PARKING (target for 52 addt'l spaces)
- 2 GYMS OPERATIONAL DURING CONSTRUCTION
- CONSTRUCTION COMPLETION - 8/2028

SPACE PROGRAM:

- 12 CLASSROOMS
- 3 SCIENCE LABS
- DINING & KITCHEN EXPANSION
- MULTI PURPOSE ROOM
- JROTC
- GYM SUPPORT

INFLUENCES:

- SAFETY & SECURITY
- CAMPUS CONNECTIVITY
- AGGREGATE LIKE-USES
- ACCESSIBILITY
- CSO LINES
- HISTORIC DISTRICT
- CAMPUS EXPERIENCE DURING CONSTRUCTION
- STORAGE
- ROBOTICS

PROGRAM

ACADEMIC BUILDING				
	#	nsf	extended nsf	notes
Lobby	1	1500	1,500	
Classrooms	13	900	11,700	incl (1) displaced by bridge tie-in
Science Labs	3	1200	3,600	chemistry
Lab Prep	3	260	780	
Chemical Storage	1	64	64	
Student Restrooms	4	500	2,000	1 battery per floor
Admin Office	4	120	480	1 per floor
Office Storage	4	48	192	
Stairs	3	384	1,152	
Teach Planning / RR	3	400	1,200	
Book Storage	3	150	450	
Multi-Purpose Rm	1	4500	4,500	
Storage	2	1100	2,200	
Table/Chair Storage	2	2400	4,800	former Dance & Robotics studios
JROTC	3	900	2,700	
			37,318	
			1.50	mult.
Total			55,977	A \$ -

BLACK BOX THEATER				
BBT	1	5250	5,250	150 seats
BBT Public Restrooms	2	600	1,200	share RR in Academic Bldg ?
BBT Dressing Rooms	2	400	800	
Dressing Room Restrooms	2	150	300	
Offices	0	120	-	
Lighting control booth	1	100	100	
Storage	1	500	500	
Green Room	0	0	-	
BBT Workroom	0	1200	-	existing to remain
Tickets	1	120	120	
Concessions	1	120	120	
Corridor to Stadium	1	2000	2,000	
			10,390	
			1.40	mult.
Total New Construction			14,546	B \$ -

Total 70,523 A+B

DOE

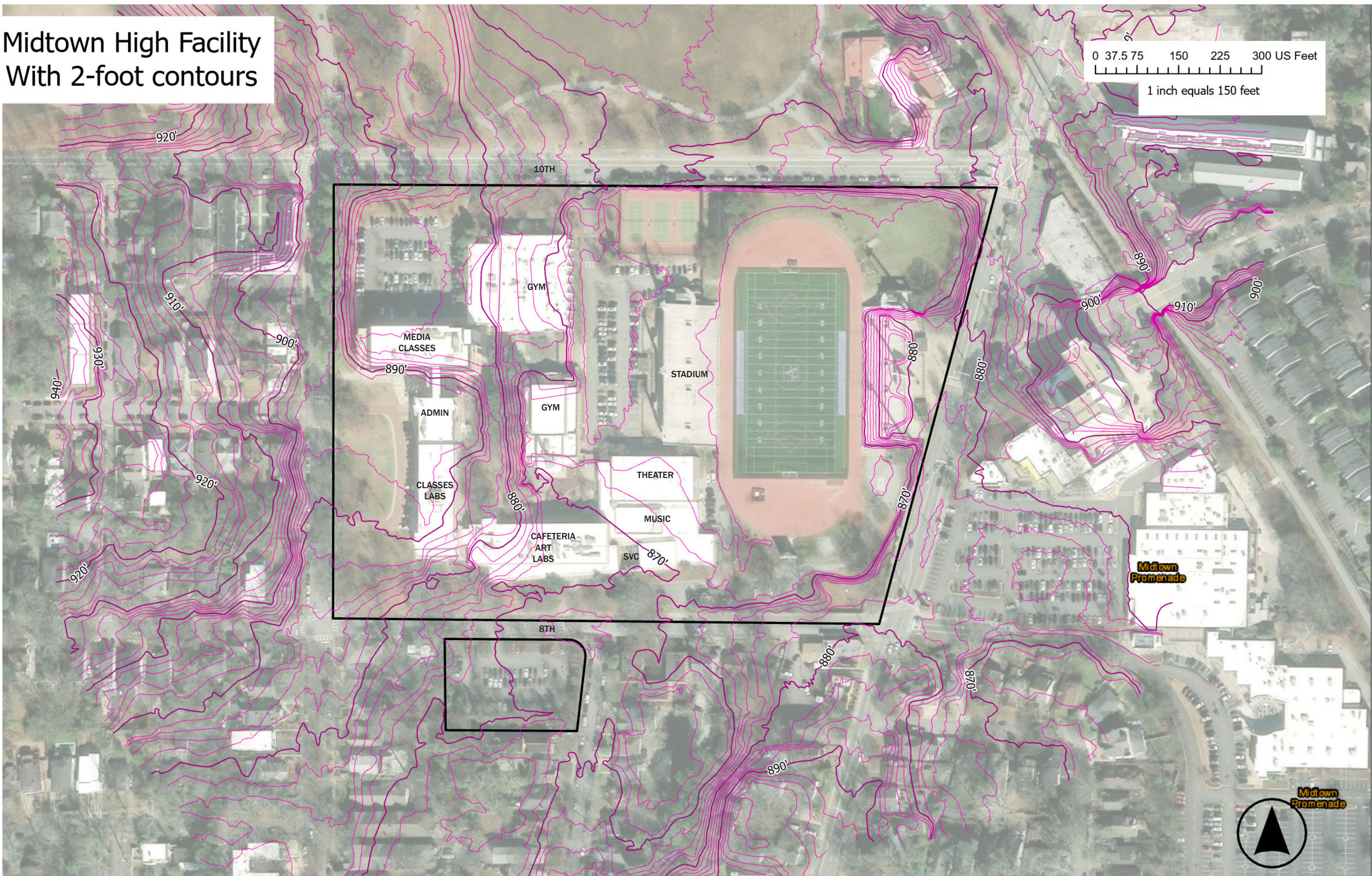
				Midtown HS
Capacity	Current	a		1,675
	Planned	a		1,975
	Delta	a		300
Core Classrooms	Current	a		
	Planned	a		
	Delta	a		
Non-Core Classrooms	Current	a		
	Planned	a		
	Delta	a		
Total Classrooms	Current	a		
	Planned	a		
	Delta	a		
% Classroom Increase	Planned		1	
% FTE Increase	Planned		1	118%
DOE IU	Current	a		87
	DOE Min.	a		102
	Delta	a		15
DOE FTE	Current	a	1	1,675
	Planned	a	1	1,975
	Delta	a	+	300
Media Center SF	Current	b	9,	7,620
	DOE Min.	b	6,	7,050
	Delta	b	-2	(570)
Gymnasium SF	Current	b	28,	25,398
	DOE Min.	b	16,	22,000
	Delta	b	-12	(3,398)
Kitchen SF	Current	b	4,	4,158
	DOE Min.	b	4,	4,000
	Delta	b		(158)
	Planned @ 125%	c	5,	5,000
	Delta @ 125%	c	-	842
WIC/WIF add 2 freezers; 2 refrig				
Cafeteria SF	Current	b	12,	8,154
	DOE Min.	b	7,	7,523
	Delta	b	-4	(631)
	Planned @ 16/sf	e	10,	10,533
Admin Suite	Current	b	10,	18,083
	Planned	f	14,	19,483
	Delta		+3	1,400
Restrooms				140%

APS target
potential expansion needed
projected FTE x 3.809 (DOE)
FTE/3 seatings x 16sf
potential expansion needed (3 seatings); 7646 sf expansion (2 seatings)
C. Wutke to advise

PARKING

				Midtown HS
Current parking spaces				304
Current IU				87
Spaces per IU		ratio		3.49
Planned added IU / Classrooms				15
Total Projected IU				102
New parking spaces needed > new IU	new IU x current ratio			52
Total campus parking needed	current + new			356
Underparked / (Overparked)	current v. ratio			52
APS multiplier	target	g		3.49
Total campus parking needed				356
Underparked / (Overparked)				52
Displaced spaces (est)				TBD
Total spaces required				52

Midtown High Facility
With 2-foot contours





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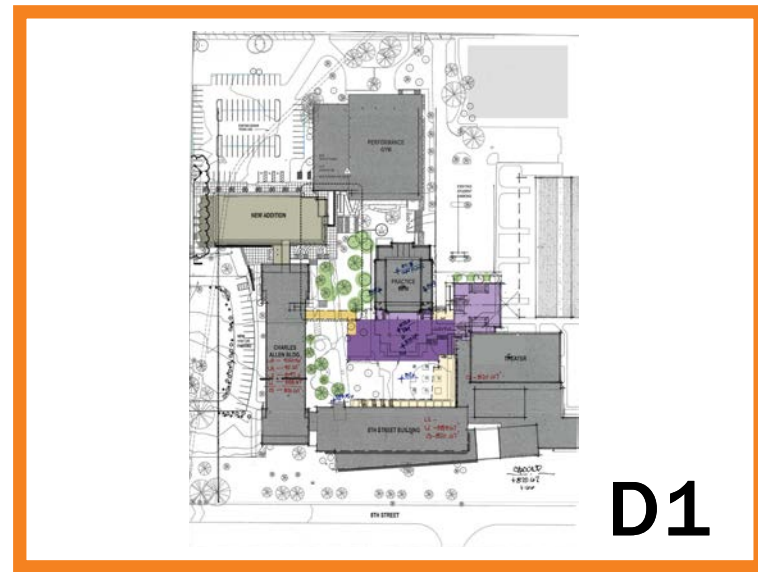
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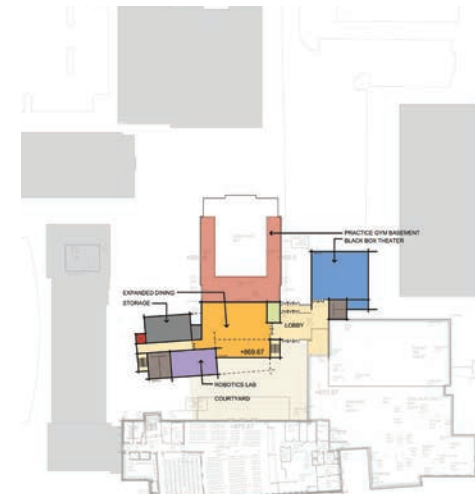
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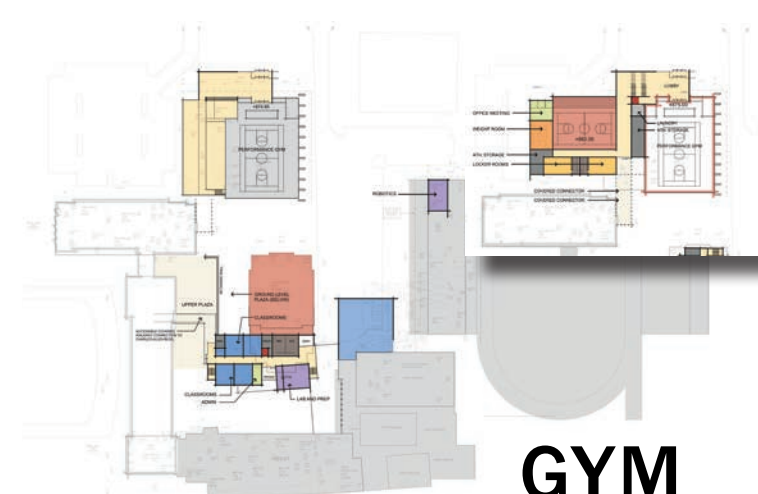
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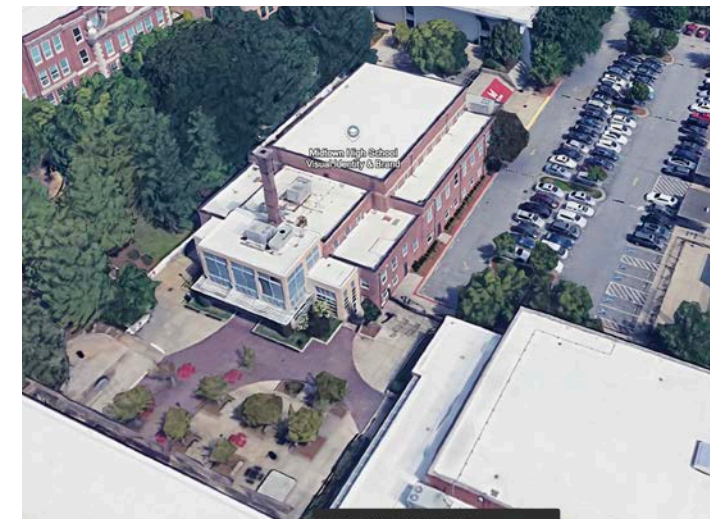
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GYM





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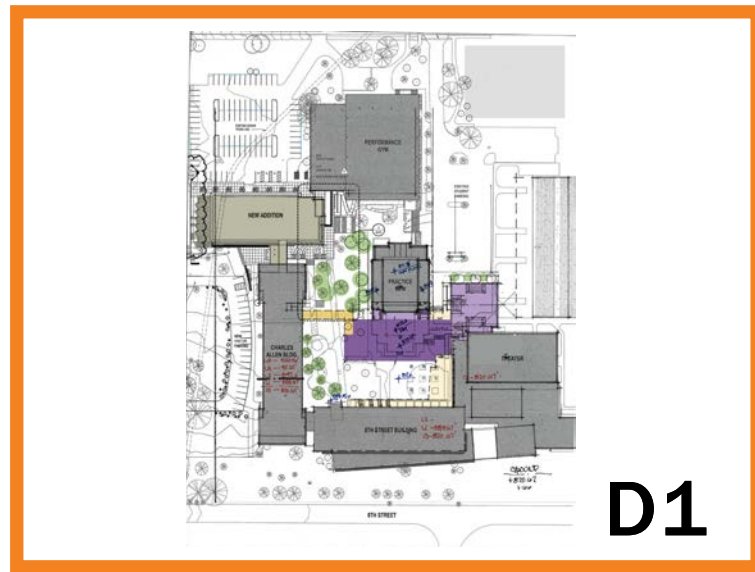
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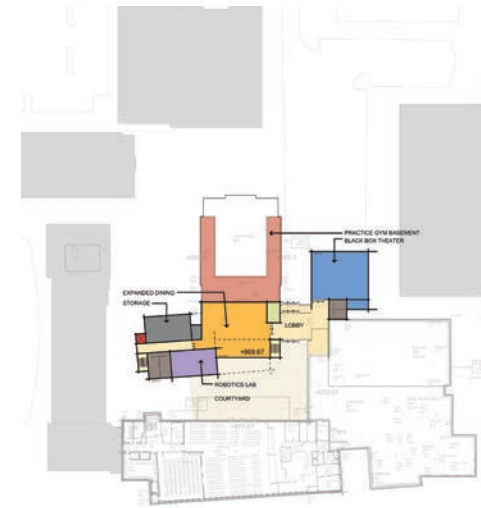
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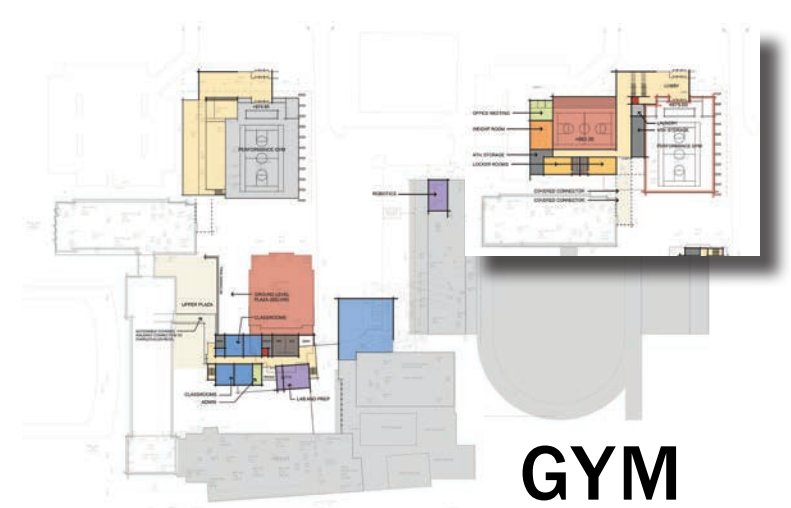
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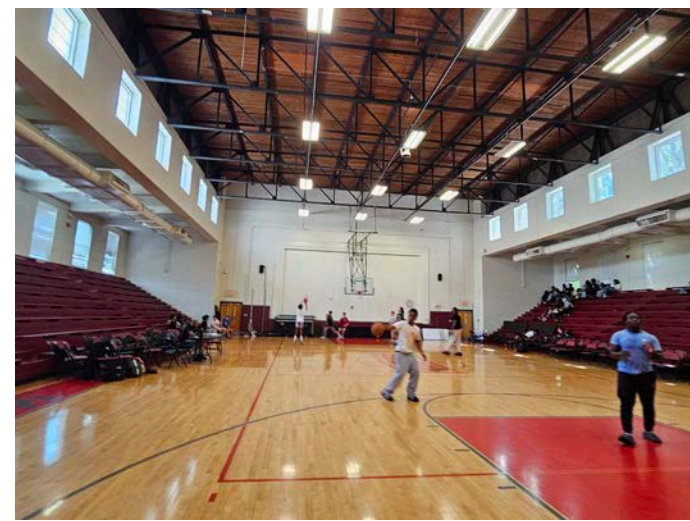
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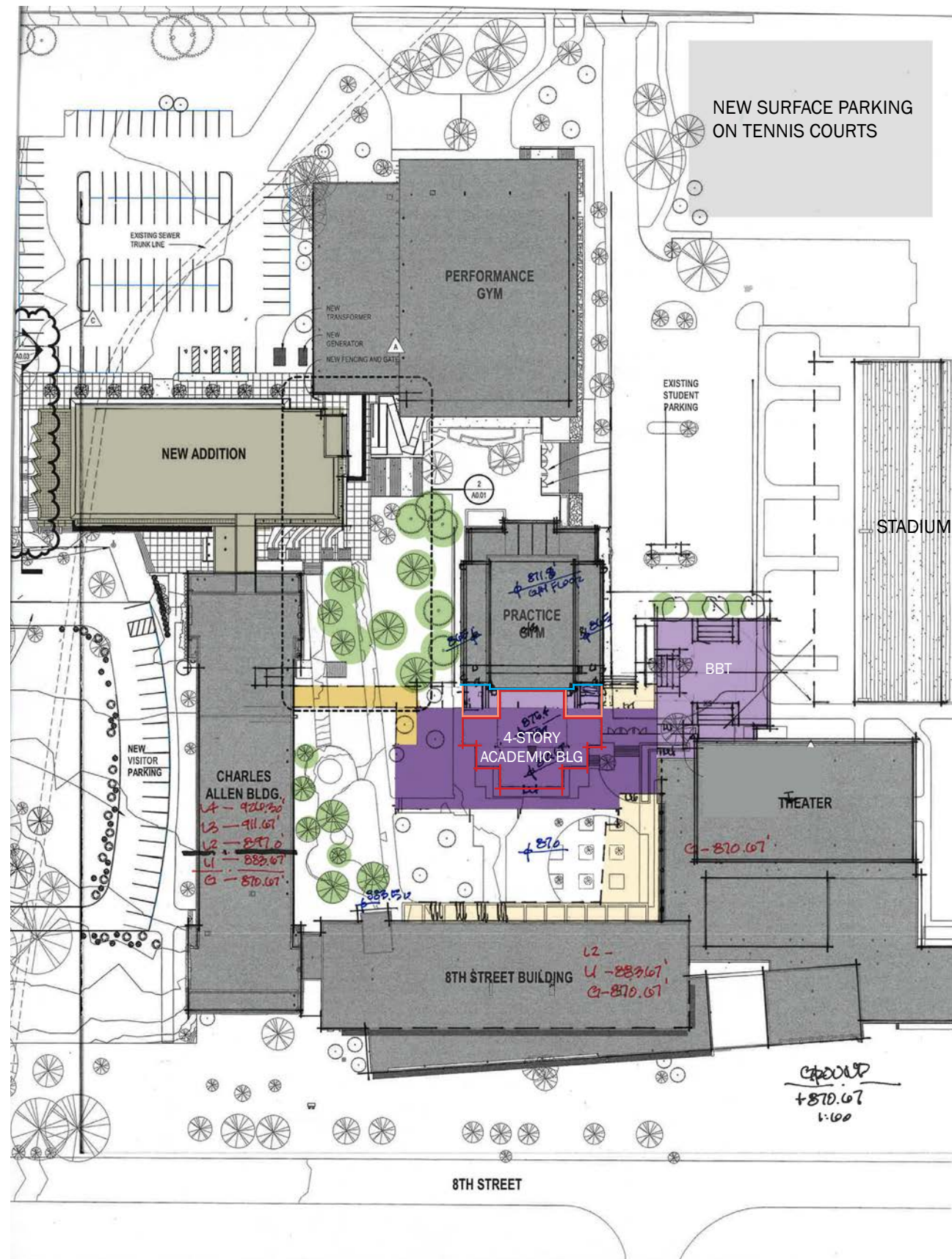
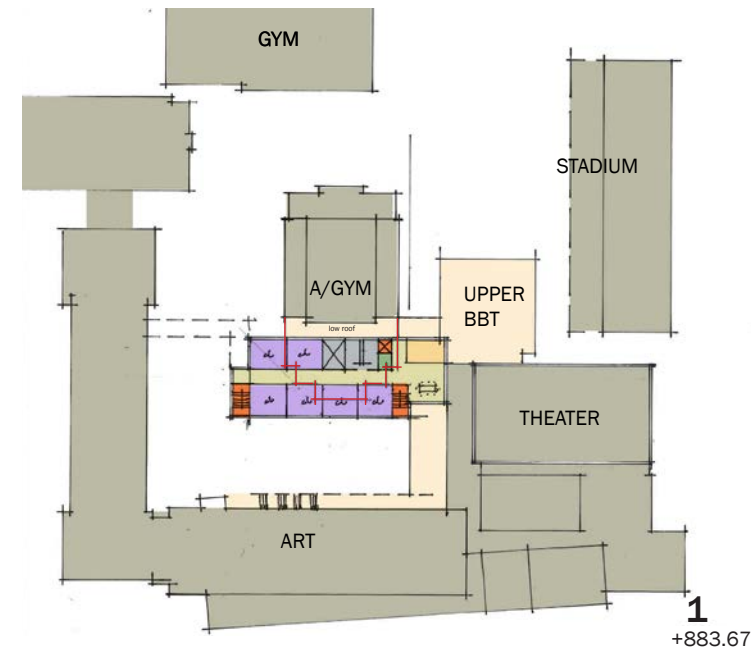
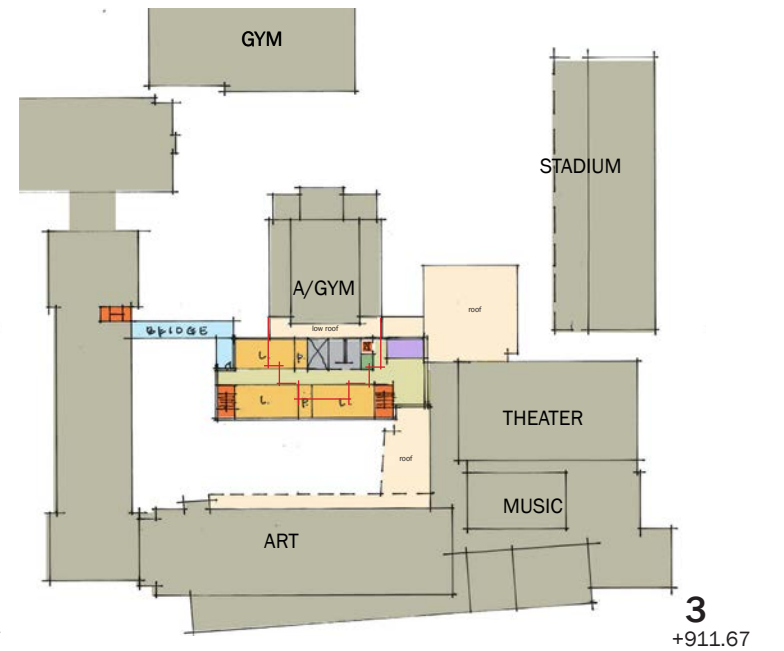
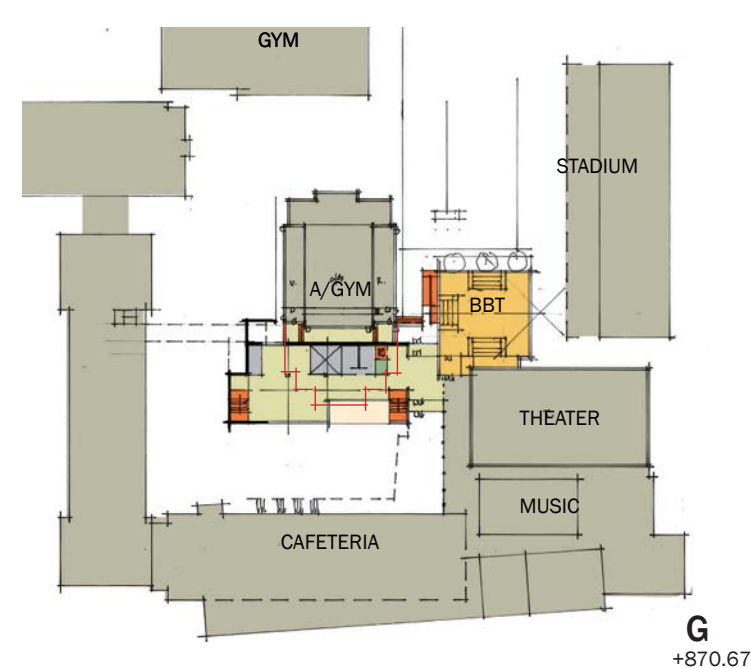
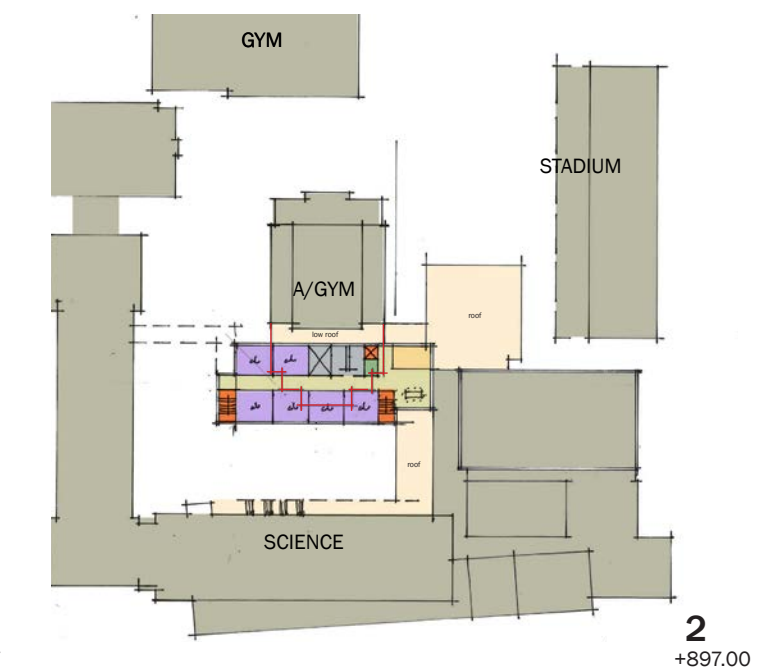


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GYM





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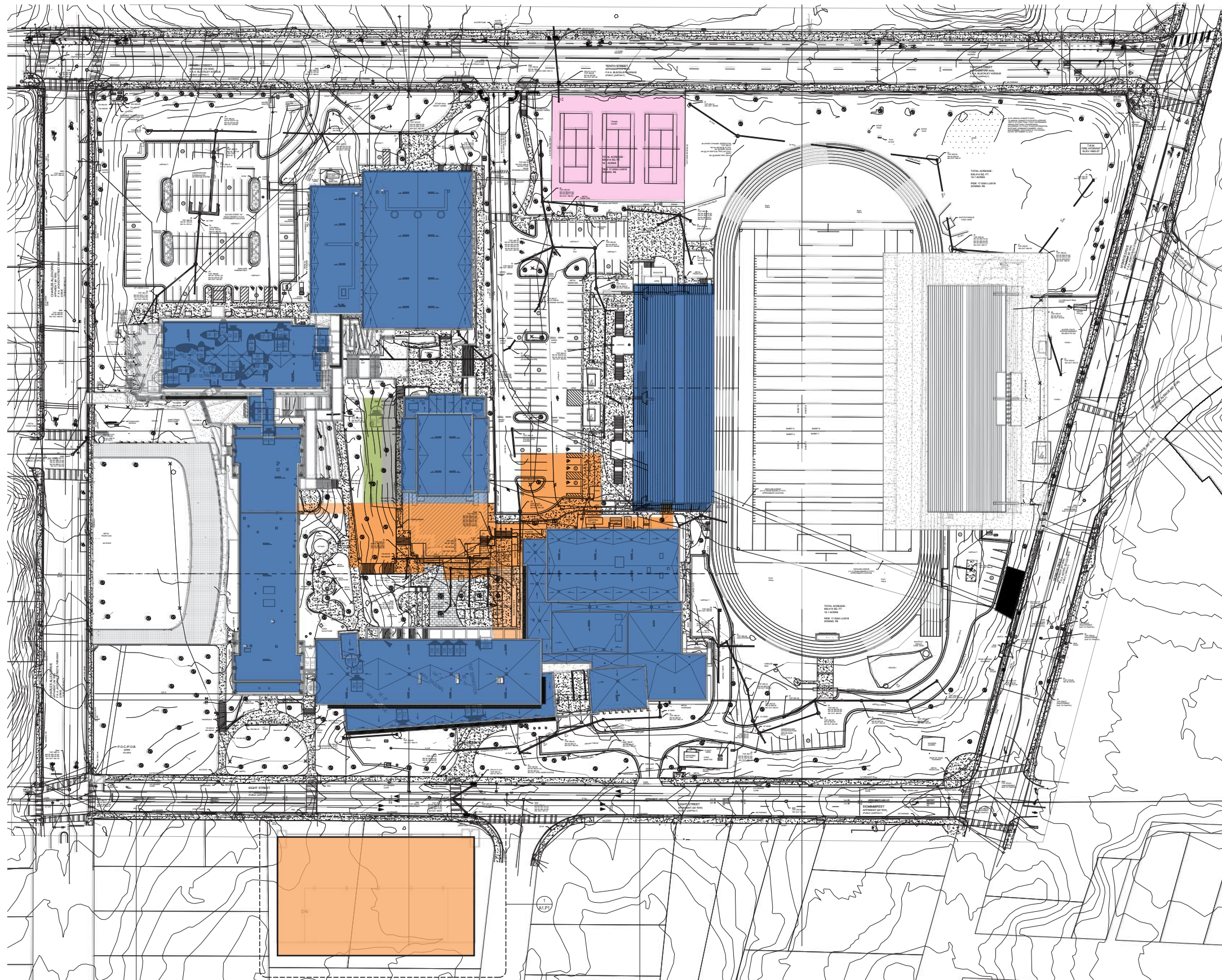
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 2. NEW 4-STORY ACADEMIC BLG + LOBBY
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| LABS | 03 |
| OFFICES | 04 |
| MULTI PURPOSE | 01 |
| ROBOTICS STUDIO | RELOCATE |

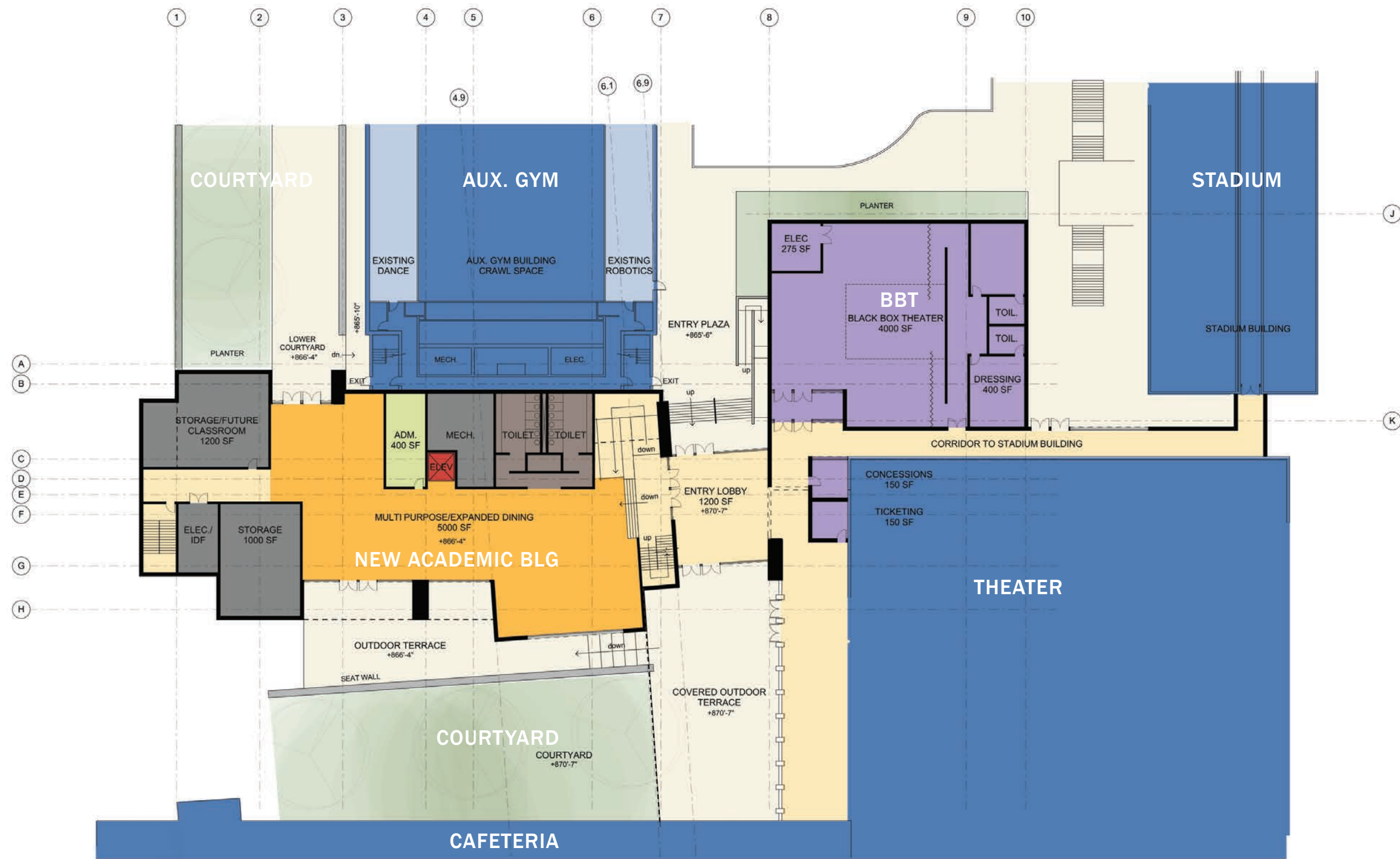
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MAINTAIN EXISTING AUXILIARY GYM
 CLASSROOM & LABS AT HEART OF CAMPUS
 BRIDGE TO CHARLES ALLEN BLG
 NEW BBT
 CONNECTION TO THEATER & CAFETERIA
 COVERED OUTDOOR DINING
 CONNECTION TO STADIUM BUILDING
 MINIMAL IMPACT TO SEWER LINE

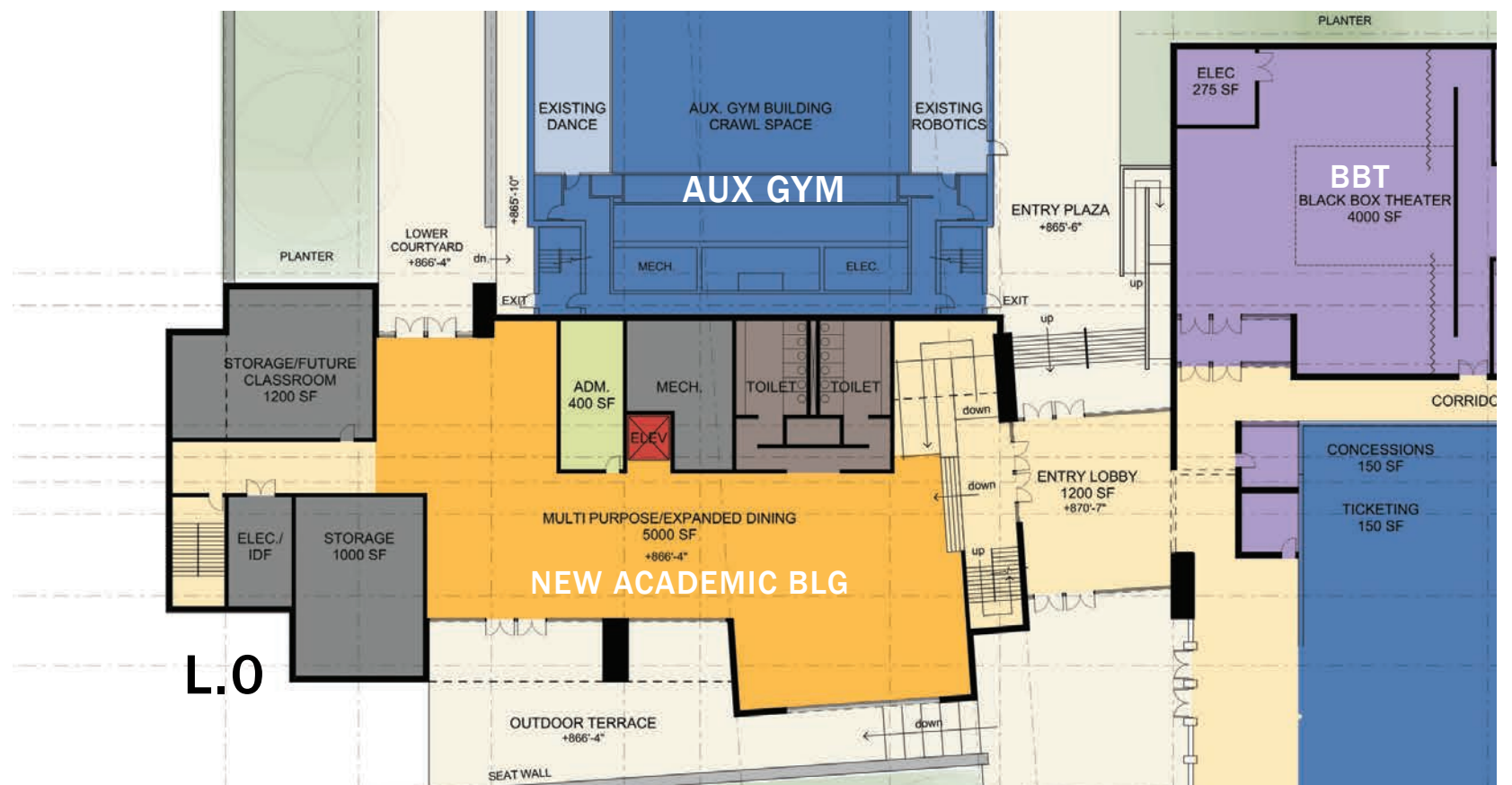
CONS

CONSTRUCTION DISRUPTION
 CONSTRUCTION COST
 RETAINING WALL @ NEW COURTYARD
 POTENTIAL FOR ROCK
 BLG CUT INTO HILL; LIMITED DAYLIGHT
 ACCESS TO PREVIOUS DANCE & ROBOTICS LABS





COURTYARD LEVEL 0

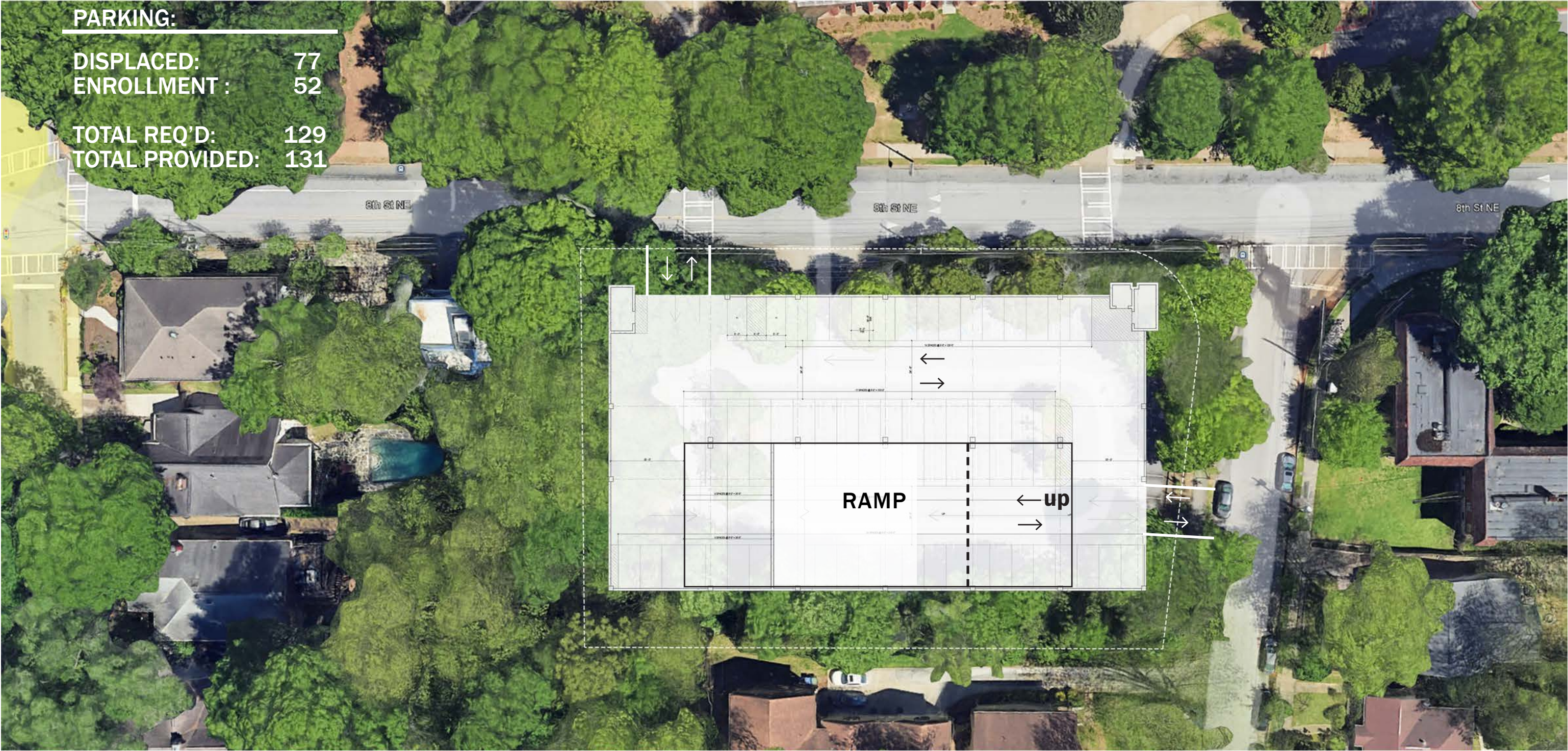


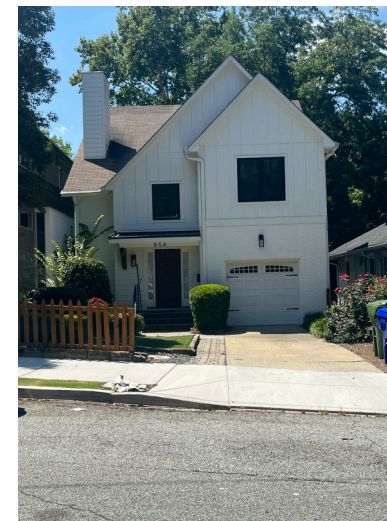


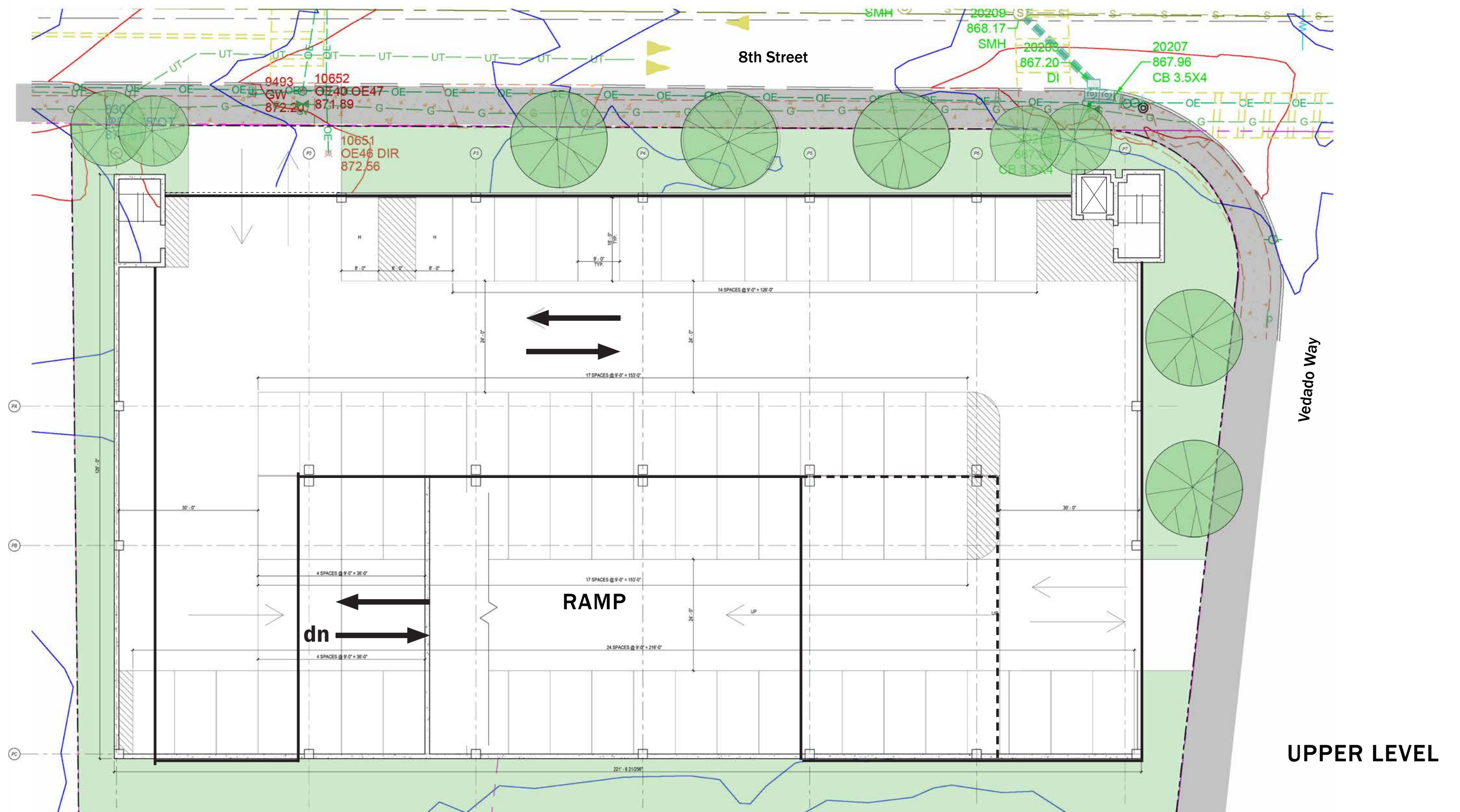












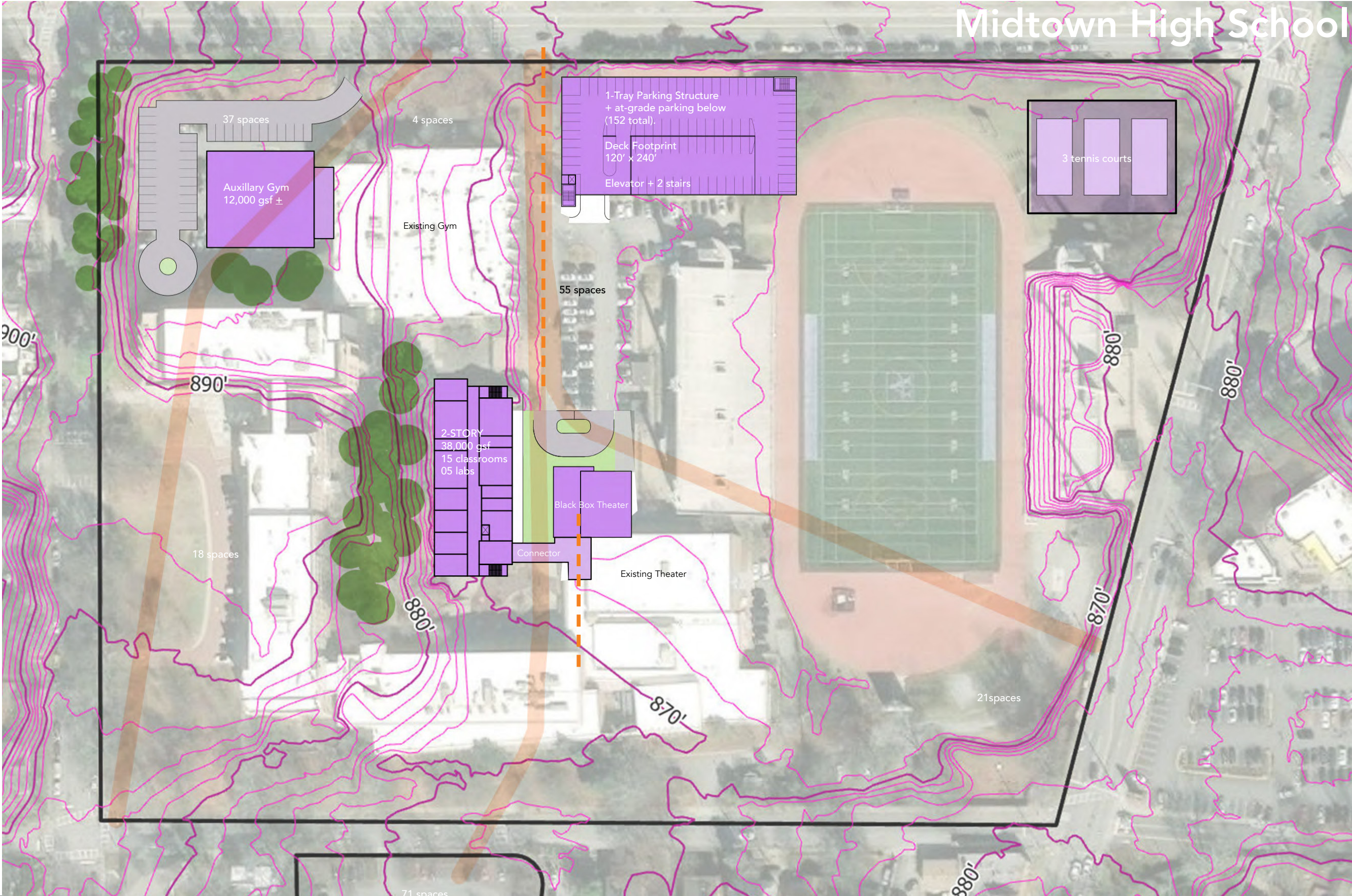


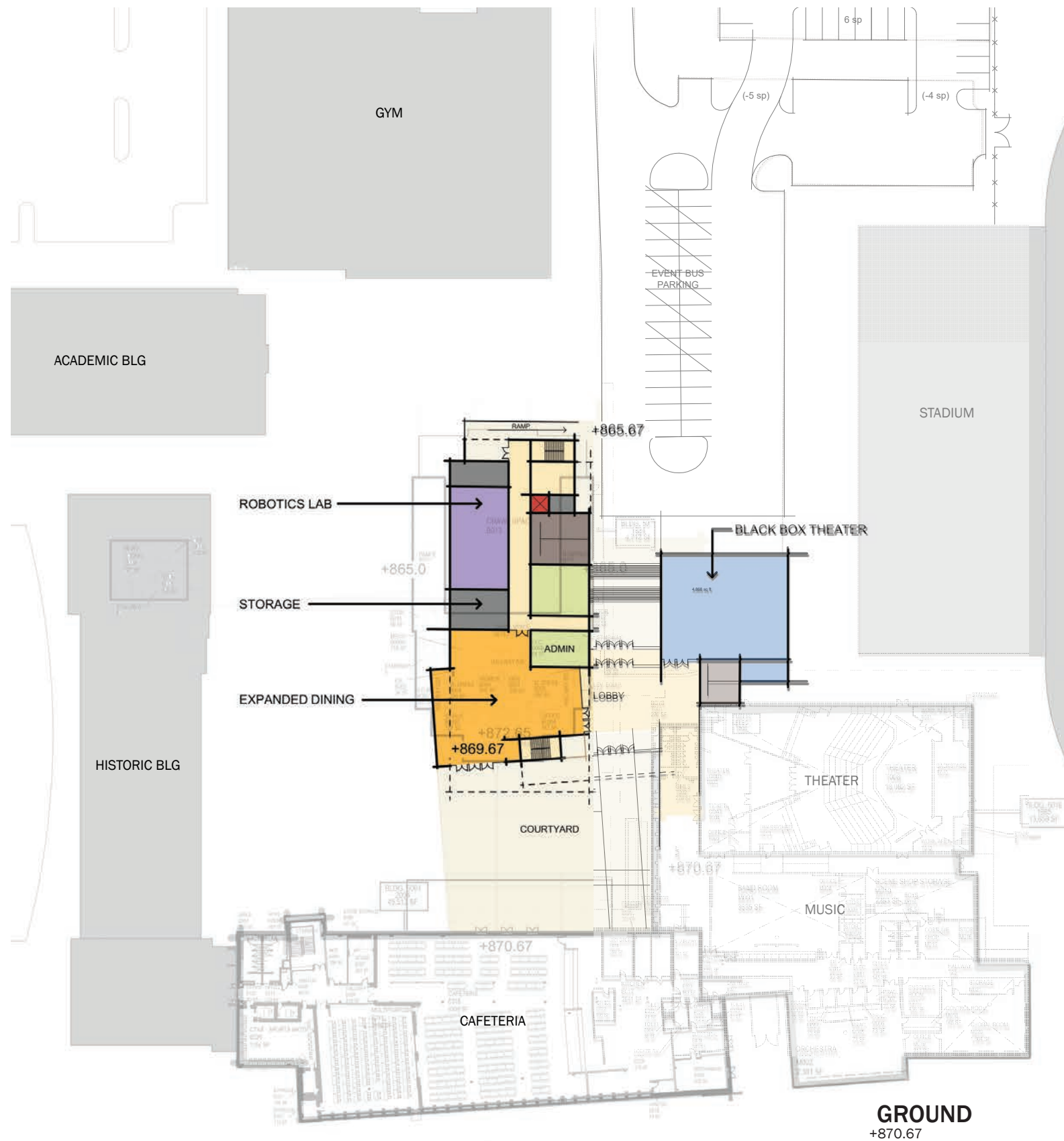
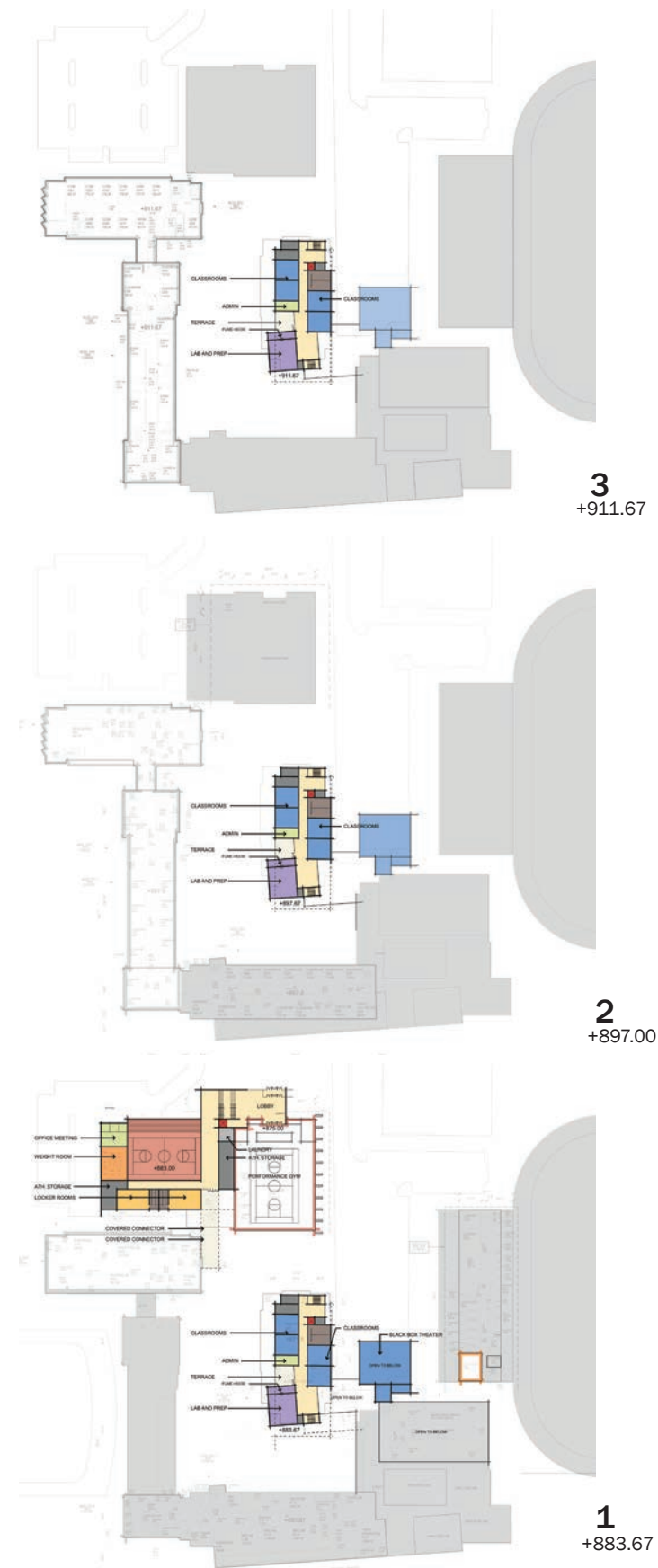




APPENDIX

Midtown High School





SCOPE:

1. DEMOLISH AUXILIARY GYM & BBT BLG
2. NEW 4-STORY ACADEMIC BLG + ENTRY

CLASSROOMS	12
LABS	04
OFFICES	04
LOBBY	01
RESTROOMS	03
DINING EXPANSION	01
STORAGE	
NEW BBT	01
3. NEW AUXILIARY GYM BLG + LOBBY

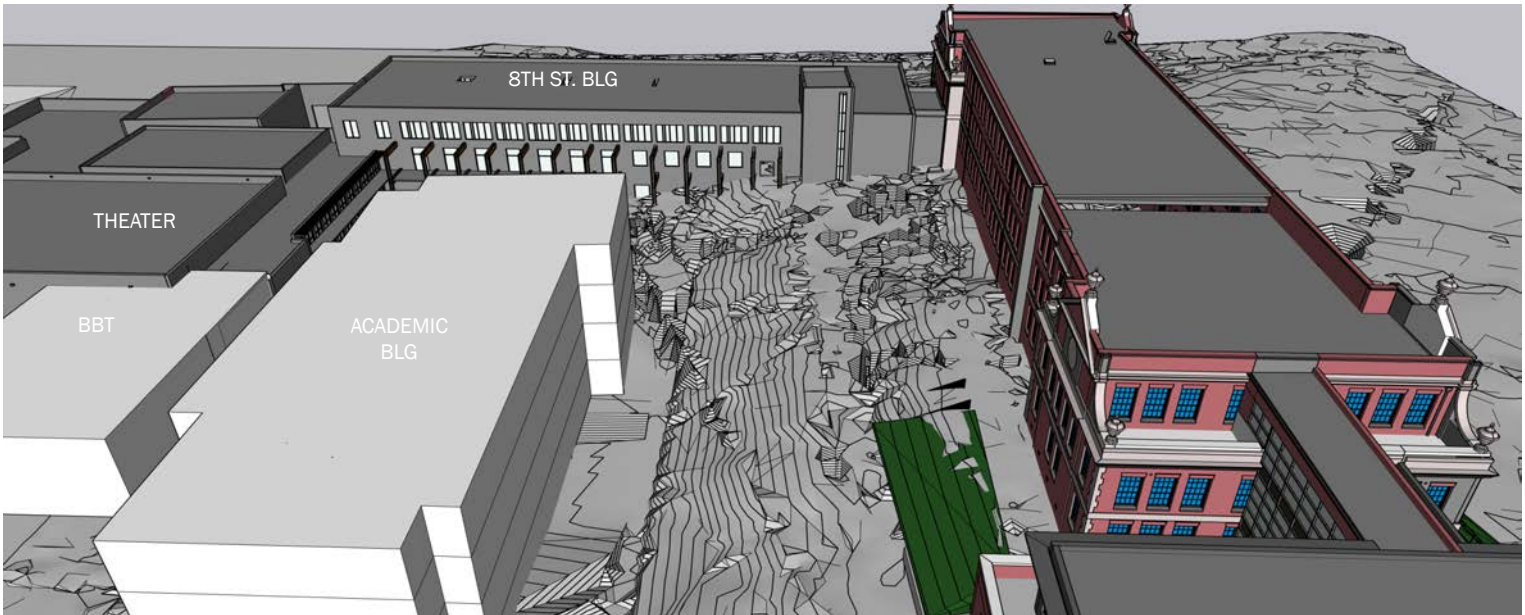
PRACTICE GYM	
LOCKER ROOMS	
WEIGHT ROOM	
GYM STORAGE	
ATHLETIC DEPT OFFICES	

PROS

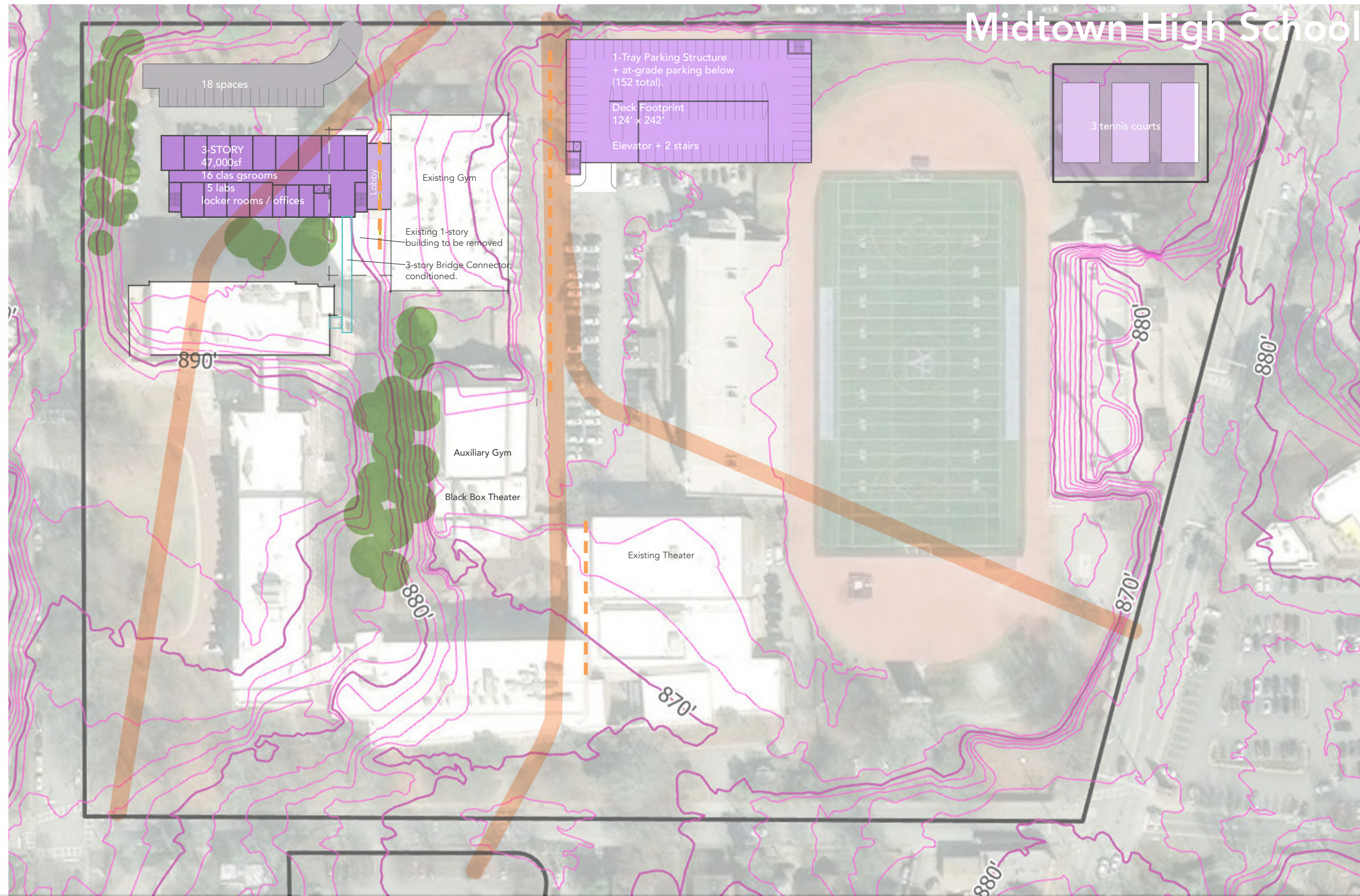
MAJOR IMPACT TO CAMPUS
IMPROVED CONNECTIVITY
CLASSROOM & LABS AT HEART
SHORTER WALKS BET. CLASSES
CONNECTION TO THEATER & CAFE
DINING EXPANSION
COVERED OUTDOOR DINING
MINIMAL IMPACT TO PARKING

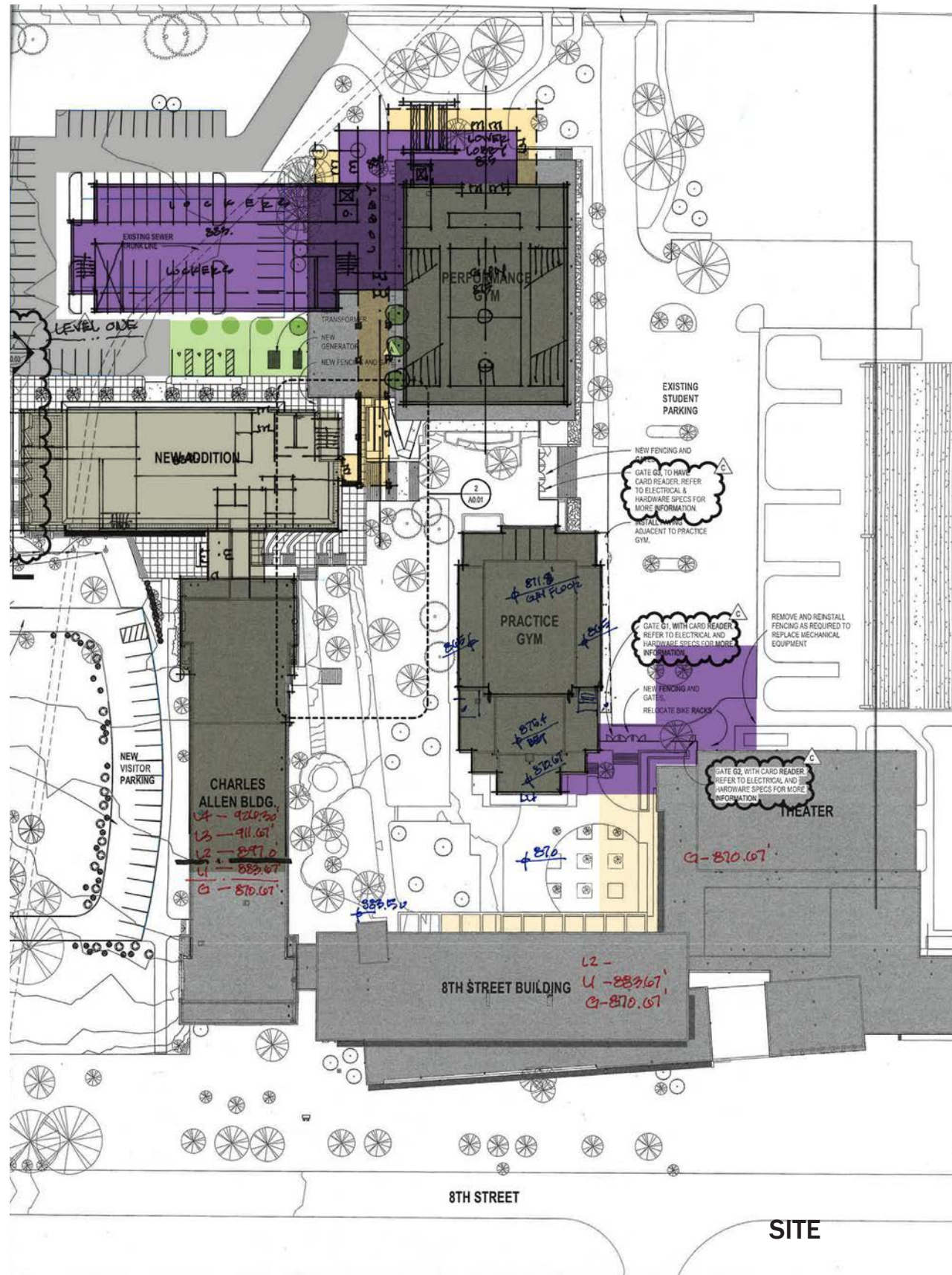
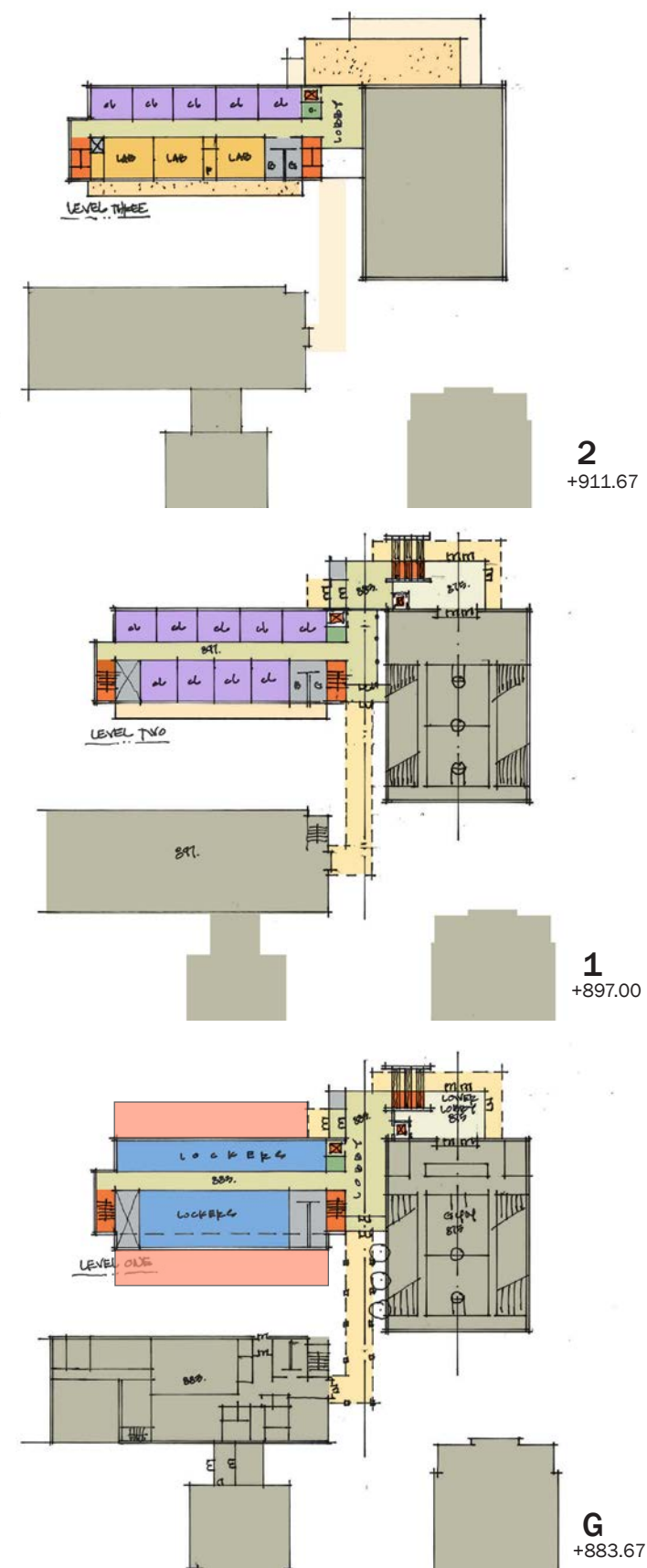
CONS

CONSTRUCTION DISRUPTION
CONSTRUCTION COST
CSO LINE
HP CONSIDERATION



Midtown High School





SCOPE:

1. DEMOLISH GYM LOCKER ROOM BLG
2. NEW 3-STORY ACADEMIC BLG + LOBBY

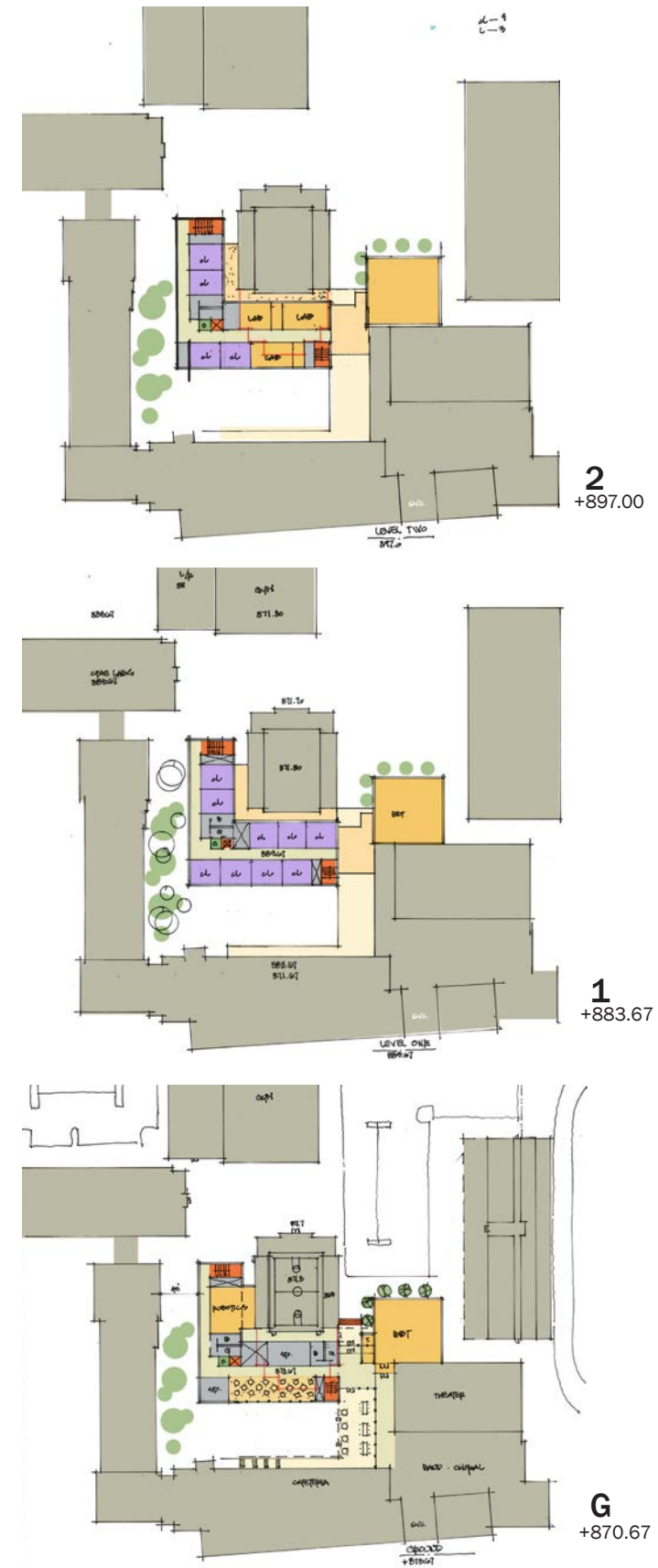
CLASSROOMS	14
LABS	03
LOCKER ROOMS	02
WEIGHT ROOM	01
OFFICES	03
GYM STORAGE	

PROS

- LESS CONSTRUCTION DISRUPTION
- PRESERVE AUXILIARY GYM
- CONNECTION TO ACADEMIC BLG
- BETTER LOCKER ROOMS
- RELOCATE WEIGHT ROOMS TO GYM
- ENHANCED GYM LOBBY
- CONSTRUCTION COST

CONS

- CONSTRUCTION OVER CSO LINE
- CLASSROOMS @ EDGE OF CAMPUS
- LONGER WALKS TO CLASSES
- NO IMPACT TO HEART OF CAMPUS
- BBT REMAINS AS-IS
- DINING EXPANSION NOT ADDRESSED
- PARKING DISPLACED



SCOPE:

1. DEMOLISH BBT BLG
2. NEW 3-STORY ACADEMIC BLG + LOBBY

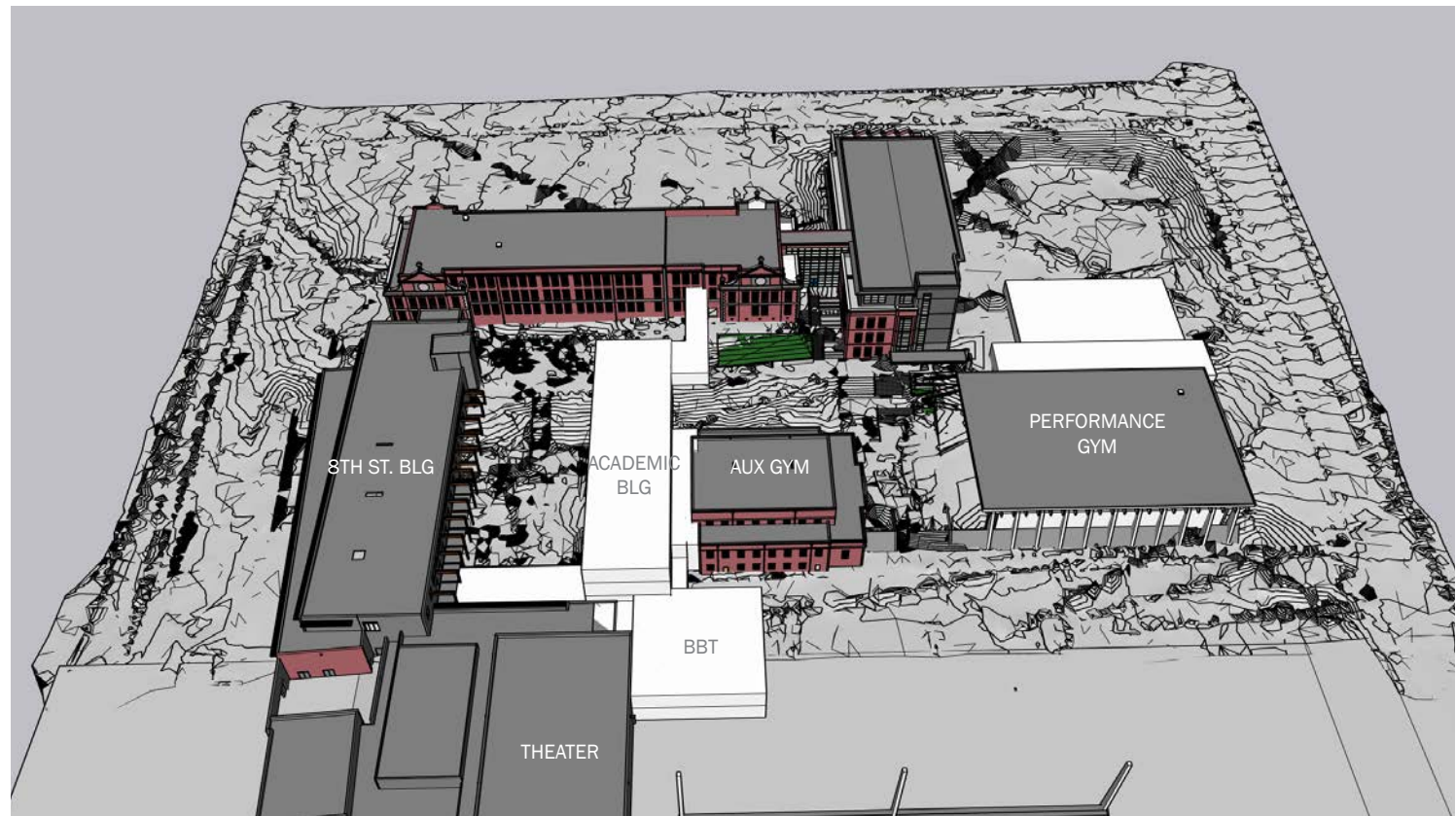
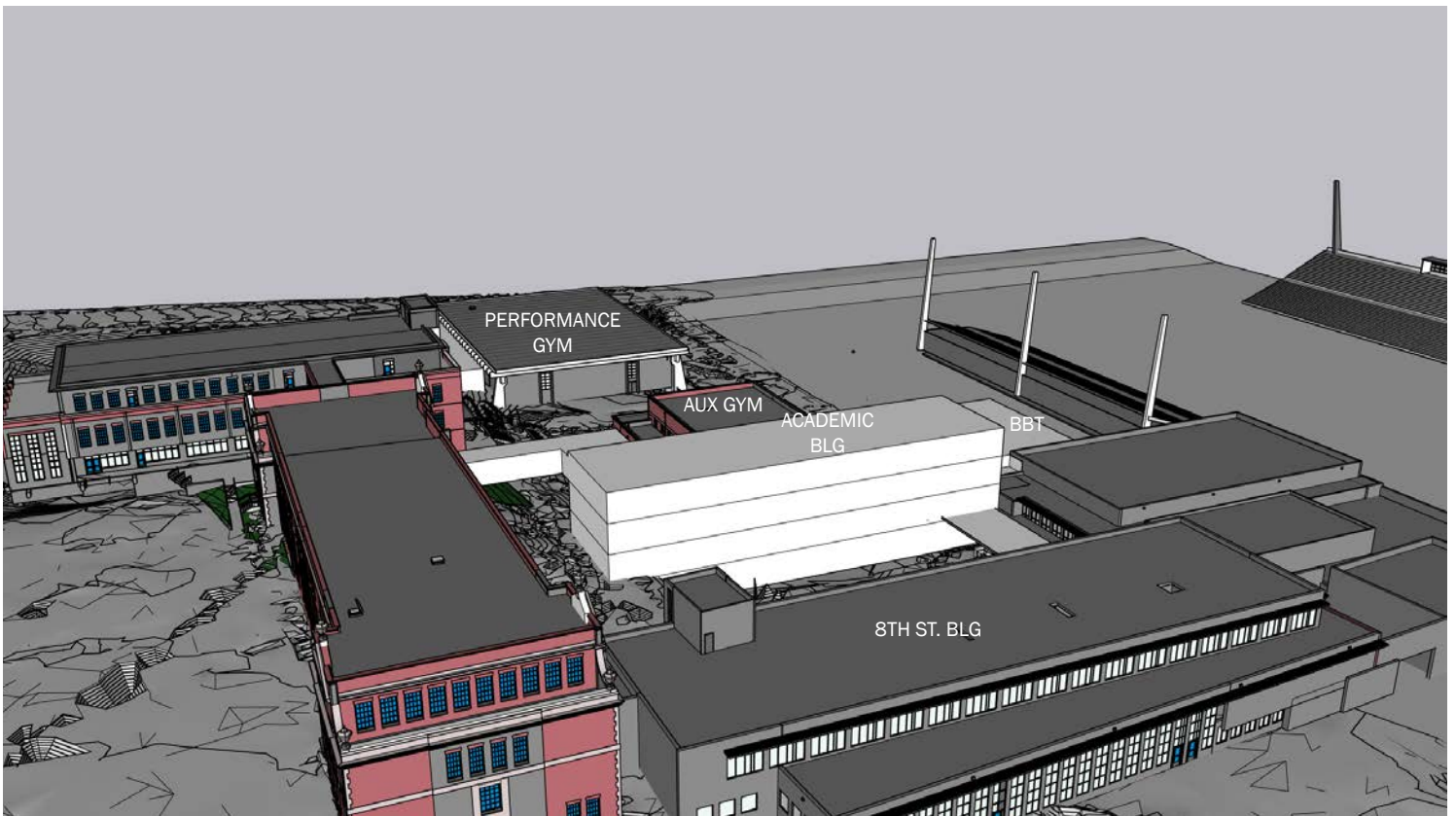
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STORAGE	

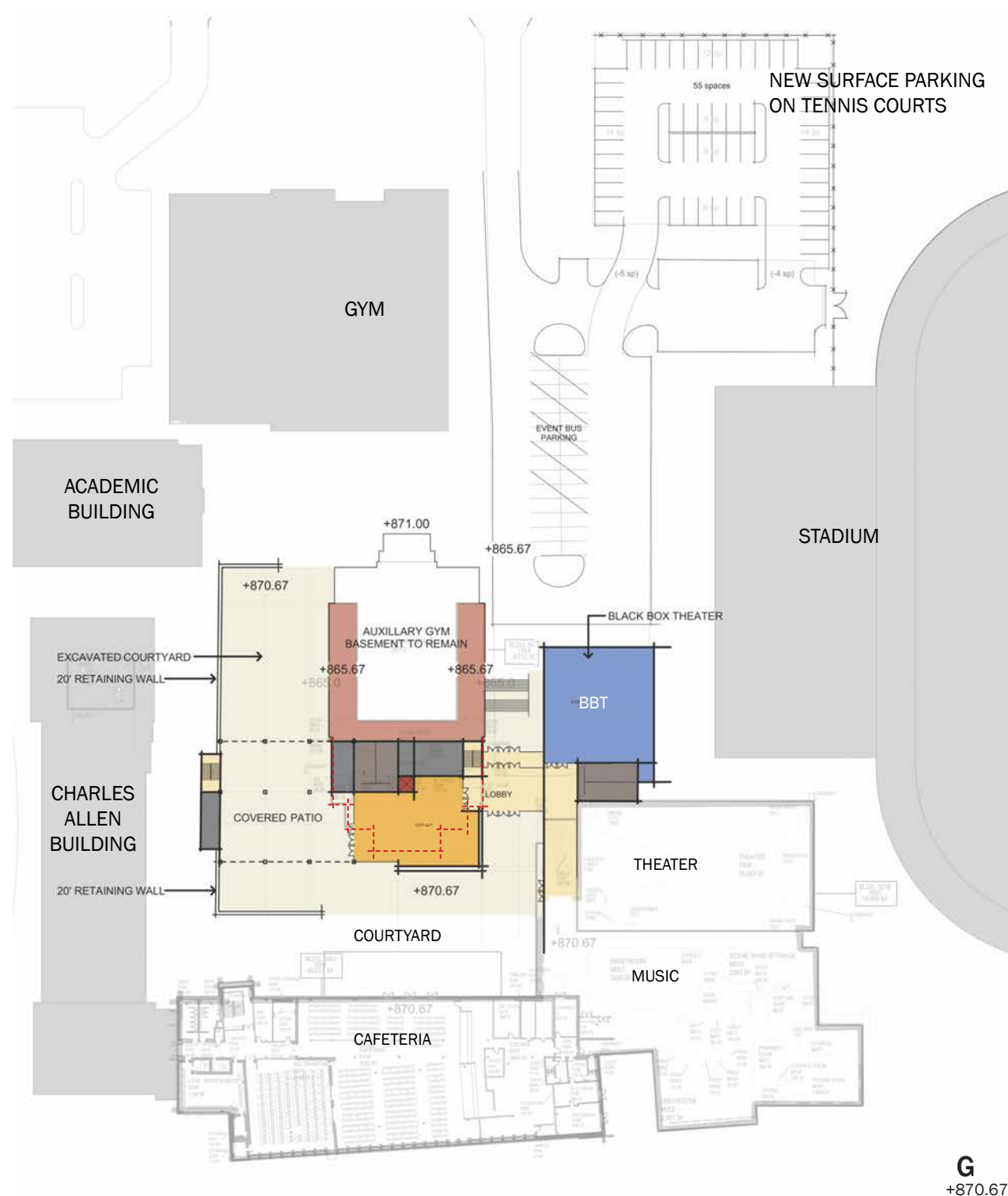
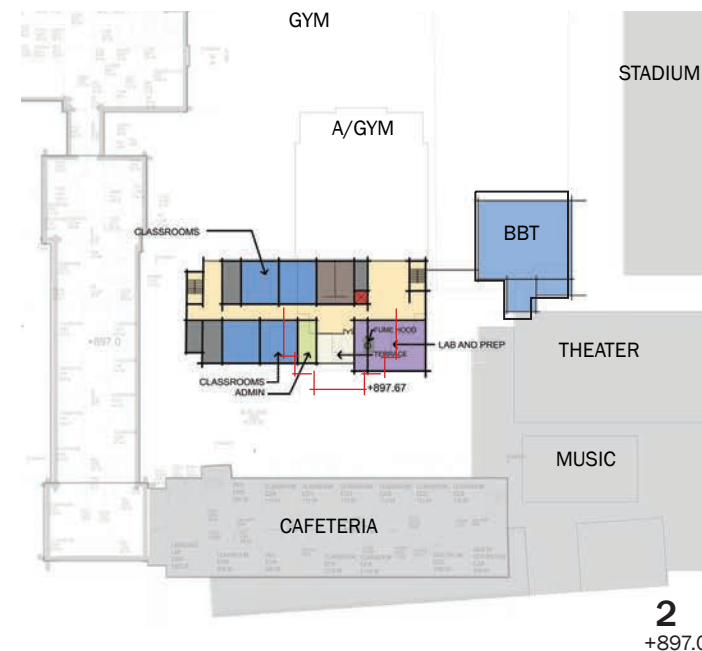
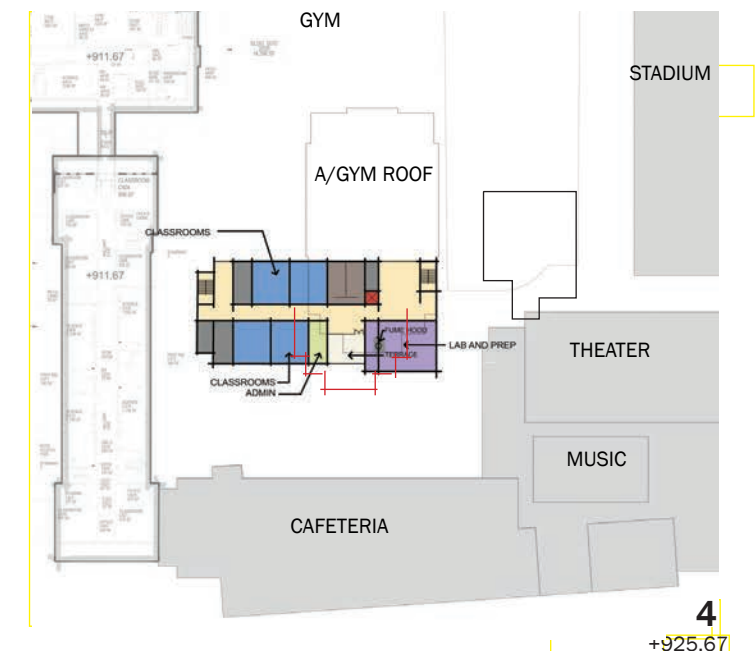
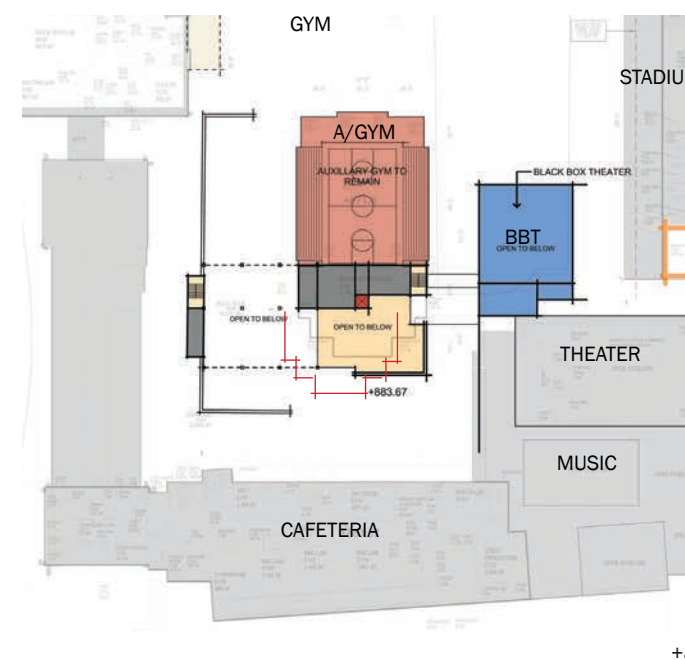
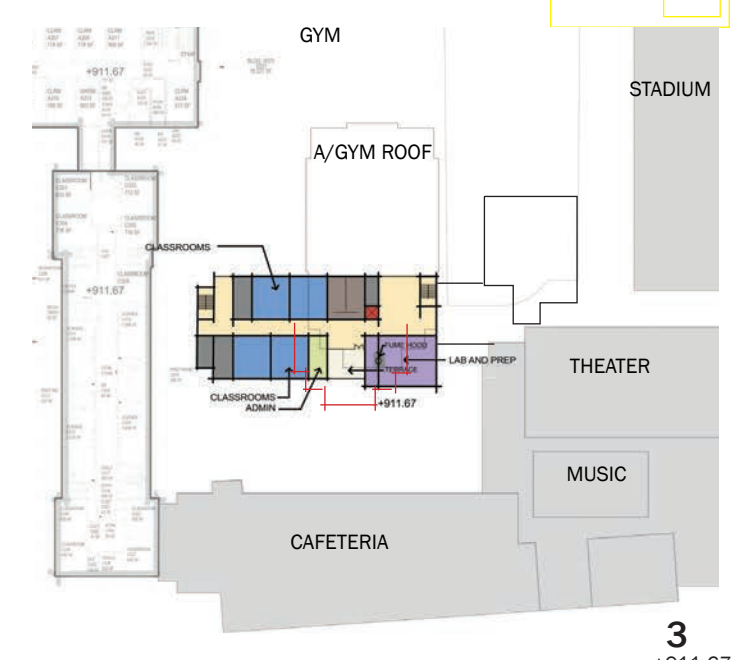
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MAINTAIN EXISTING AUXILIARY GYM
CLASSROOMS & LABS AT HEART
NEW BBT
DINING EXPANSION
CONNECTION TO THEATER & CAFE
COVERED OUTDOOR DINING
MINIMAL IMPACT TO PARKING

CONS

CONSTRUCTION DISRUPTION
CONSTRUCTION COST
TOO CLOSE TO HISTORIC BLG
TALL RETAINING WALLS
LIMITED DAYLIGHT TO CLASSROOMS
SMALLER COURTYARD PLAZA





SCOPE:

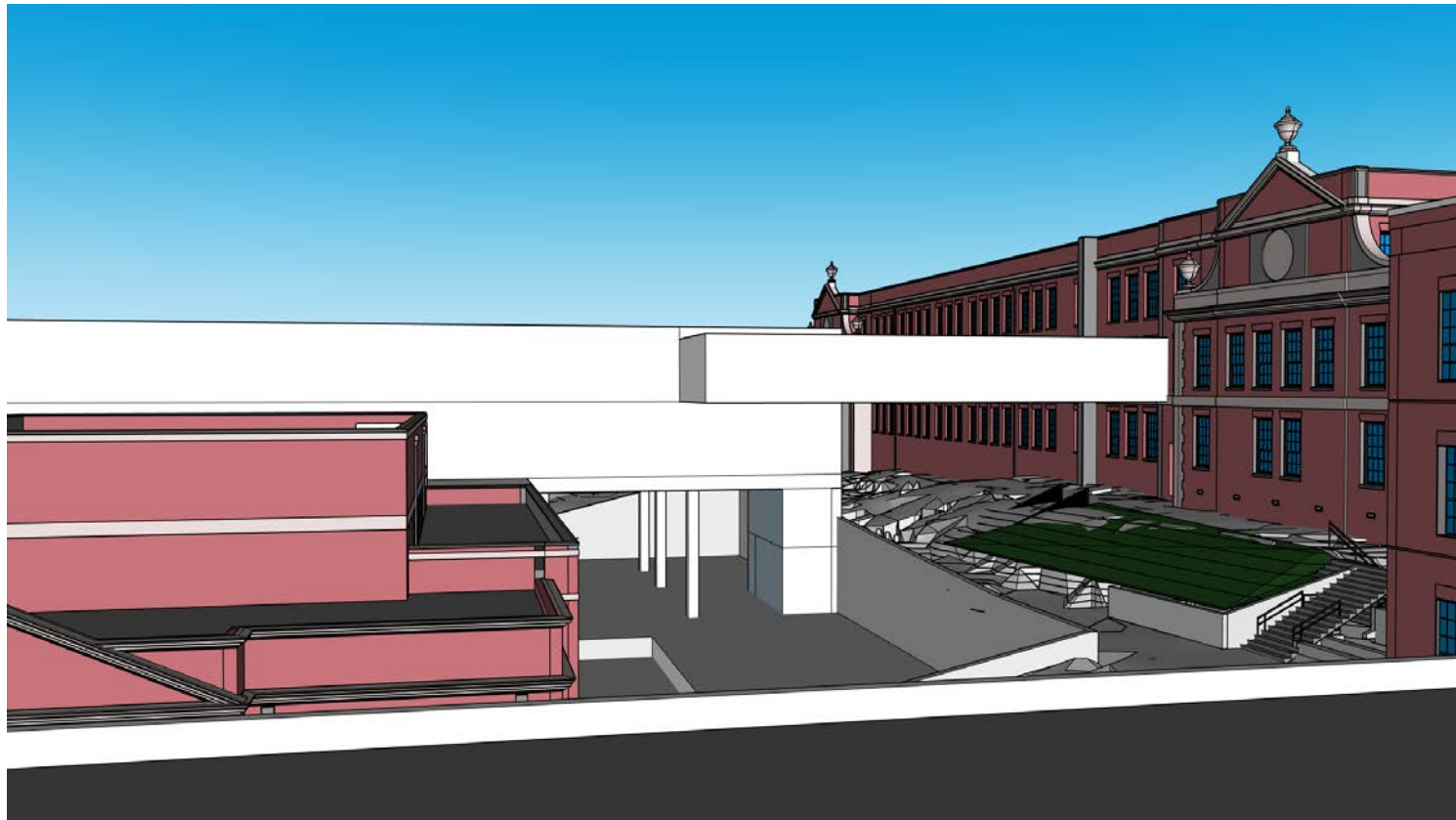
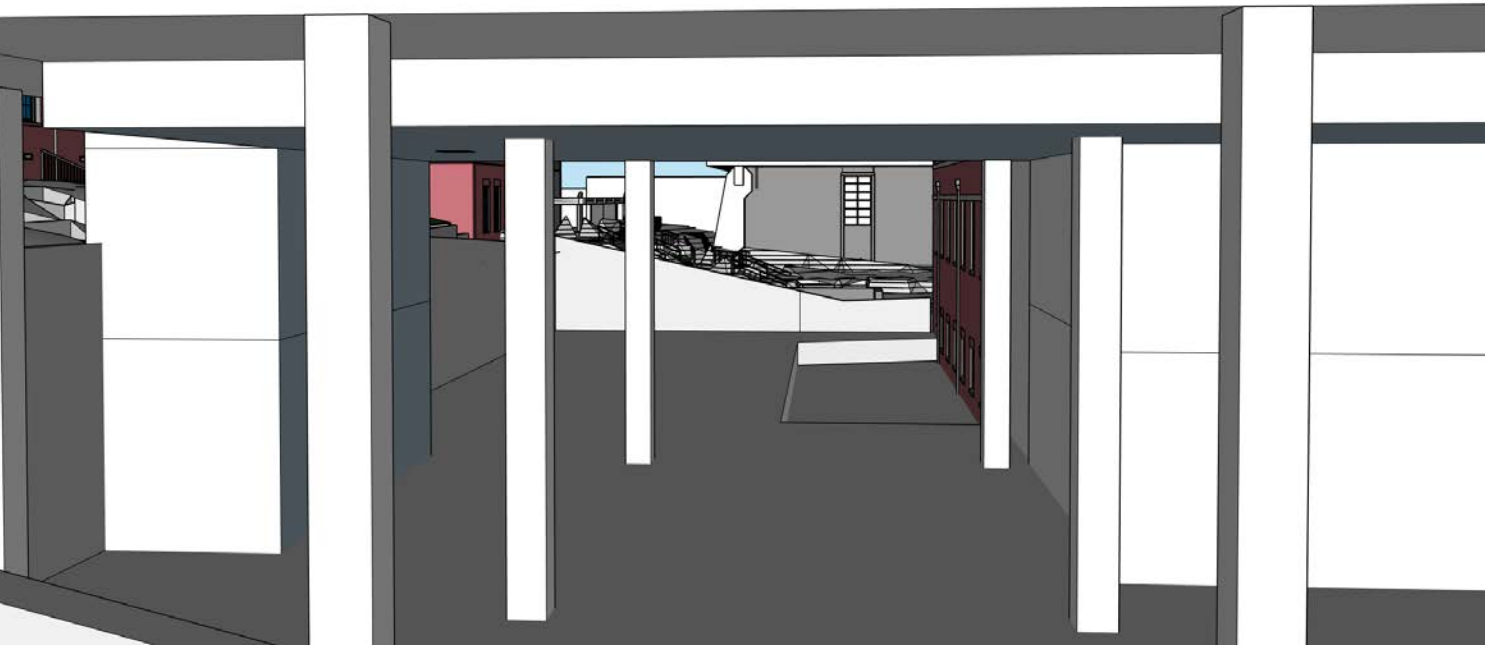
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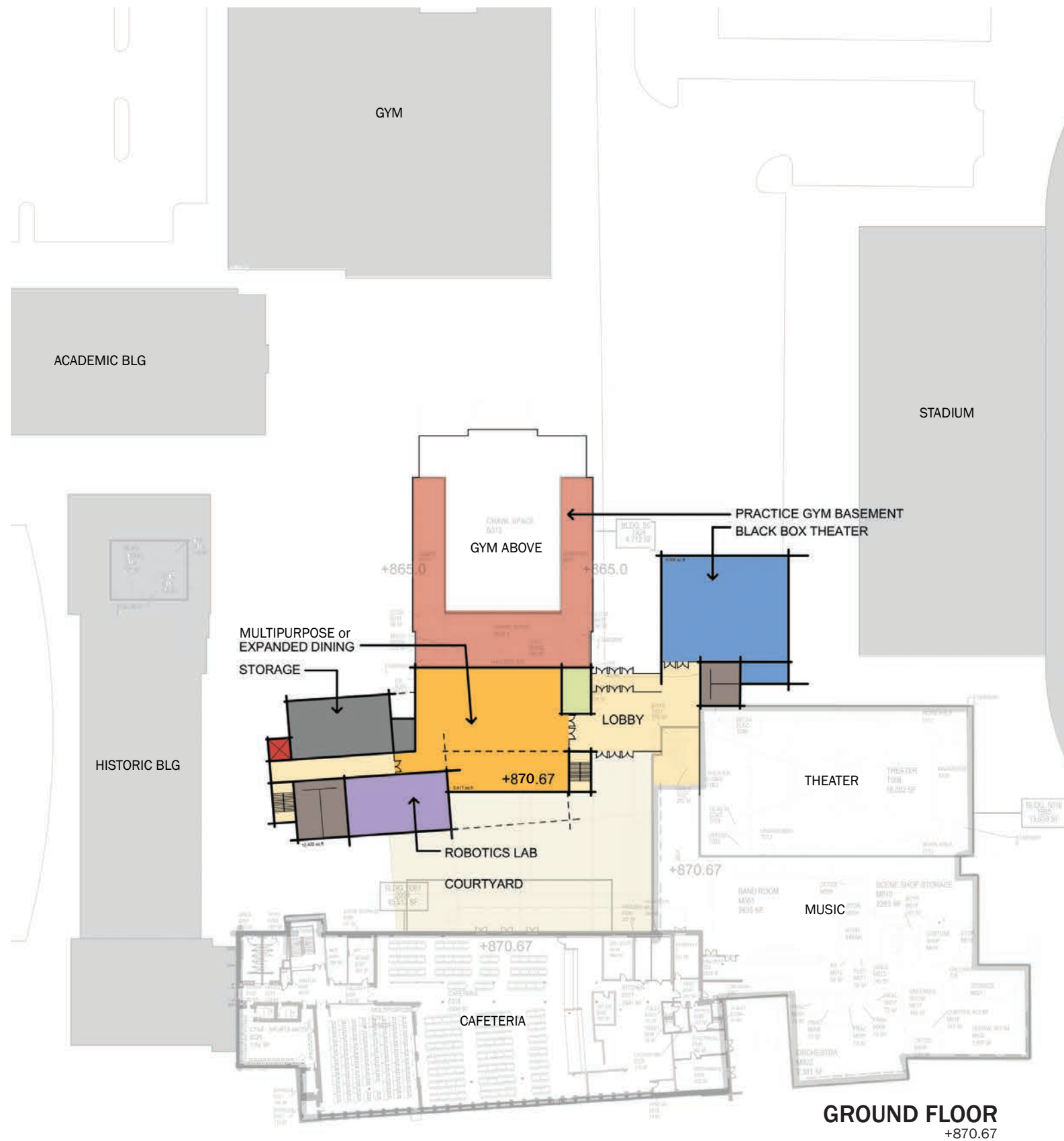
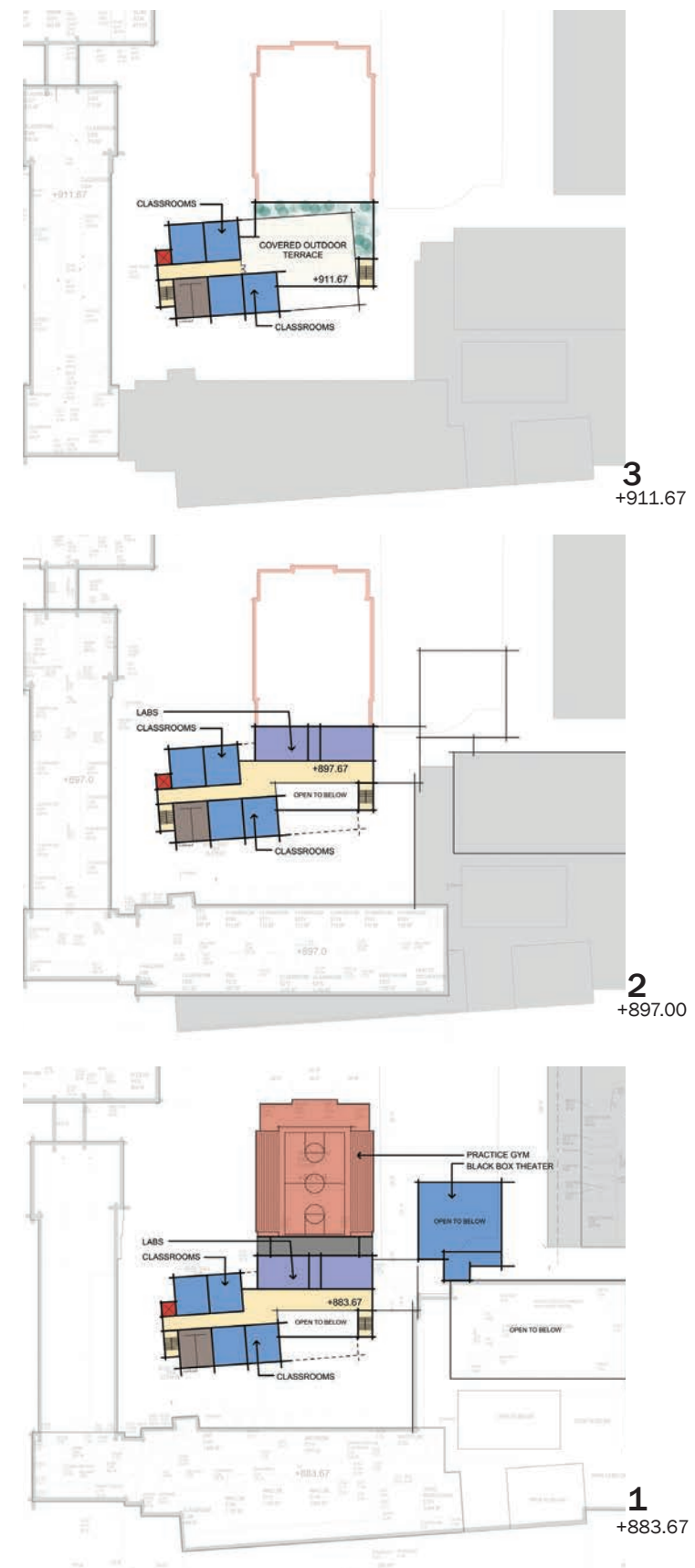
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MAINTAIN EXISTING AUXILIARY GYM
CLASSROOM & LABS AT HEART
POSS. BRIDGE TO HISTORIC BLG
NEW BBT
CONNECTION TO THEATER & CAFE
COVERED OUTDOOR DINING
MINIMAL IMPACT TO SEWER LINE

CONS

CONSTRUCTION DISRUPTION
CONSTRUCTION COST
TALL RETAINING WALLS
BLG & RETAINING WALLS CUT INTO HILL;
ACCESS TO ROBOTICS & DANCE
POTENTIAL FOR ROCK





SCOPE:

1. DEMOLISH BBT BLG.
2. NEW 4-STORY ACADEMIC BLG + LOBBY

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LABS	04
OFFICES	04
DINING EXPANSION	01
ROBOTICS	01
STORAGE	01
3. NEW BBT

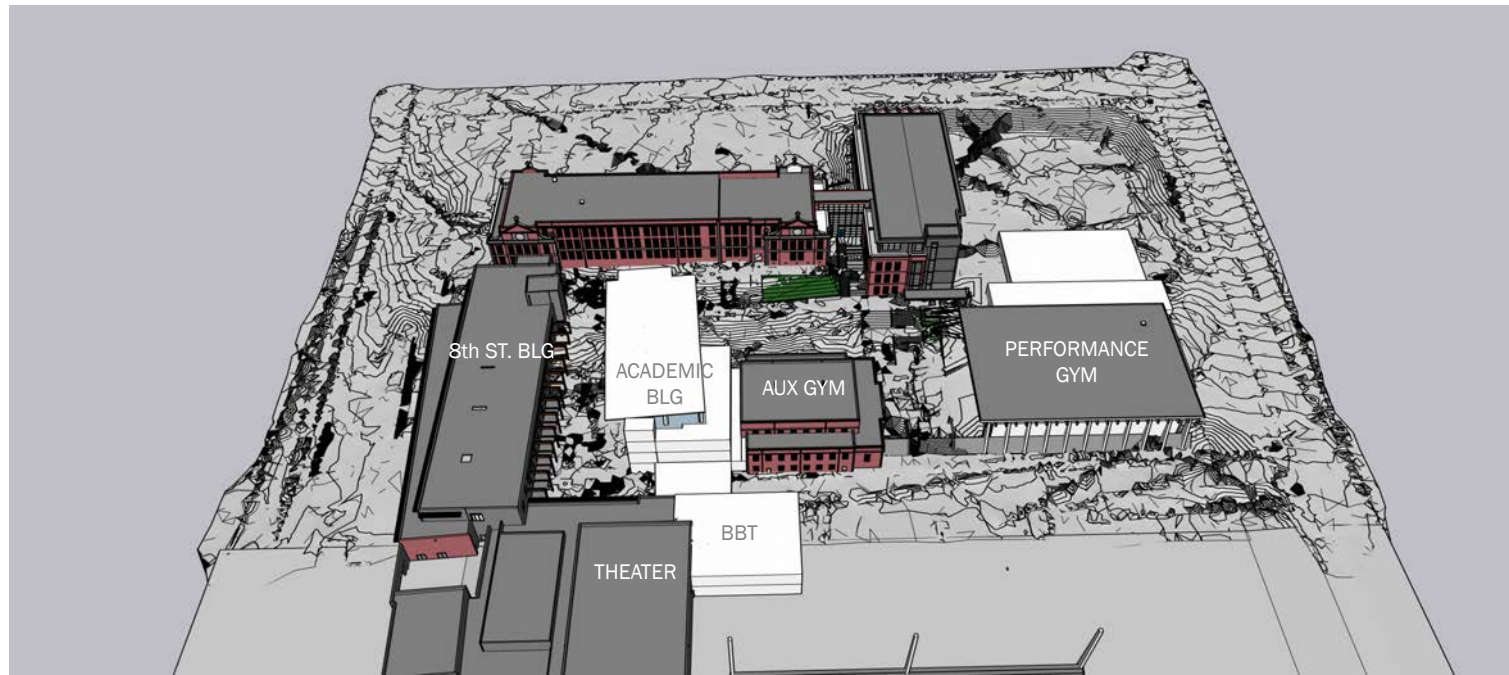
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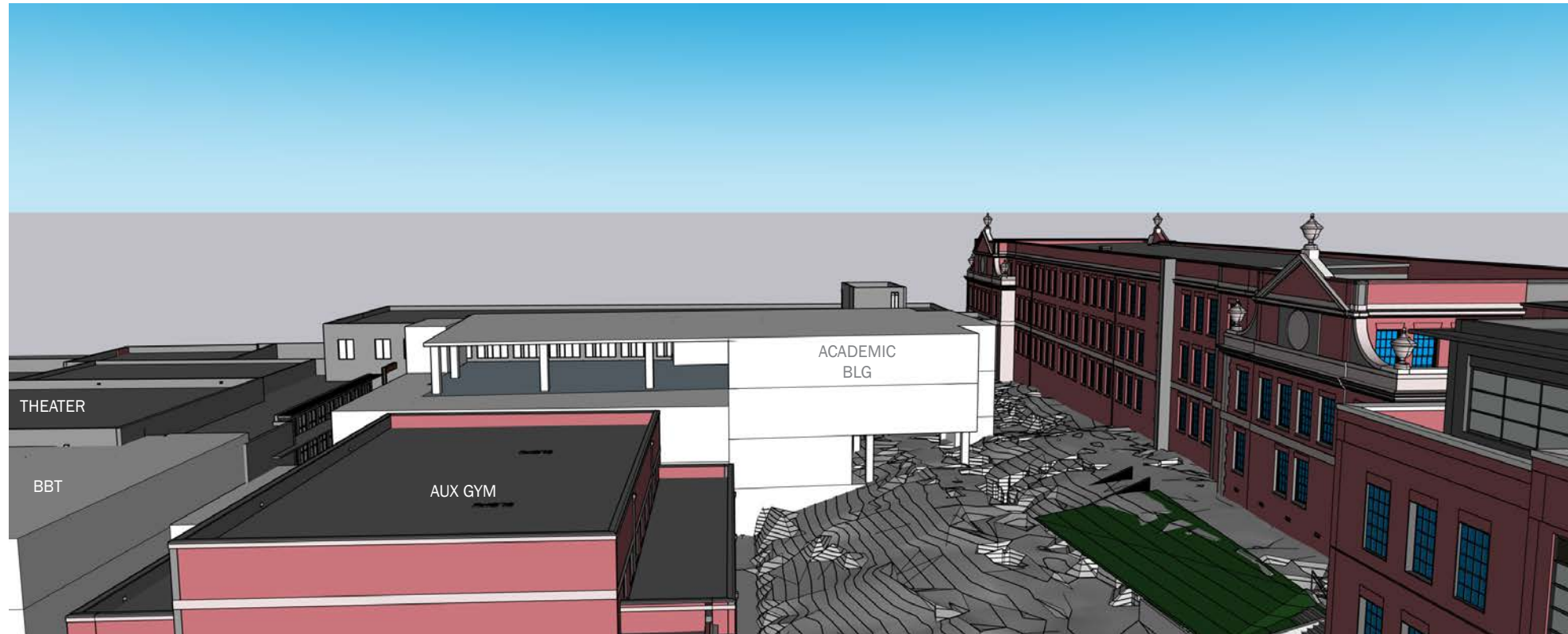
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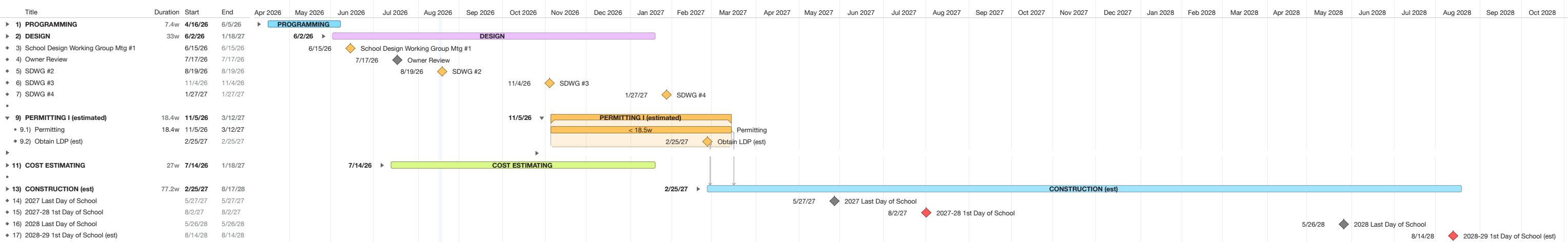
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CLASSROOM & LABS AT HEART
NEW BBT
DINING/MP EXPANSION
CONNECTION TO THEATER & CAFE
COVERED OUTDOOR SEATING
MINIMAL IMPACT TO PARKING

CONS

CONSTRUCTION DISRUPTION
CONSTRUCTION COST
CLOSE TO HISTORIC BLG
SMALLER COURTYARD PLAZA
LIMITED DAYLIGHT TO LABS
FIRE RATED GLAZING OR SHUTTERS
POTENTIAL FOR ROCK







DESIGN June - January

SCHOOL DESIGN WORKING GROUP 15 June 2026

19 August 2026

4 November 2026

27 January 2027

PERMITTING November - March 2027

CONSTRUCTION March 2027- June 2028

OCCUPANCY August 2028