GROWING PAINS
Community Engagement and the Impact of Unique Pedagogy During Planning and Design Development
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PAST COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
CURRENT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
VISION FOR DOWNTOWN SCHOOL
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Emerson Montessori boundaries extends west to the L.L. Tisdale, south to 11th St, east to Peoria, and North to Pine
**DEMOGRAPHICS**

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**18-19 Enrollment (PK-6)**
- African American: 61%
- Asian/Pacific Islander: 7%
- Hispanic: 7%
- Multiracial: 9%
- Native American: 4%
- White: 18%

**250 Students**
- 60+ Returns

**EMERSON ELEMENTARY**
- 2018-2019
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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
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
NEW PLAN
CLASSROOM PODS
WRAP AROUND SERVICES
The goal of early childhood education should be to activate the child’s own natural desire to learn.

-Maria Montessori
THANK YOU!

THANK YOU TULSA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Emerson Elementary
DEMOGRAPHICS

Race/ethnicity Count %

- African American: 195 (61%)
- Asian/P. Islander: 41 (14%)
- Hispanic: 24 (7%)
- Multiracial: 29 (9%)
- Native American: 12 (4%)
- White: 58 (18%)

18-19 Enrollment (PK-6) 18-19 Enrollment (PK-2)

- African American: 56%
- Hispanic: 6%
- Multiracial: 12%
- Other: 7%
- White: 19%

EMERSON ELEMENTARY
2018-2019

350 Students
THANK YOU!

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