

# Learning Spaces

## AGENDA

PROGRAMMING & SPACE  
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INTERVIEW SESSION



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## Learning Spectrum

- Rote learning (lecture/auditoriums)
- Rote learning (classroom)
- Pulse learning (large format to small group and back over semester)
- Pulse learning (large format to small group and back in one class)
- Project-based learning
- Small group learning
- Learning alone, together
- Individual learning

Passive



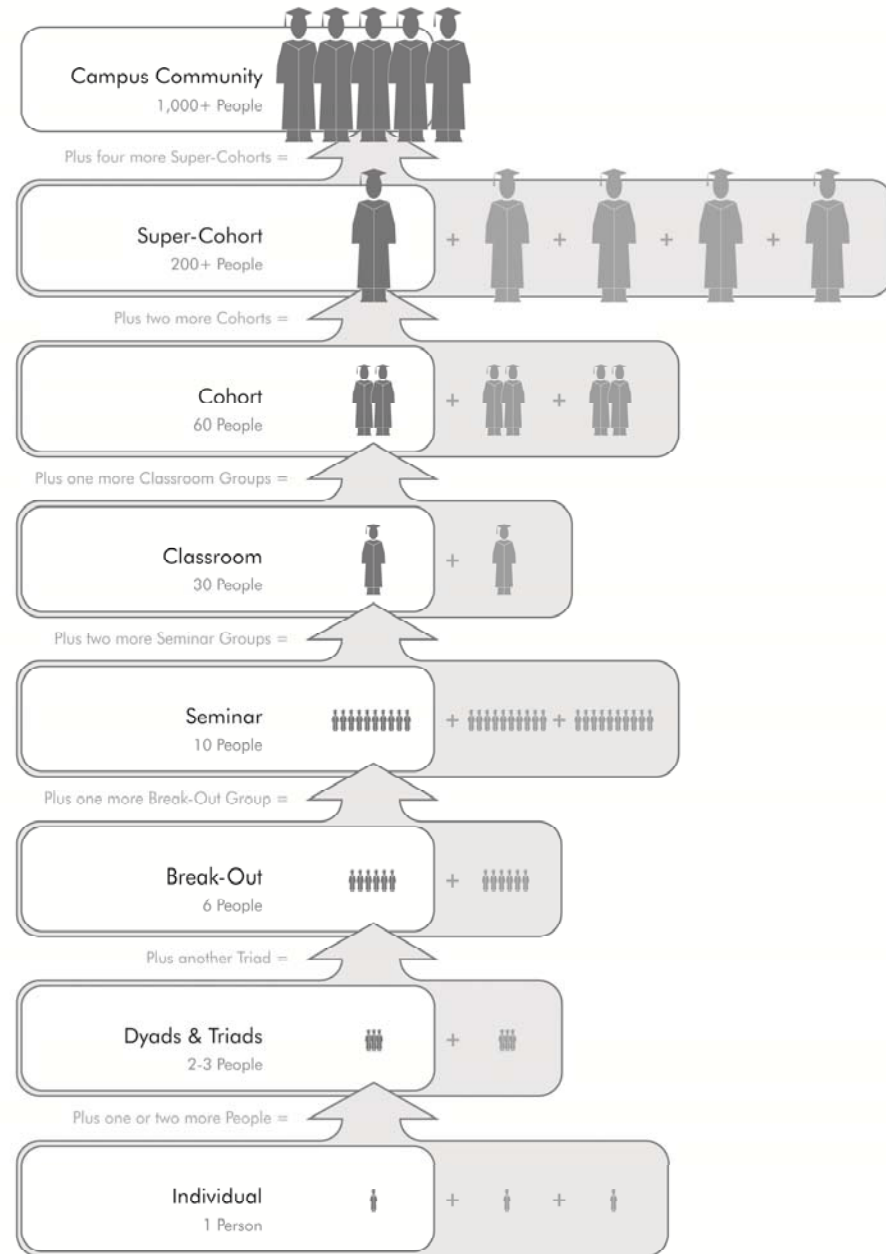
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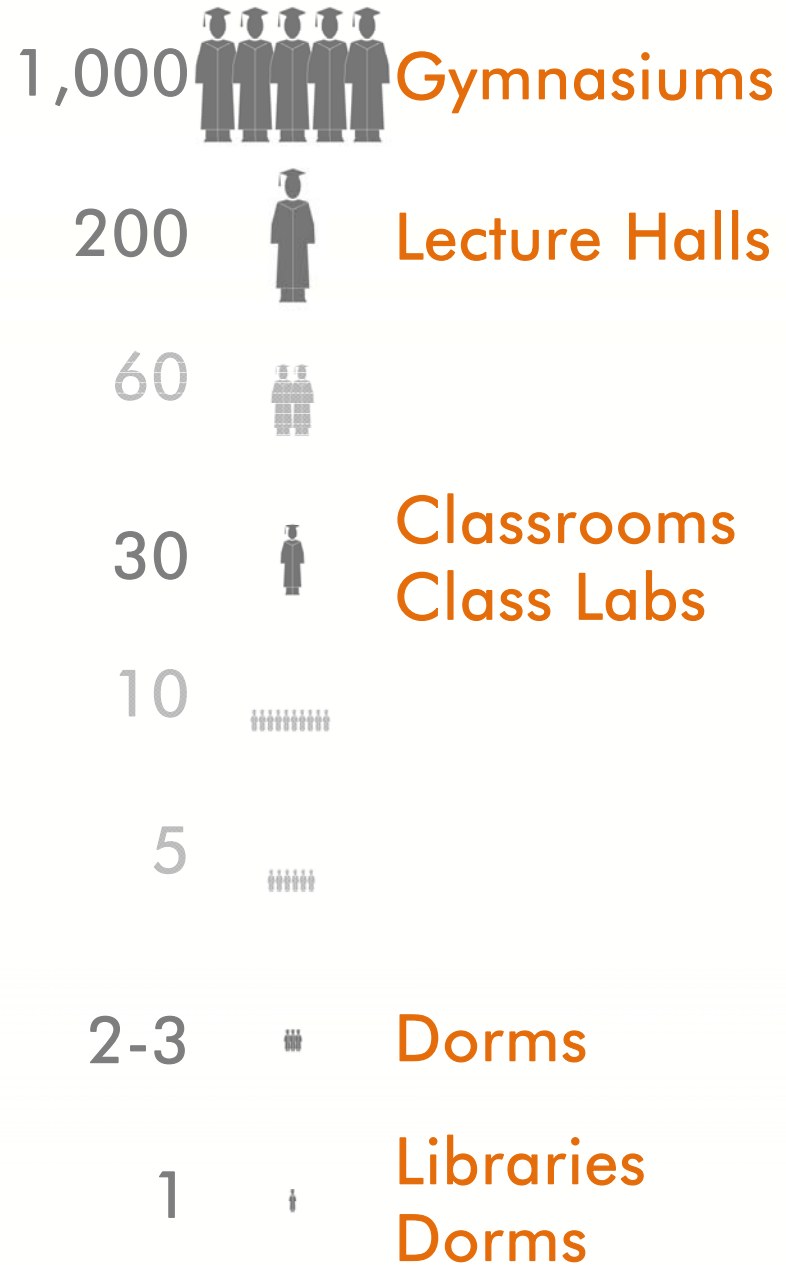
## Orders of Magnitude in Delivery

- Full array of teaching, learning and assembly groupings
- What's best for teaching?
- What's best for learning?



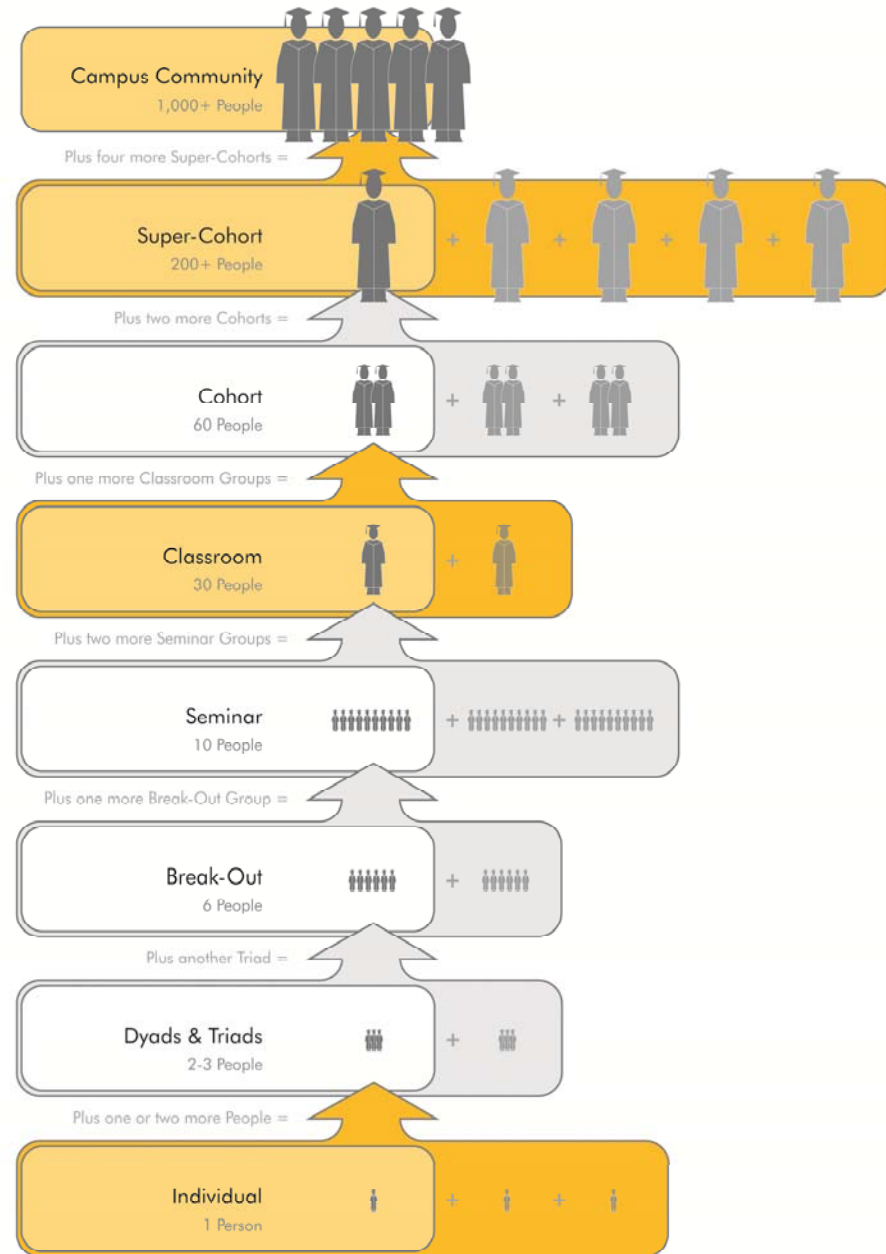
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- Original buildings built to support a traditional set of teaching environments
- There are facilities gaps in available learning environments
- This inhibits curriculum delivery (which has changed despite facilities), course design and learning outcomes



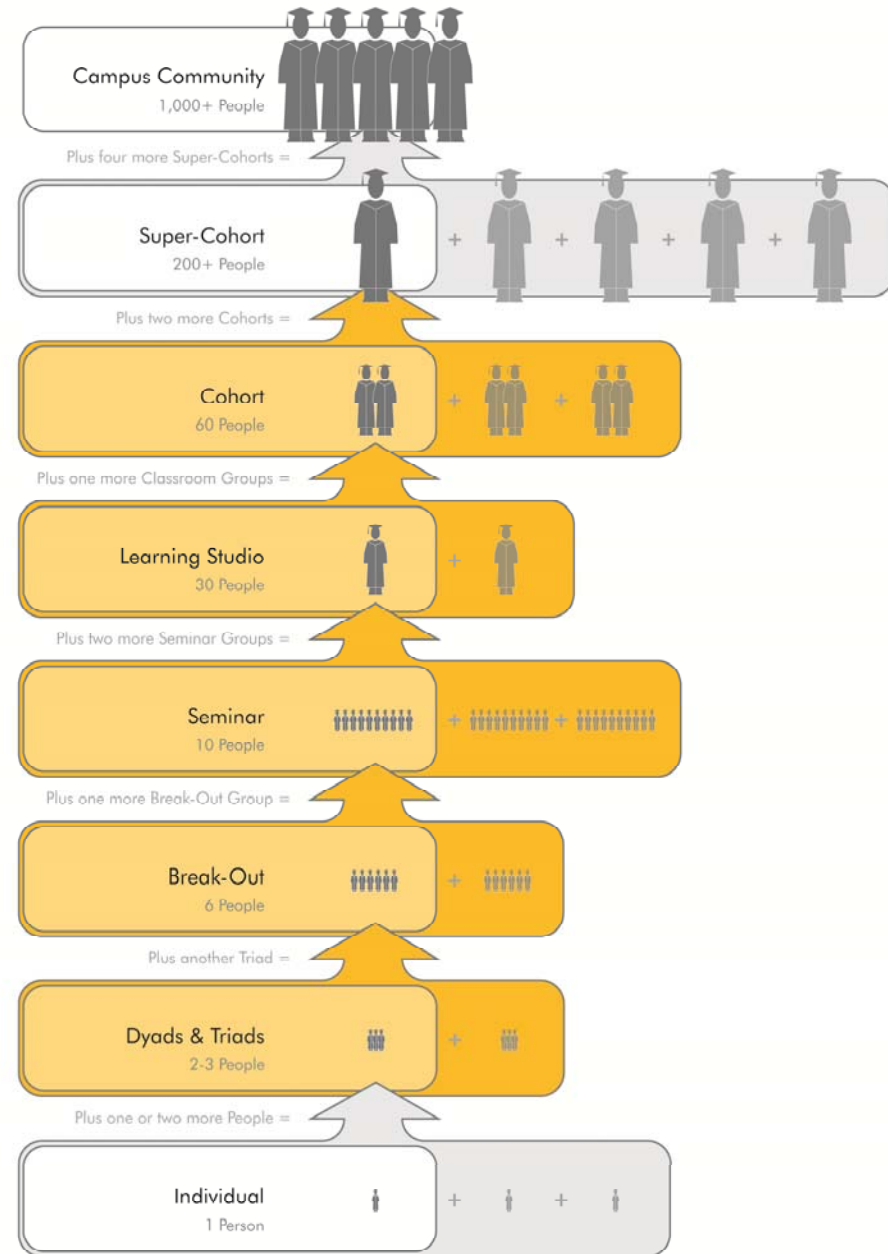
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- How does WPU shift from traditional teaching environments to learning environments?
- How are the gaps in the learning spectrum filled?



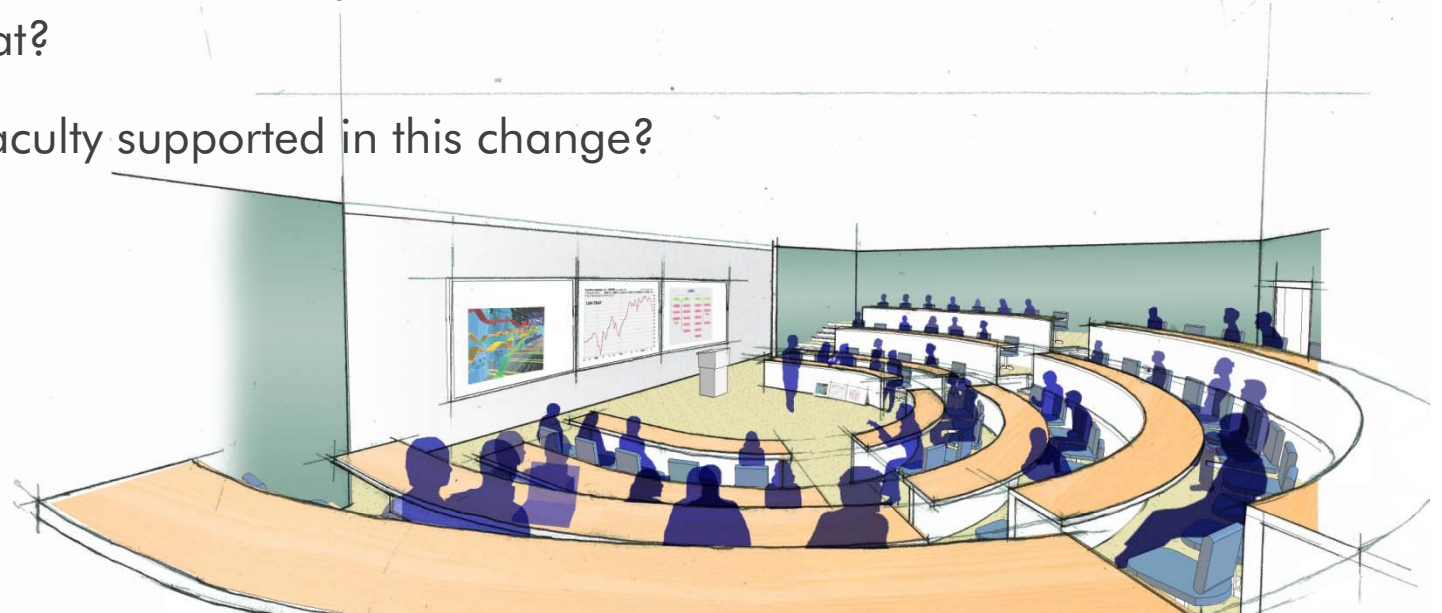
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- Spaces shift to smaller, more engaged environments
- Teaching is done differently, focus on engagement and instructor facilitated learning
- Requires investment in both the facilities, as well as training on how to use them
- Requires an almost equal focus on both content and social interaction
- Students become more responsible for their learning



## Identifying the Spaces Needed – Core Resources

- Things to consider in learning spaces:
  - What kinds of curriculum delivery can shift outside of the classroom? Can rote learning leave the classroom?
  - If improved learning outcomes are the goal, and better engagement is the best way forward, how do facilities support that?
  - How are faculty supported in this change?



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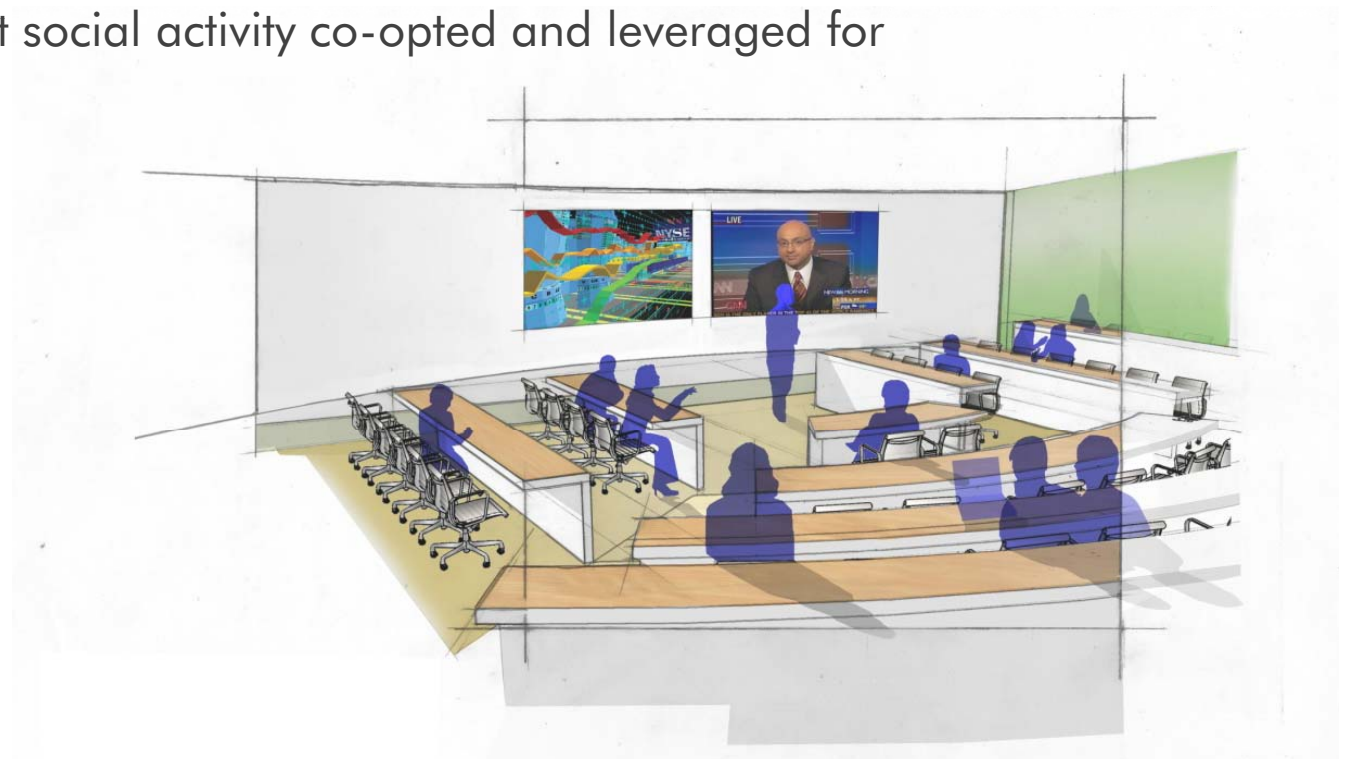
- Things to consider in learning spaces:
  - Flexible furnishings
  - Multimedia placement
  - Project based learning
  - Natural light
  - Better sightlines
  - Distraction tolerance
  - Adjacencies
    - Faculty offices
    - Collaborations





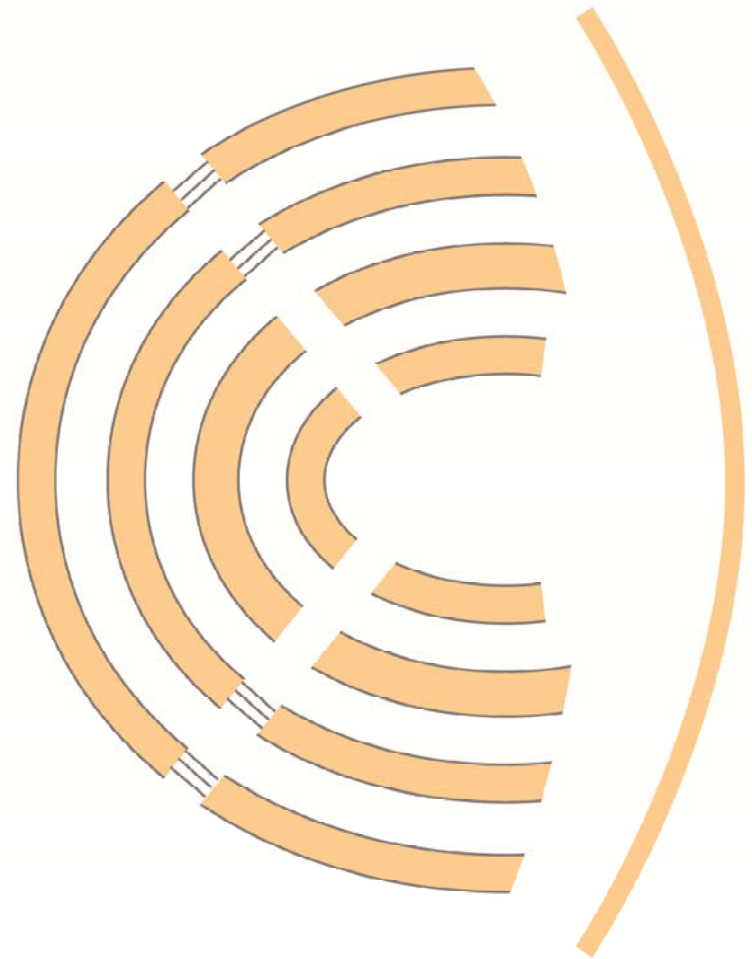
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  - How does the institution better engage students socially?  
And how is that social activity co-opted and leveraged for learning?



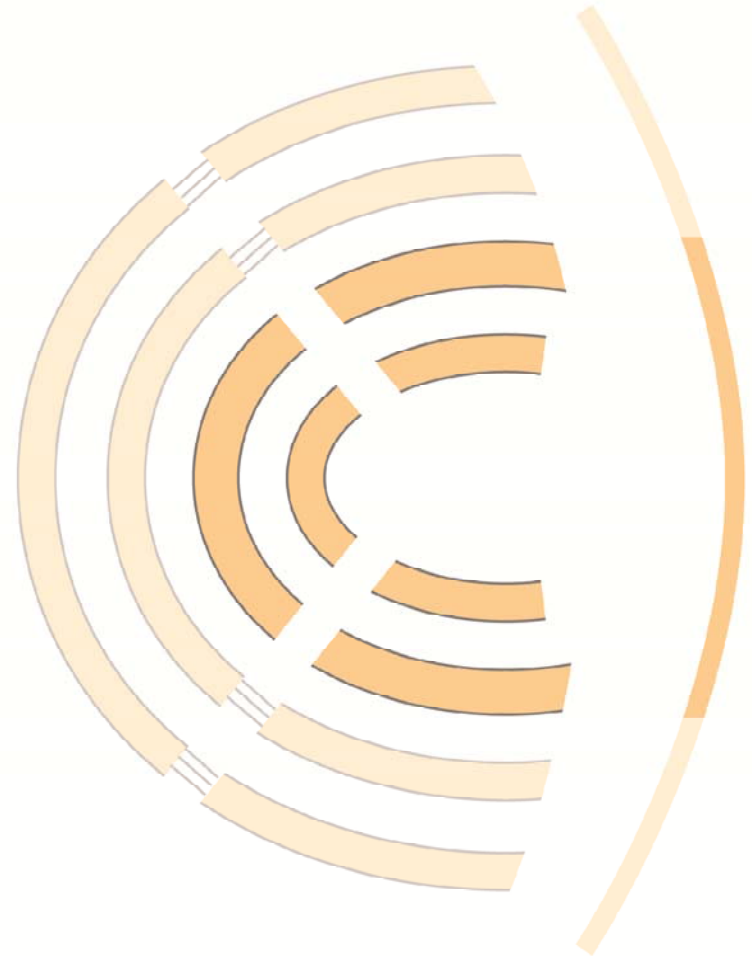
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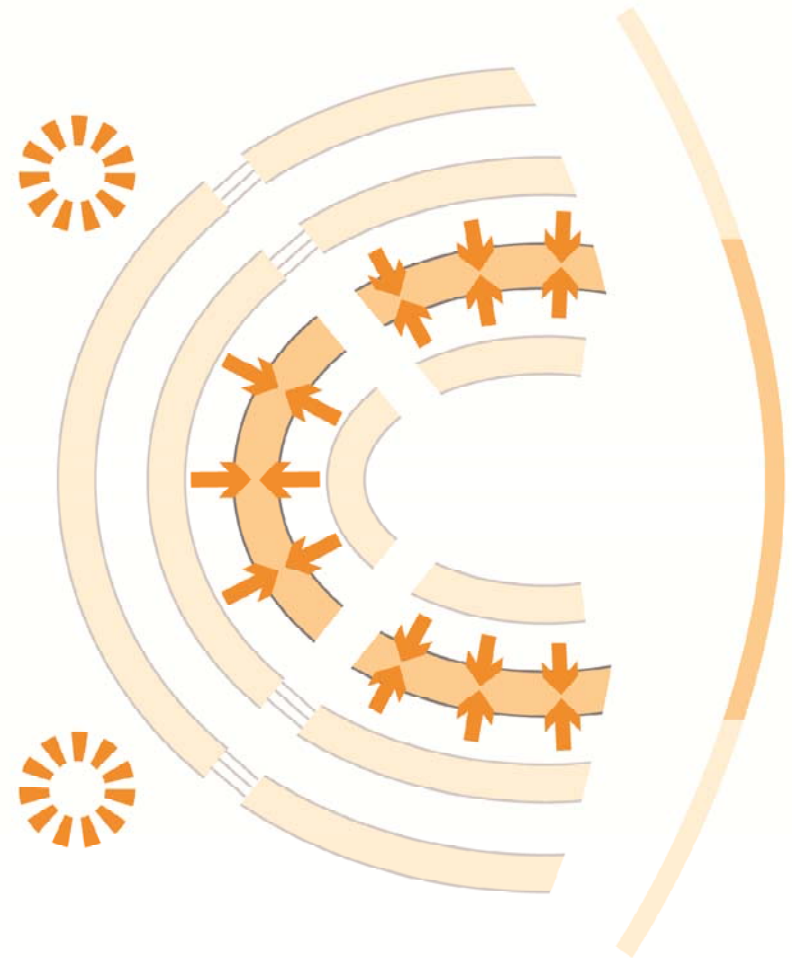
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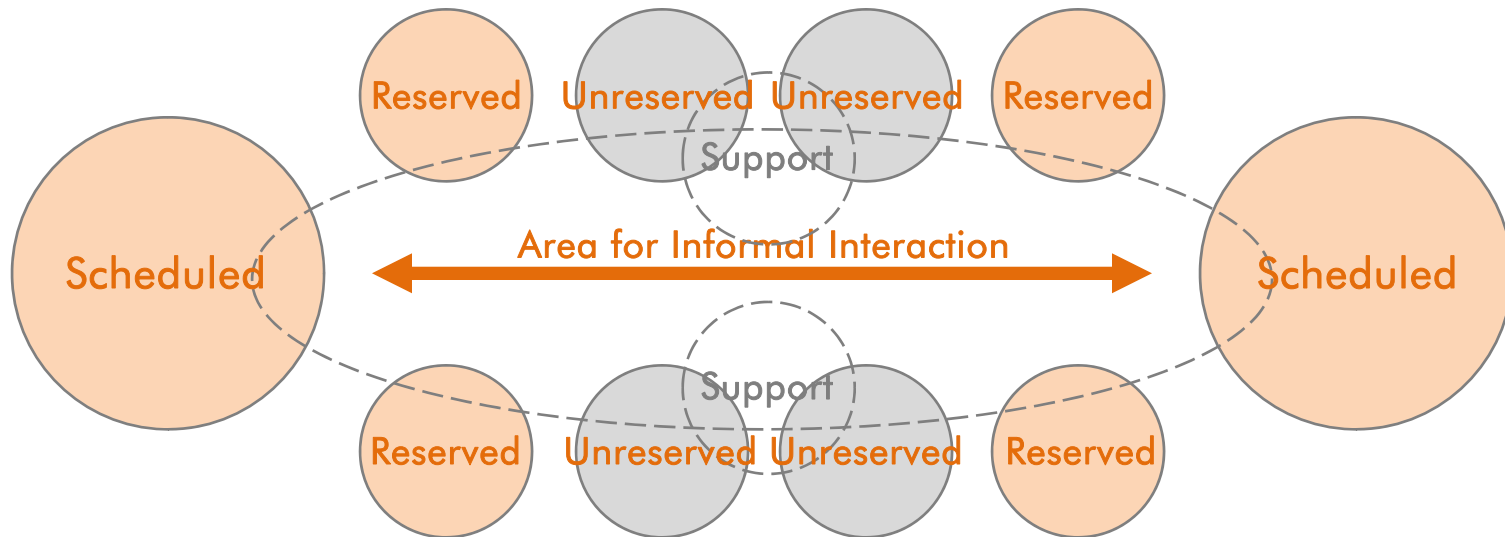
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  - Supports break-out learning of 2 to 4-person groups with deeper desk
  - Additional activity space in back

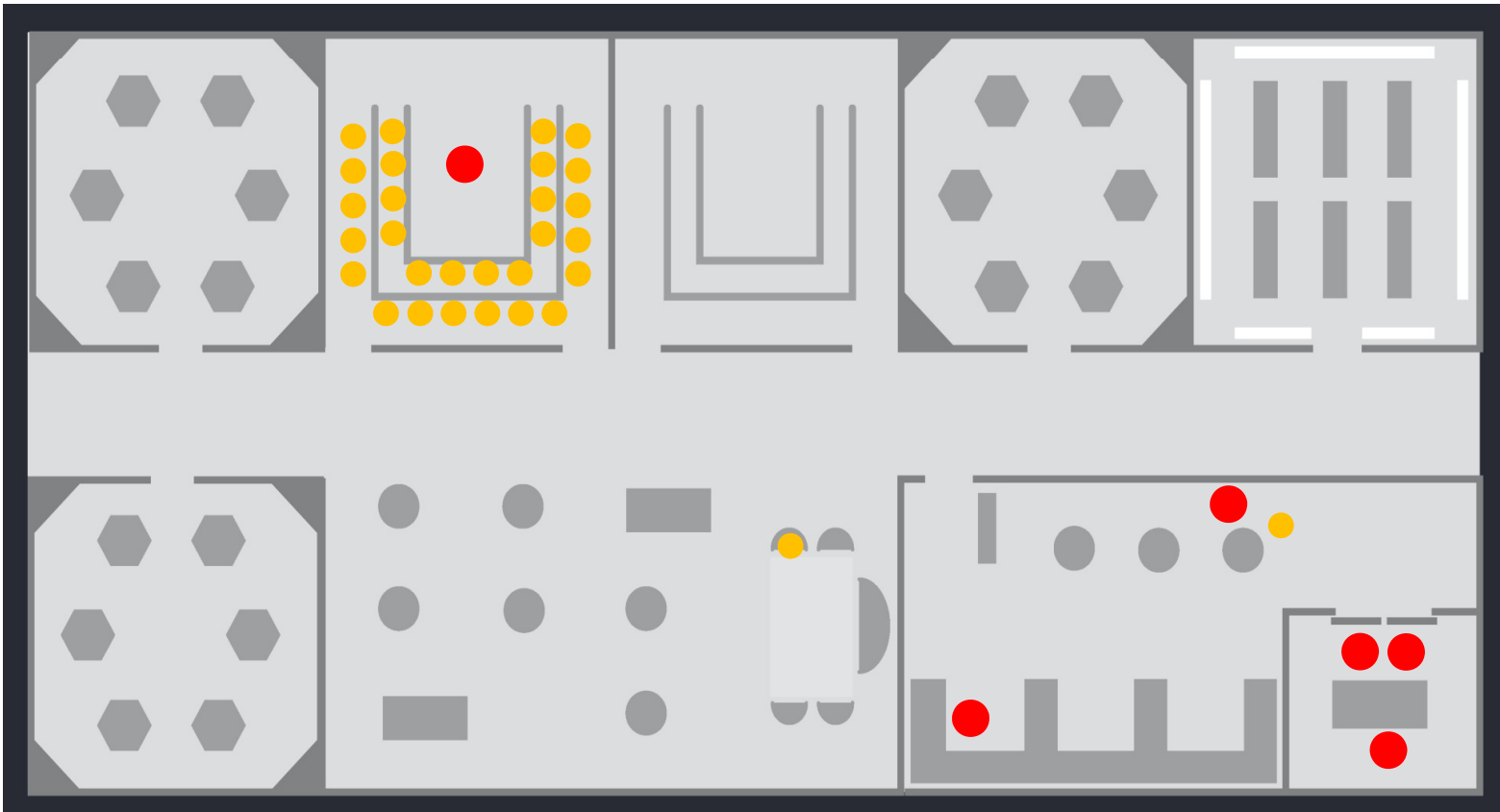


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- There is a differential between where you schedule students and where you don't – what's between scheduled spaces?
- Unplanned activity should be centralized to emphasize vibrancy and ensure utilization

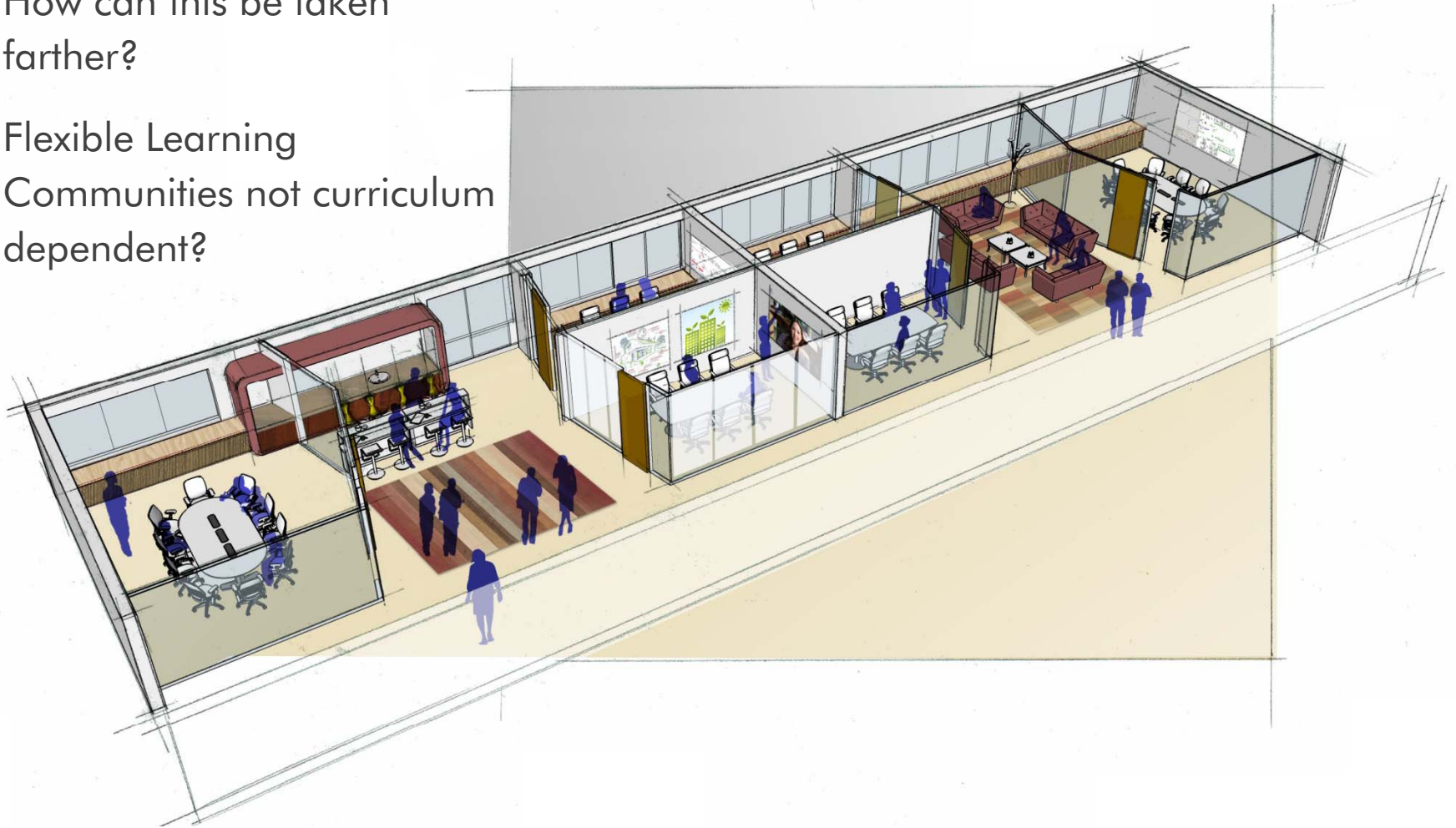


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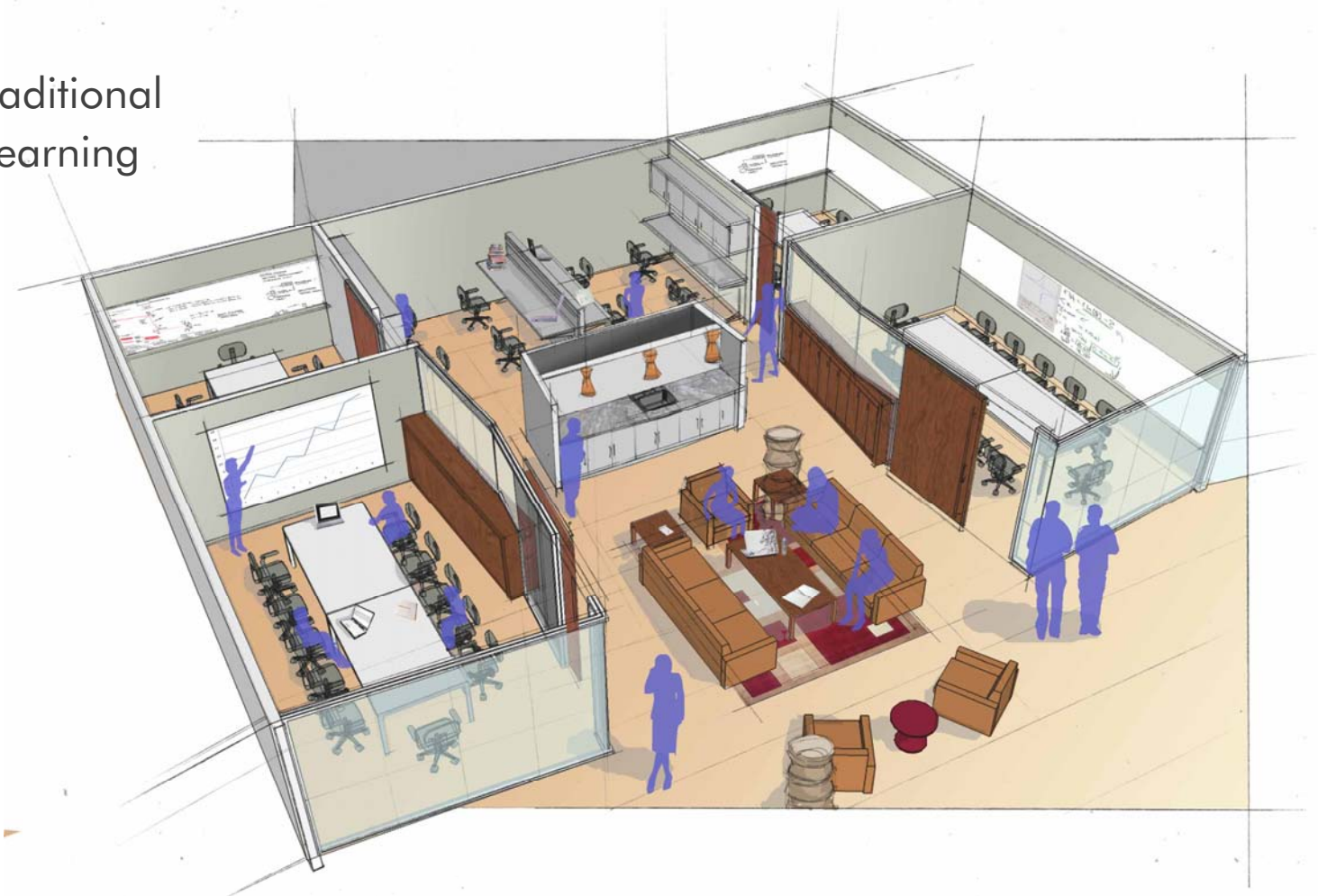
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- How can this be taken farther?
- Flexible Learning Communities not curriculum dependent?



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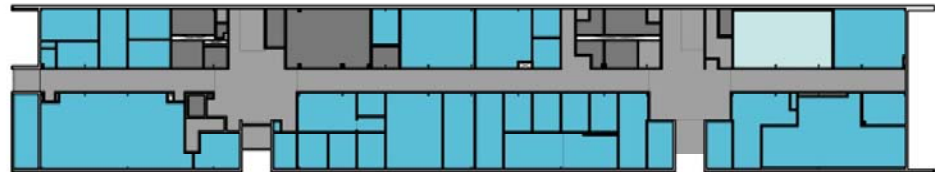
- Beyond the traditional break-out... Learning Communities





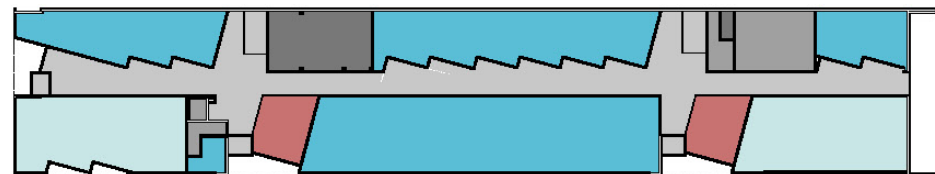
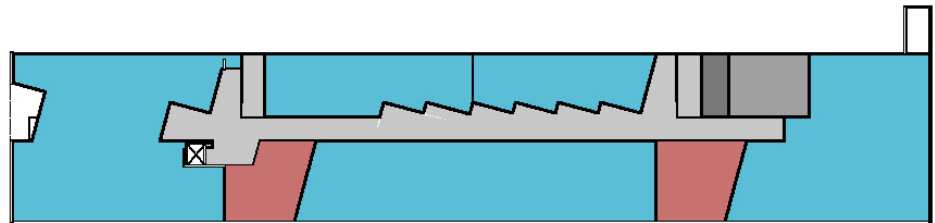
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## Programmatic Drivers

- Need to significantly upgrade most Academic Zone facilities' mechanical systems and this planning effort assists in determining how facility interiors should be reconstructed
- Need to change facilities to reflect the Learning Spectrum
- Need to increase amount of natural light in interior environments
- Need to contemporize the look and feel of the Zone

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