

Assignment

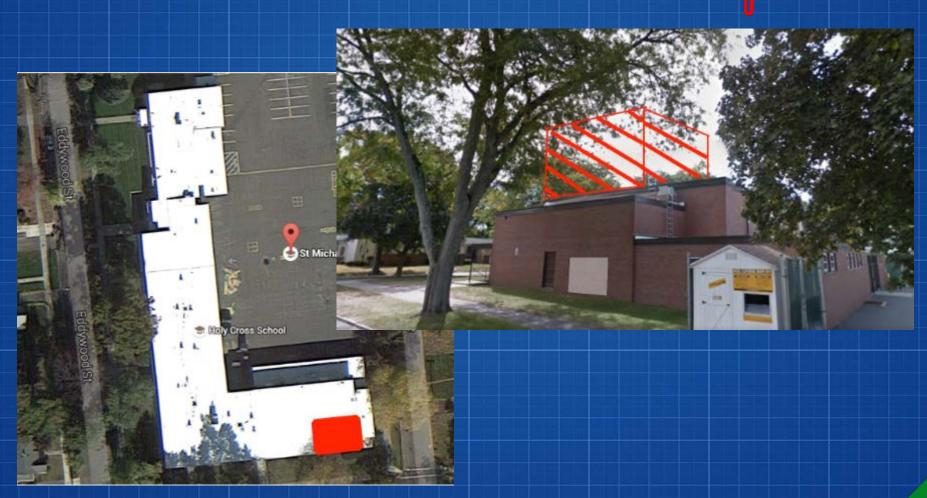
- Design our perfect classroom
- SchoolsNEXT Requirements: 3D Model, 2D Model, Essay, Presentation
- Additional requirement: Budget
 - given \$2 million
- We focused on 4 aspects- Purpose, Adaptations/ Physical Features, Green Technology, and Usage/ Community Involvements

Main Purpose

- Literature & grammar (8th grade)
- Location
 - St. Michael's Academy (above gym)
 - 1. eighth grade needs a dedicated literature room
 - 2. school needs another space for events
 - 3. most realistic for budgeting
- Focused- keep the students listening to the teacher

Location





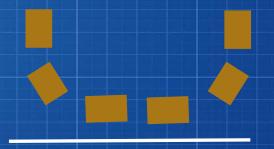


Special Adaptations

Desks/ Seating







Small group seating (MAIN)

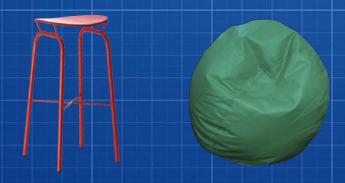
- bucket in middle to organize supplies

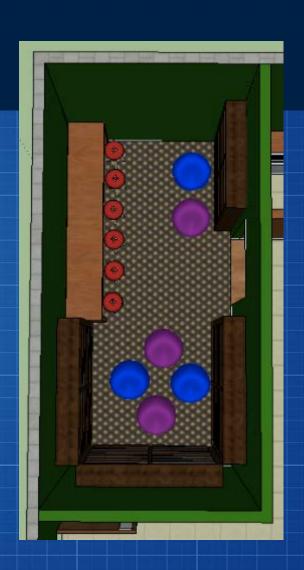
Test taking/ individual work – rows and columns

Class wide discussions

Library

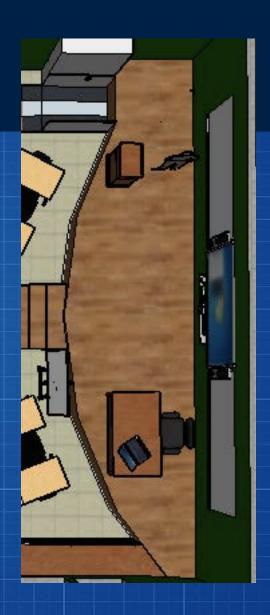
- Narnia theme
- Room for over 2,500 books
- Seating for different tasks
 - -beanbags for reading
 - -counter for written and computer work
- lights dim for different tasks





Stage

- Area to teach, speak, present, act, brainstorm
- Fully wheelchair accessible
- SmartBoard connects to teacher's computer
- Accompanied by smaller whiteboard
- Wood is repurposed



Moving Counters

- Counters are designed to detach and roll around
- When flipped, a new set of books can be accessed
 - Allows division of literature textbooks and textbooks for other classes held in the room
- Can be rolled out of classroom to make more space for events



SmartBoard

- Newest model
- Attached to rail that allows
 SmartBoard to move and uncover white board
- Allows for the viewing of presentations, webpages, videos and more
- Notes save and can be presented multiple times
- Student computers can connect
- Colors can be inverted to aid the visually impaired



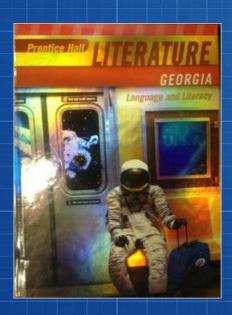
Multi-colored Ink Pens

- Can scan any color, and then write in that color
- Each desk will have a color palate
- Refillable ink
- Eliminates pen use

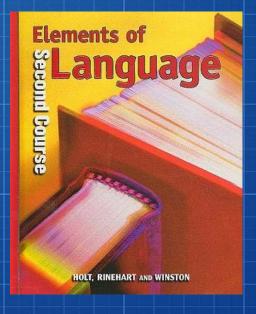


Textbooks

Prentice Hall Literature (8th grade)



Elements of Language (Second Course)



Fire and Lockdown safety





- Fire extinguishers are by every exit and conform with OSHA standards
- All walls & ceiling tiles are least 1hour fire rated
- Narnia serves as a lockdown room, as it locks from the inside & outside



Green Technology

Lighting

- ▲ LEDs (T8)
 - 40 times more efficient than incandescent bulbs
 - 5 times more efficient than CFLs
- Closest to natural sunlight
- Recommended by Energy Star guidelines

Windows

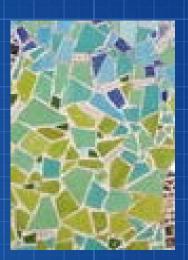
- 270 square feet of windows
- 5 skylights
- facing south, meaning maximum sun in the winter
- PollenTec screens block out pollen and dust
- double-paned
 - helps to reduce sound
 - reduces energy consumption by 24% in winter 18% in summer



Structure

- Tile and hardwood
 - Sourced from Brookings school
 - Reusing is greener than recycling

- Folder Wall Organizers
 - Made from reused folders and binder dividers





Air Quality

- covers two Energy Star classroom factors: Acoustic Comfort and Air Quality
- two air purifiers
 - energy efficient- when the air is clean of pollutants, they turn off
 - quiet- essential for a classroom





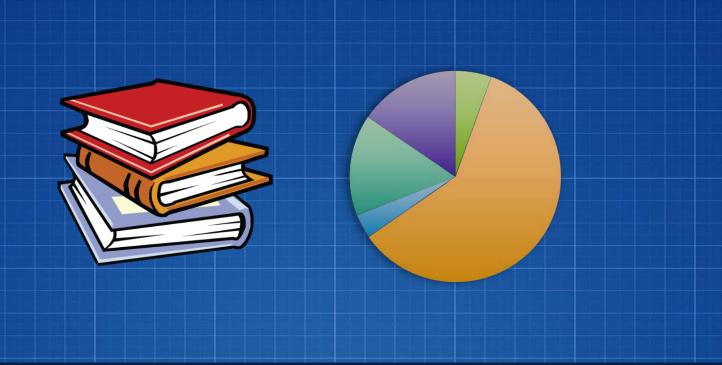
- In winter: lowers heating bill by blending air to a uniform temperature
- In summer: increases air movement, making air feel up to 10° cooler and increasing productivity
- 12 times more efficient than Energy Star guidelines and 8 times more efficient than ordinary ceiling fans



Outside of classroom

\$250,000 will be donated to St. Michael's Academy to help fund additional green possibilities, such as:

- solar panels
- Biomass heating and ice-powered cooling
- replace all lighting with energy-efficient counterparts
 - Disposal of old lighting (CFLs) through a program run by the Home Depot



Usage



Inside school community

- students and teachers from all grades could borrow from the library (teachers could also keep their small collection there)
- room could be loaned out for project presentations, meetings, small drama productions etc.
- more chairs could be brought in for larger gatherings



Outside school community

SPREAD OF LITERATURE & USAGE OF BUDGET ISN'T LIMITED TO THE ROOM

- Used books will be donated to local organizations, or could be sold to raise money for charity
- English language classes & citizenship classes

English Language Classes

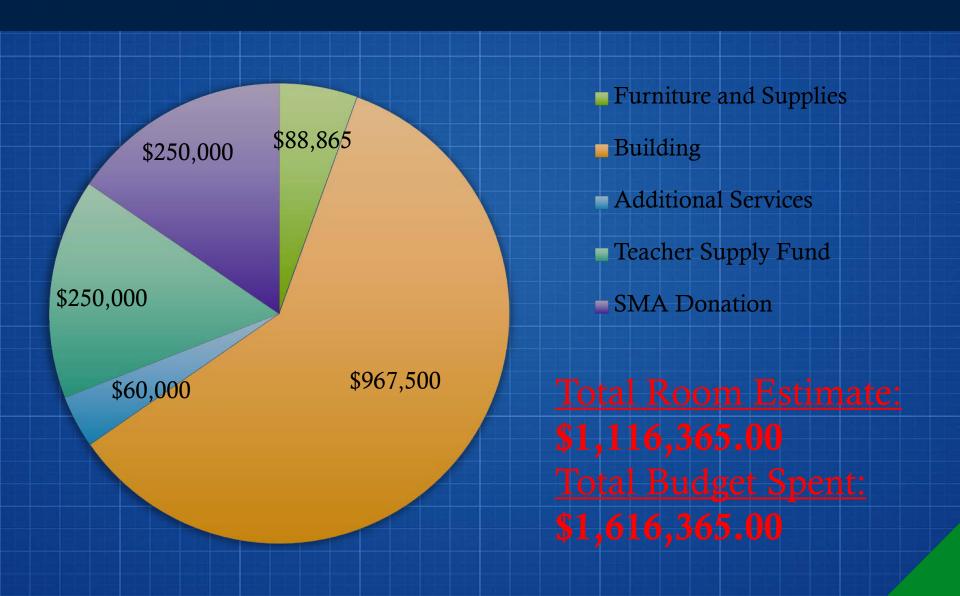


- 11% of Springfield's population was born outside of US
- Paid, professional teacher / Volunteers from local colleges
- Four out of the five days in the school week will be used for English classes
- Classes last from 6-9
- 13-15 students per class
- Classes are free due to grants funded by the MA
 Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Adult
 and Community Learning Services

Citizenship Classes

- Citizenship classes meet once a week for a two hour class
- Class sessions will last eleven weeks
- One time fee of \$50
- The classes will be taught by paid teachers and some volunteers
- Classes will be taught in English but the teachers will understand and speak a variety of languages
- Grants will be applied for from United States
 Citizenship and Immigration Services

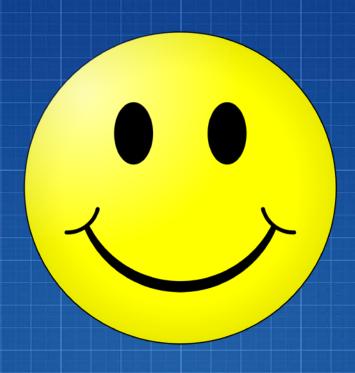
Breakdown of budget







- It shouldn't matter what goes in, as long as an educated and ready student comes out
- The key is to match what the students know they like in a classroom with what the teacher knows they need to teach
- Adjust to each student's style



THANK YOU for your time & consideration

Sources: Kenny Szmyt (Carpenter), Rich Chambers (Masonry Expert), Roy's Home Improvement, RSMeans Residential Repair and Remodeling Costs (RSMeans, 2010)