## **GROWING PAINS**

Community Engagement and the Impact of Unique Pedagogy During Planning and Design Development





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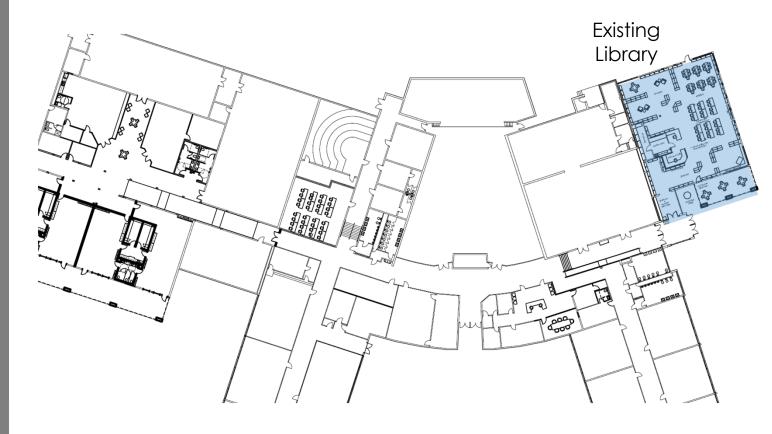
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## PAST COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



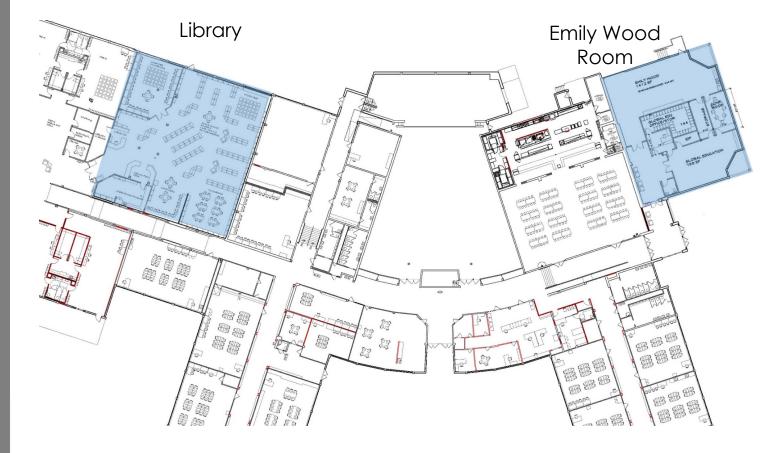
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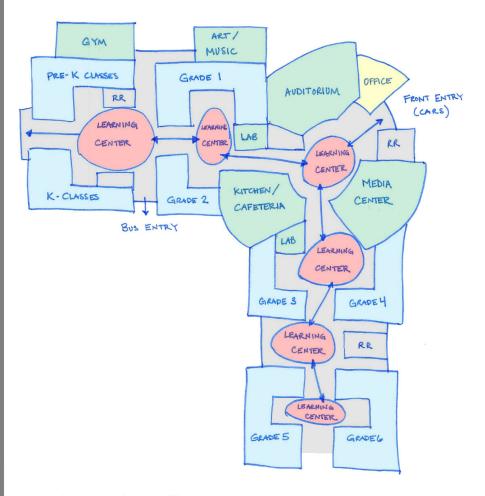


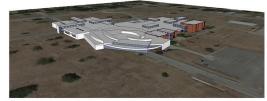


## CURRENT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



#### DOWNTOWN SCHOOL STUDY







Emerson Elementary 11.18.2014 Option 2



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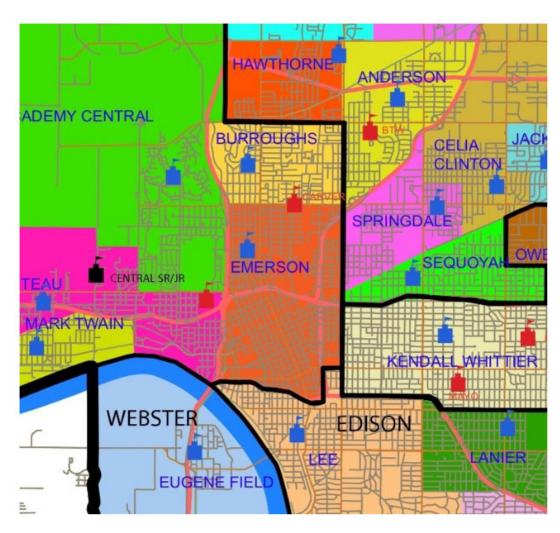




CATCHMENT PLAN



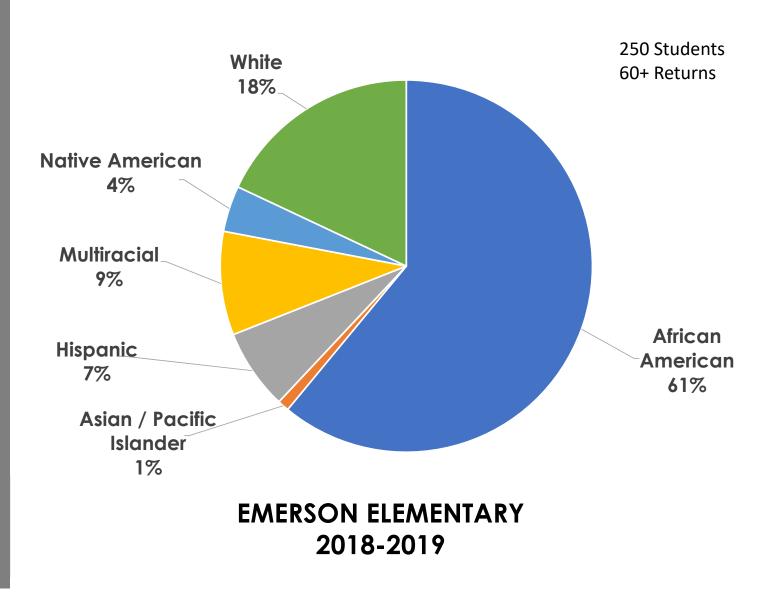




Emerson Montessori boundaries extends west to the LL Tisdale, south to 11th St, east to Peoria, and North to

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- Keep as a neighborhood school
- Project based learning
- Connect to the Outdoors
- Hands-on learning
- Flexible teaching spaces
- Community based programs incorporated
- School demographics should reflect neighborhood demographics



#### MONTESSORI METHOD CONSIDERED





#### GETTING TEACHERS ON BOARD





#### METHODS OF PROGRAM ENGAGEMENT



Steering Committee

- Discussion with Local Business Association, Business Owners, Development Authority
- Coffee Meetings with Parents
- Spontaneous Meetings at Parent Drop-Off
- Forums / Bingo Nights
- Church Pastor / Congregation Presentations
- Block Parties









## Over 100 Meetings during 2 Year Design Process

## HOW DOES COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EFFECT DESIGN?



SITE PLAN





ORIGINAL PLAN







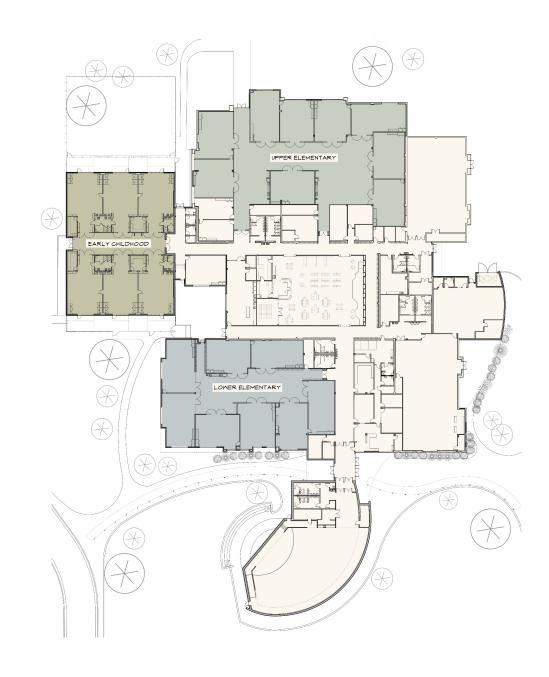






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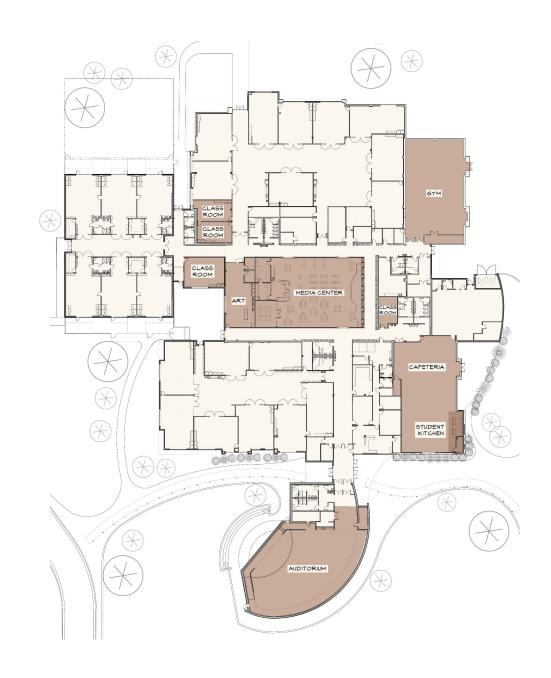






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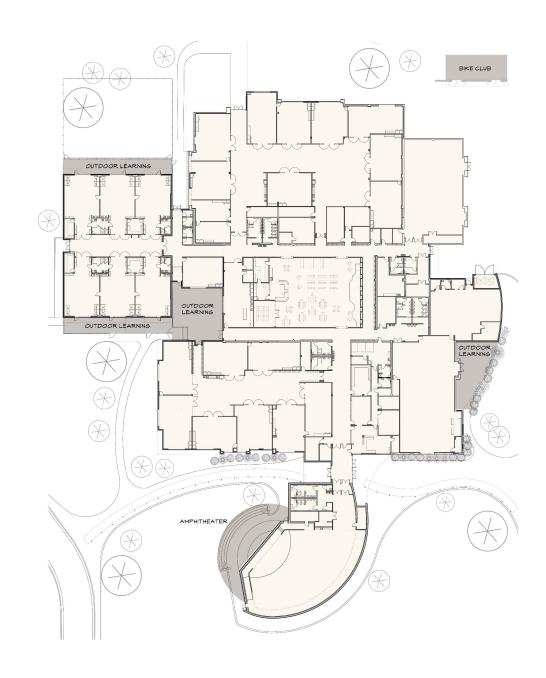








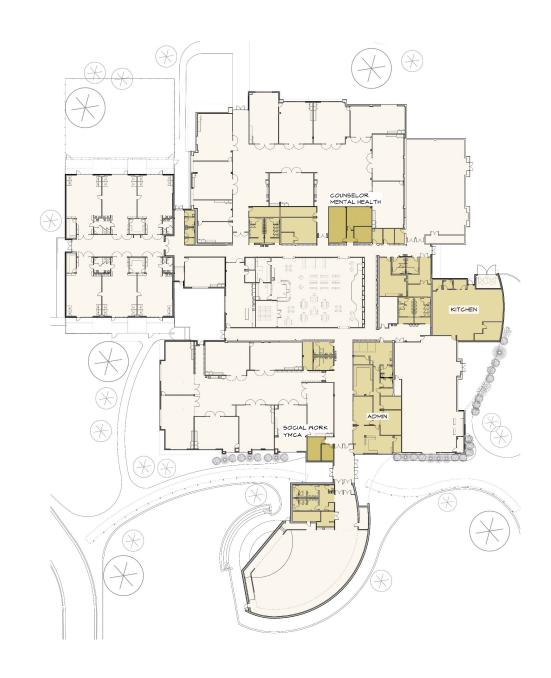






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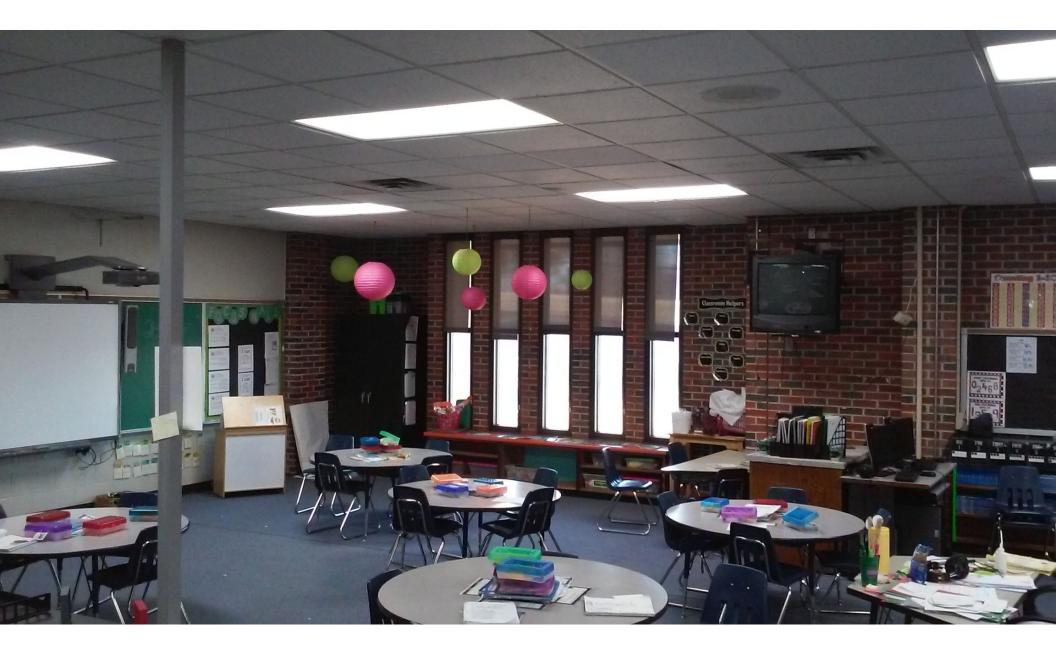




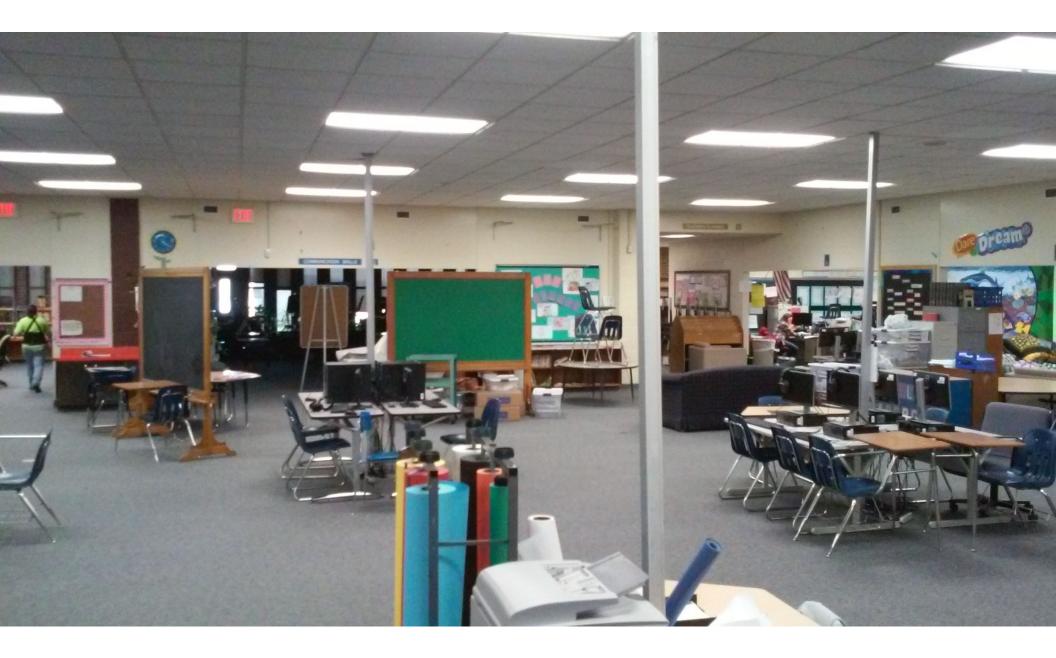








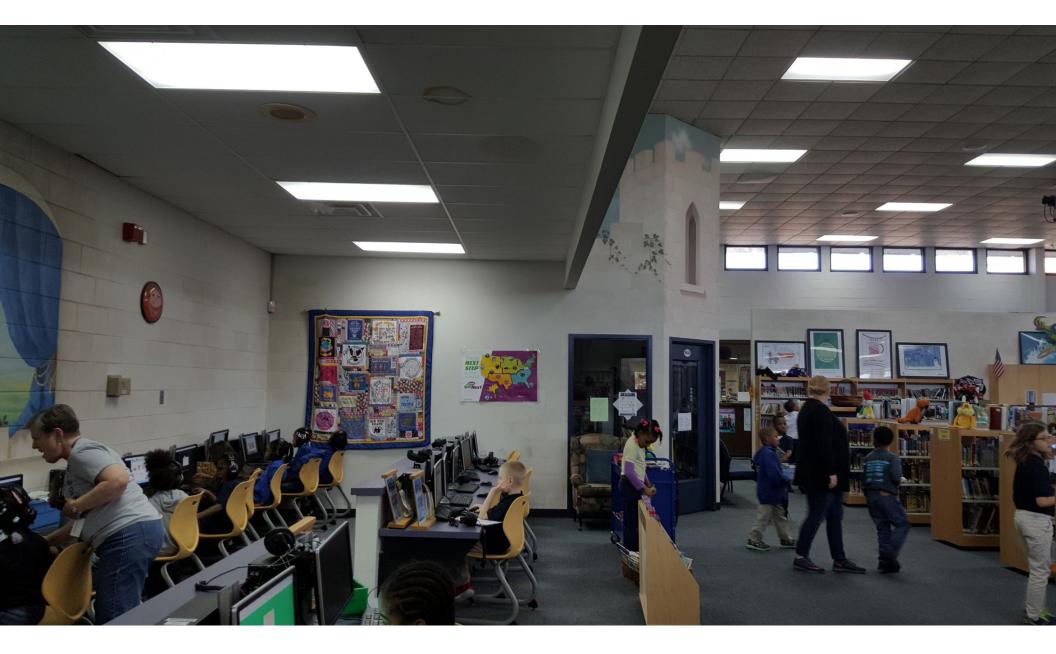


















#### MONTESSORI AT WORK







The goal of early childhood education should be to activate the child's own natural desire to learn.

-Maria Montessori

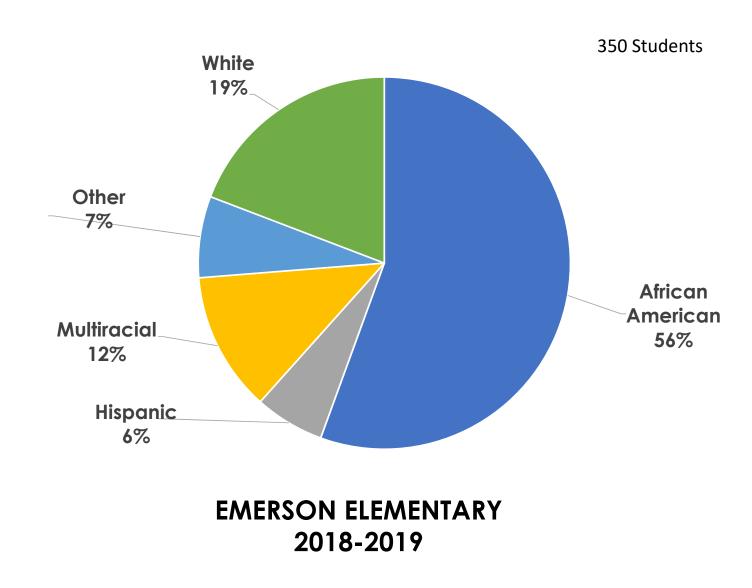






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# **THANK YOU!**



To learn more about the Emerson Elementary Montessori program visit: <u>https://emerson.tulsaschools.org/</u>