

Beyond the Classroom: Design Strategies for the Whole Student

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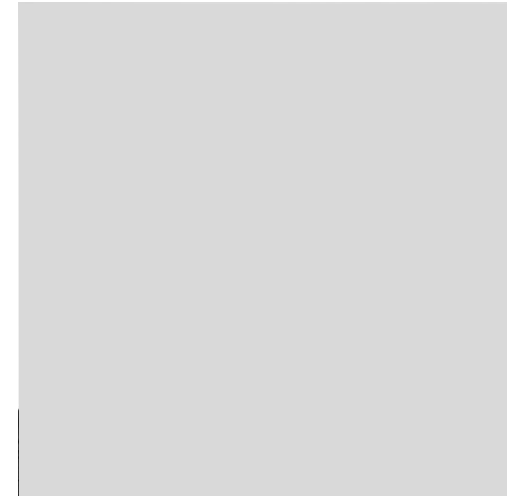
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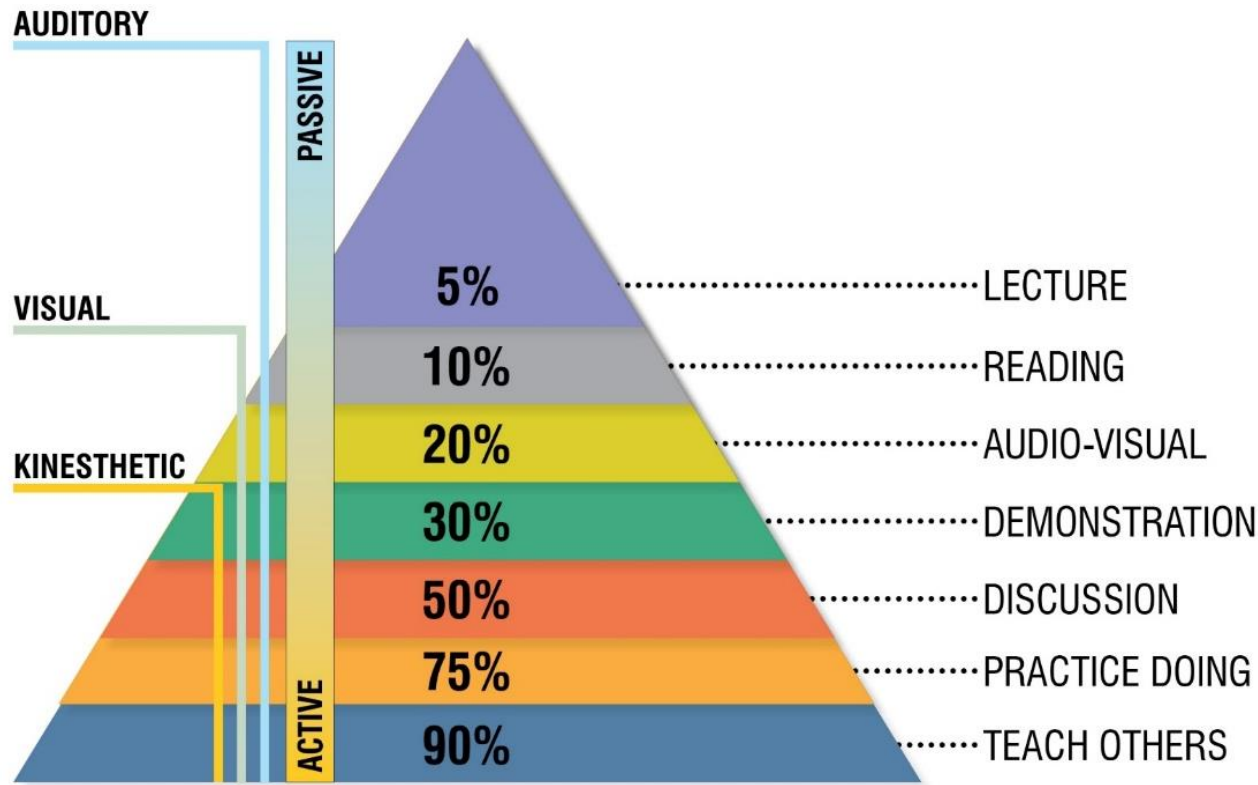
Agenda

1. Why is Social Emotional Learning important?
2. What does Social Emotional Learning look like?
3. How can the built environment support Social Emotional Learning?
4. Reflections
5. Discussion

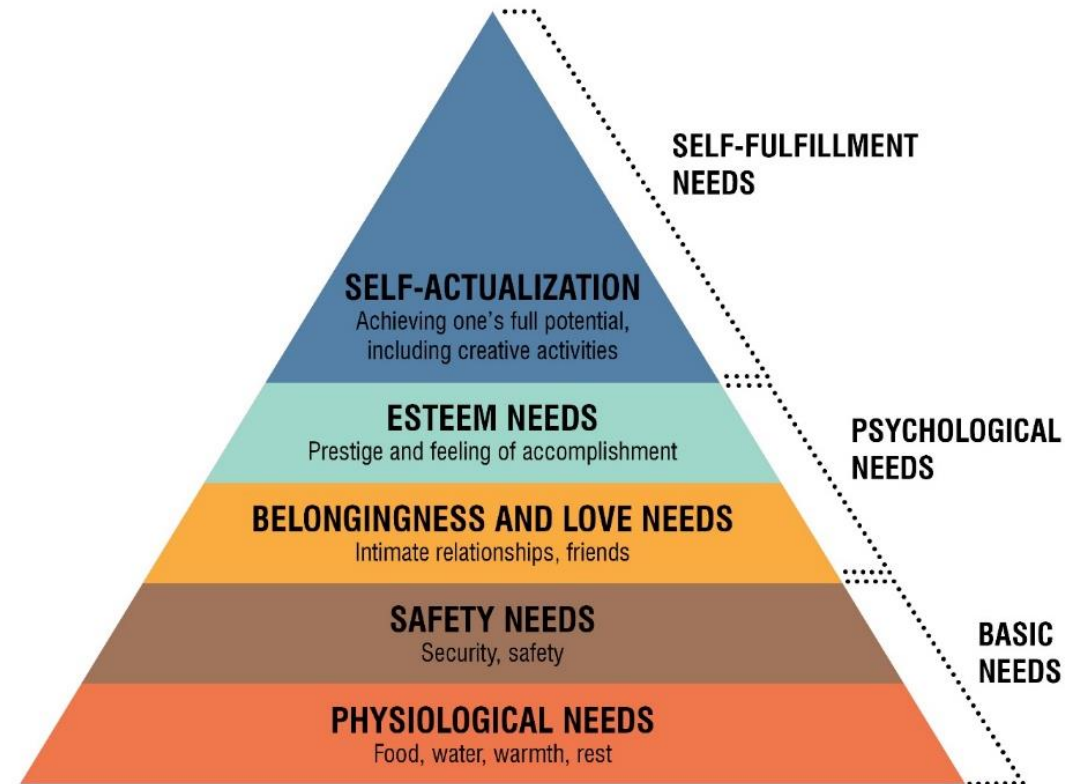
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Learning Pyramid



Maslow Pyramid

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What is your role?

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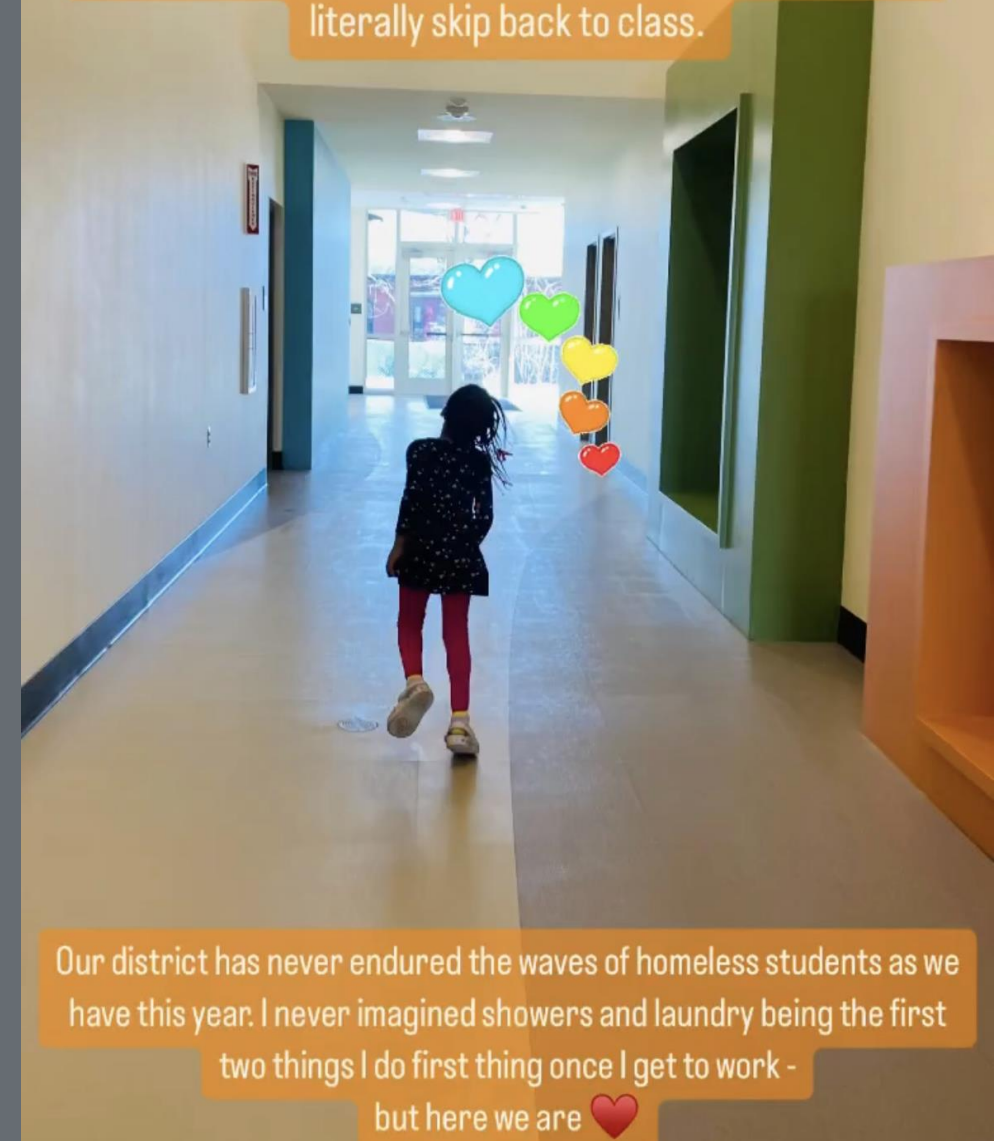
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Meeting our kids' **basic needs**.

Building kids' **toolbox** when big feelings come up.

This is what happens when you meet kids basic needs at school. You offer showers, clean clothing (while their laundry is being washed) and protein filled snacks. They literally skip back to class.



Our district has never endured the waves of homeless students as we have this year. I never imagined showers and laundry being the first two things I do first thing once I get to work - but here we are ❤️

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How can the built environment support Social Emotional Learning?

Spaces Intended for SEL: **Watering Hole** ¹

Social interaction was seen as a **distraction** during the school day and was thus discouraged.

Social interaction and collaboration are **vital** to the growth of our students.

Watering Hole spaces may serve as **circulation spaces** in the school, while **also** supporting the **development of social and emotional skills**.

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Spaces Intended for SEL: Watering Hole



Spaces Intended for SEL: **Campfire** ¹

Campfire spaces are venues for **storytelling and learning**.

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Spaces Intended for SEL: Campfire



Spaces Intended for SEL: **Cave Space**¹

Students think and learn best in different types of settings.

Some thrive when given the opportunity for **individual study and quiet reflection**, others find a too-quiet setting to be unsettling and prefer to **maintain a connection** to the activity within the overall school.

Cave spaces may be a **quiet breakout space in a library** or corridor.

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Spaces Intended for SEL: Cave Space



Spaces Intended for SEL: **Nest**¹

Meeting students where they are to aide in fostering healthy social interaction and collaboration skills.

Creating comfortable and protective spaces for small groups

Providing a variety of spaces with acoustic mitigation

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Spaces Intended for SEL: Nest



A
CAVE /
NEST



C
WATERING
HOLE



B
CAVE



D
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CAVE /
NEST

WATERING HOLE



B
CAVE

D
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A | Nest / Cave



B | Cave



C | Watering Hole



D | Nest



A
CAVE



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WATERING
HOLE /
CAMPFIRE



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F

VARIETY OF
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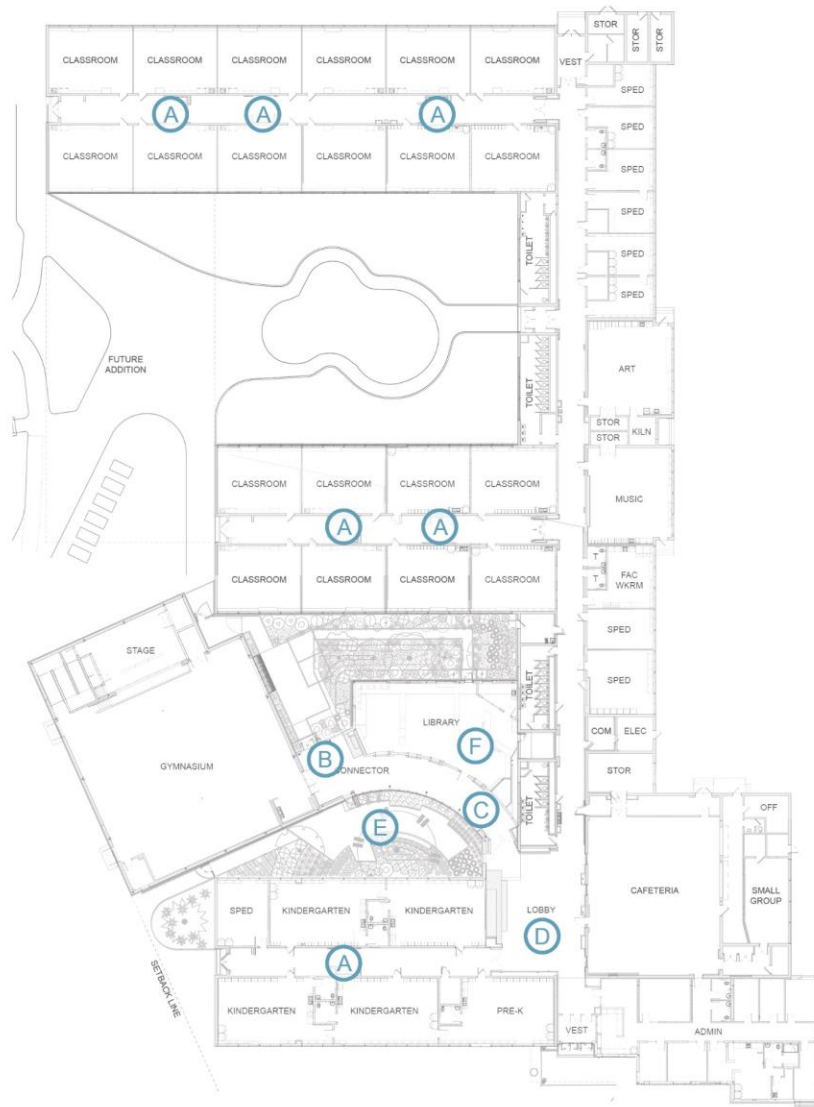
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D
WATERING
HOLE /
CAMPFIRE



E
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F
VARIETY OF
SPACES





B | Nest



LIBRARY

C | Caves



D | Watering Hole / Campfire



E | Watering Hole



F | Variety of Spaces



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Reflections

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- Why SEL is important
- What SEL looks like to students and teachers
- How does the built environment support SEL?
- How can we elevate the conversation?

Reflections

What if anything has changed on your list of 5 SEL Strategies you believe are important in K-12 school design?

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Discussion