

**USD 443 Board of Education**  
Ford County, Kansas

# **AGENDA**

May 4, 2015

## **Special Board of Education Meeting**



**Beeson Elementary School**

**Reaching  Higher**  
Excellence, Equity, Excitement



# World Class Education



## ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

- Increased Student Achievement
- Comprehensive Educational Program
- Supplemental Programs & Services



## LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

- Safe and Orderly School Climate
- Alternative Education Programs & Services
- Facilities Planning & Development



## STAFF DEVELOPMENT

- Staff Recruitment & Retention
- Professional Growth Opportunities
- Compensation & Benefits



## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Parent Involvement
- Effective Communication
- Business & Community Partnerships



## ACCOUNTABILITY

- Fiscal Responsibility & Accountability
- Resource Allocation & Management
- Advocacy for Public Education

**BOARD OF EDUCATION UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 443**

Ford County, Dodge City, Kansas

**Special Board of Education Meeting**

Monday, May 4, 2015

5:30 PM

Austen Board Room  
1000 N. Second Avenue

AI - Action Item DI - Discussion Item IO - Information Only
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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Community Vision Committee's Facilities Recommendations - DLR Group (IO/DI)
4. Approval of the Facilities Projects for the June School Facilities Election (AI)
5. Adjourn

**Board of Education  
Dodge City Public Schools**

<b>Date:</b> May 4, 2015	<b>Subject:</b> Community Vision Committee's Facilities Recommendations - DLR Group
<b>Initiated By:</b> Alan R. Cunningham	<b>Attachments:</b> Presentation of the Community Vision Committee's recommended facilities projects
<b>Reviewed By:</b> Administrative Cabinet	

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** At the November 2014 Board of Education meeting, the DLR Group was selected by the Board of Education to conduct a community information campaign and pre-bond planning for the school district. On January 12, 2015, representatives from the DLR Group presented the pre-bond issue planning process, including the community and staff information campaign.

**CURRENT CONSIDERATIONS:** Since February 10, 2015, the DLR Group has facilitated five meetings of the Community Vision Committee in order to identify, develop, and refine the community's priorities for addressing the school district's growing enrollment. In authorizing the Community Vision Committee, the Board established priorities for the committee's work that included not only the capacity needs in district school buildings, but also storm safety, building security, and the elimination of modular classrooms.

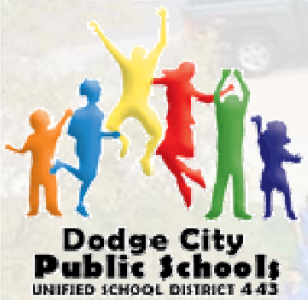
At a special meeting of the Board of Education on March 19, 2015, and in response to changes in Kansas school finance made by the 2015 Kansas Legislature, the Board called for a school facilities election to be held by mail-in ballot on June 25, 2015. At that time, the Board directed that the Community Vision Committee proceed with its work to develop recommendations regarding the community's priorities for addressing the facilities needs in the school district. That work was completed on Tuesday, April 28, 2015.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:** At the March 19, 2015 special meeting of the Board of Education, the Board authorized a June 25, 2015 bond referendum (school facilities election), not to exceed \$85.6 million dollars, for the purpose of addressing the capacity, security, and storm safety in the district's facilities.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** The Board of Education is respectfully requested to receive the information regarding the recommended facilities projects from the Community Vision Committee, as facilitated by the DLR Group.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

- ☐ Approval
- ☒ Information
- ☒ Discussion



# ***DODGE CITY USD 443***

## ***BOARD OF EDUCATION UPDATE***



# VISIONING MEETINGS

**February 10** – Discussed building condition and capacities

**March 10** – Created guiding principles

**March 24** – Focused on elementary schools

**April 14** – Focused on DCMS and DCHS  
Reviewed three options

**April 28** - Reviewed four options



# GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Safety and security

Reduced student : teacher ratios

Flexible spaces for breakout learning

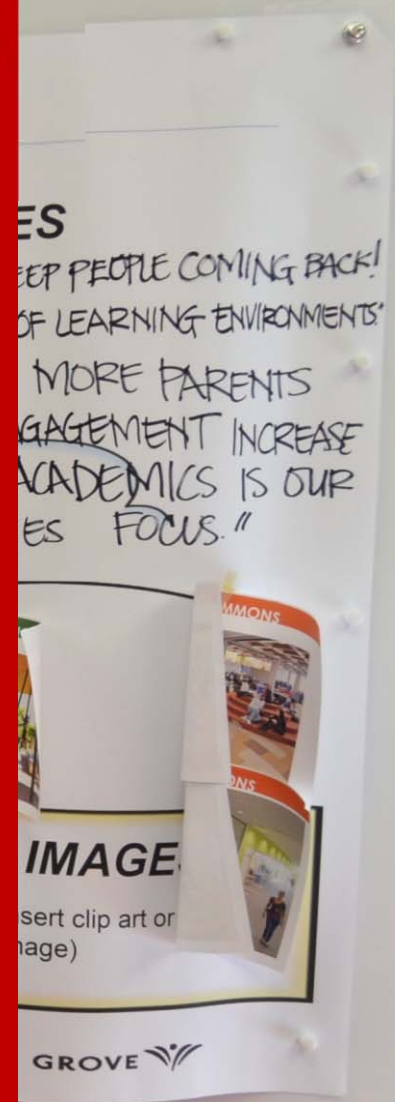
Financial responsibility

College and career ready

Space with growth and change in mind

Space for project based learning

Technology conducive to learning



# MILESTONE DATES

**May 27** – Voter registration deadline

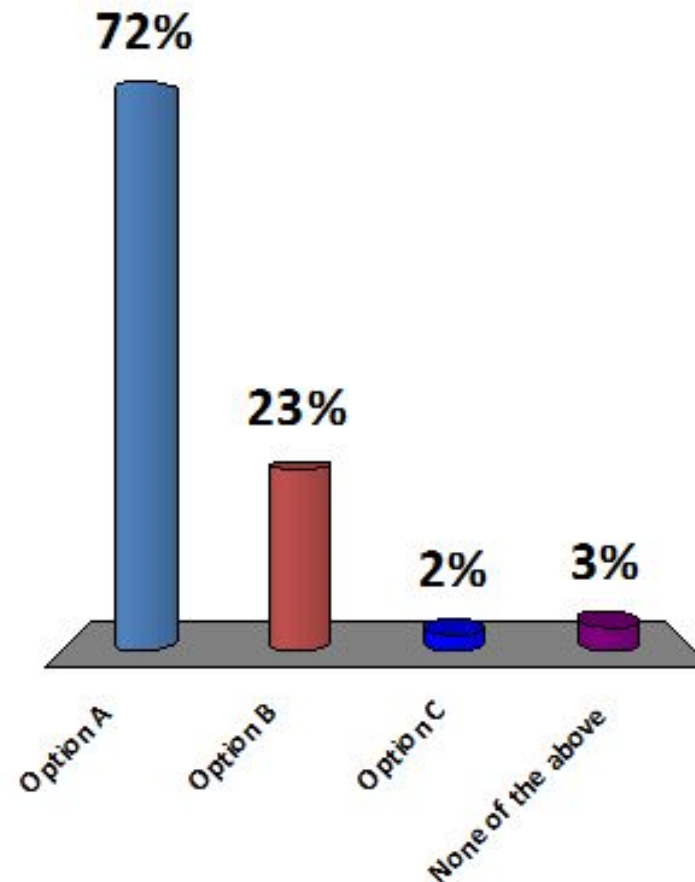
**June 5** – Ballots mailed out

**June 25** – Noon, Ballots due at County Clerk



# AUDIENCE RESPONSE

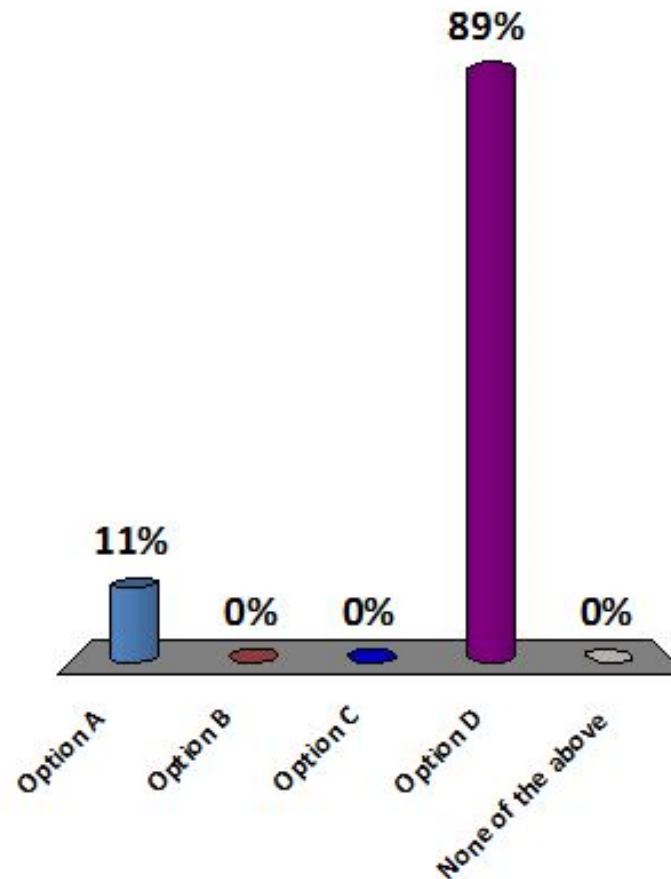
- A. Option A
- B. Option B
- C. Option C
- D. None of the above



Data from April 14, 2015 meeting

# AUDIENCE RESPONSE

- A. Option A
- B. Option B
- C. Option C
- D. Option D
- E. None of the above



**Data from April 28, 2015 meeting**

# Option D: \$85.6 million

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## ES Projects - \$32.9 Million :

Safety, Storm & Multipurpose Spaces

24 new classrooms for capacity

10-15 years of growth

## MS Projects – \$16.9 Million :

Comp. gym, 6th grade additions at DCMS

Wrestling/weights reno. and new locker room

Create 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Project Based CR / Storm Addition

Expand Dining Commons

10-15 years of growth

## HS Projects – \$35.8 Million :

New academic wing, CTE expansion,

Smaller PE expansion, and performing arts expansion

10-15 years of growth

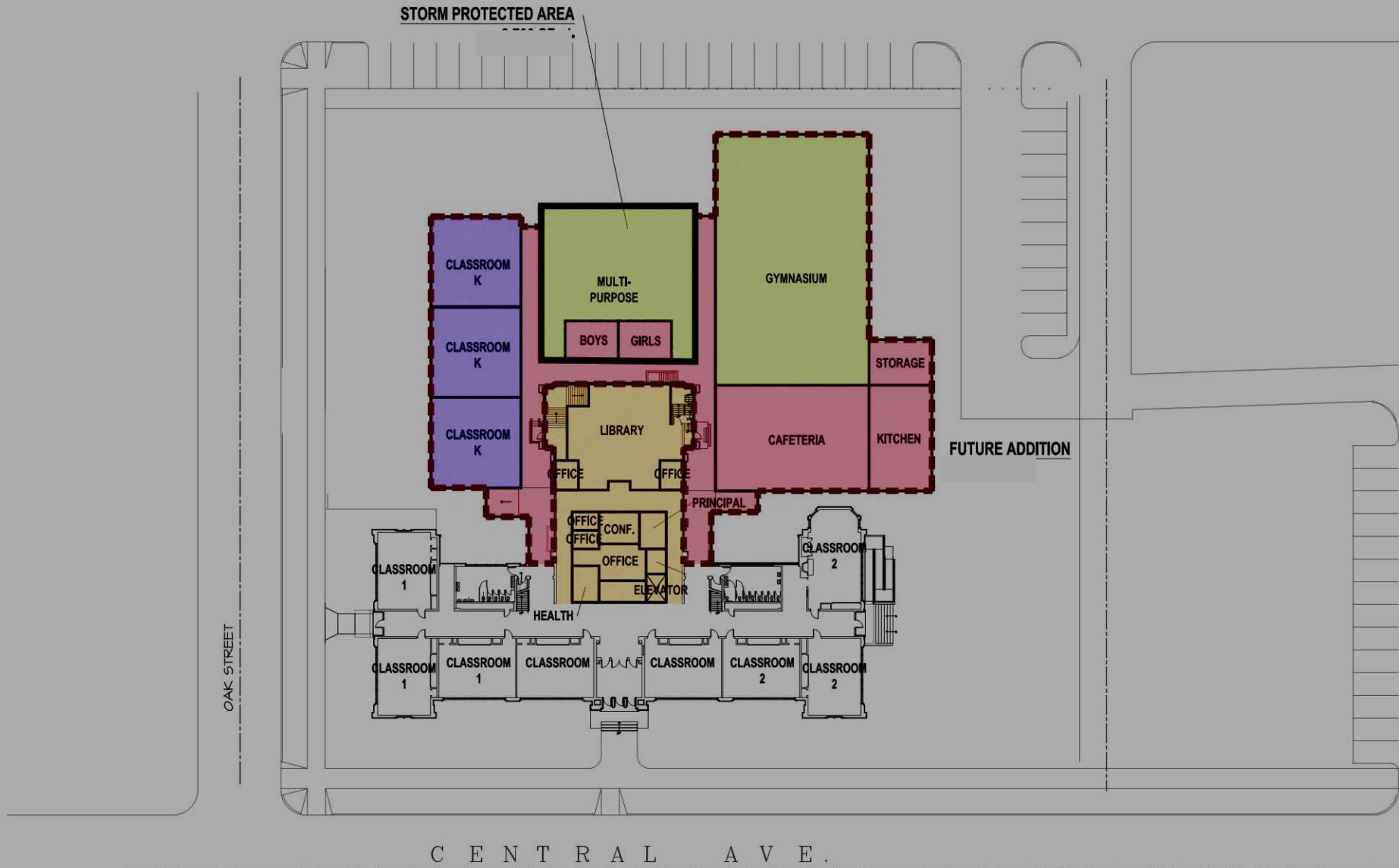


# Every Option Includes:

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Safety & Security at **ALL SCHOOLS**  
Storm Shelters at **ALL SCHOOLS**

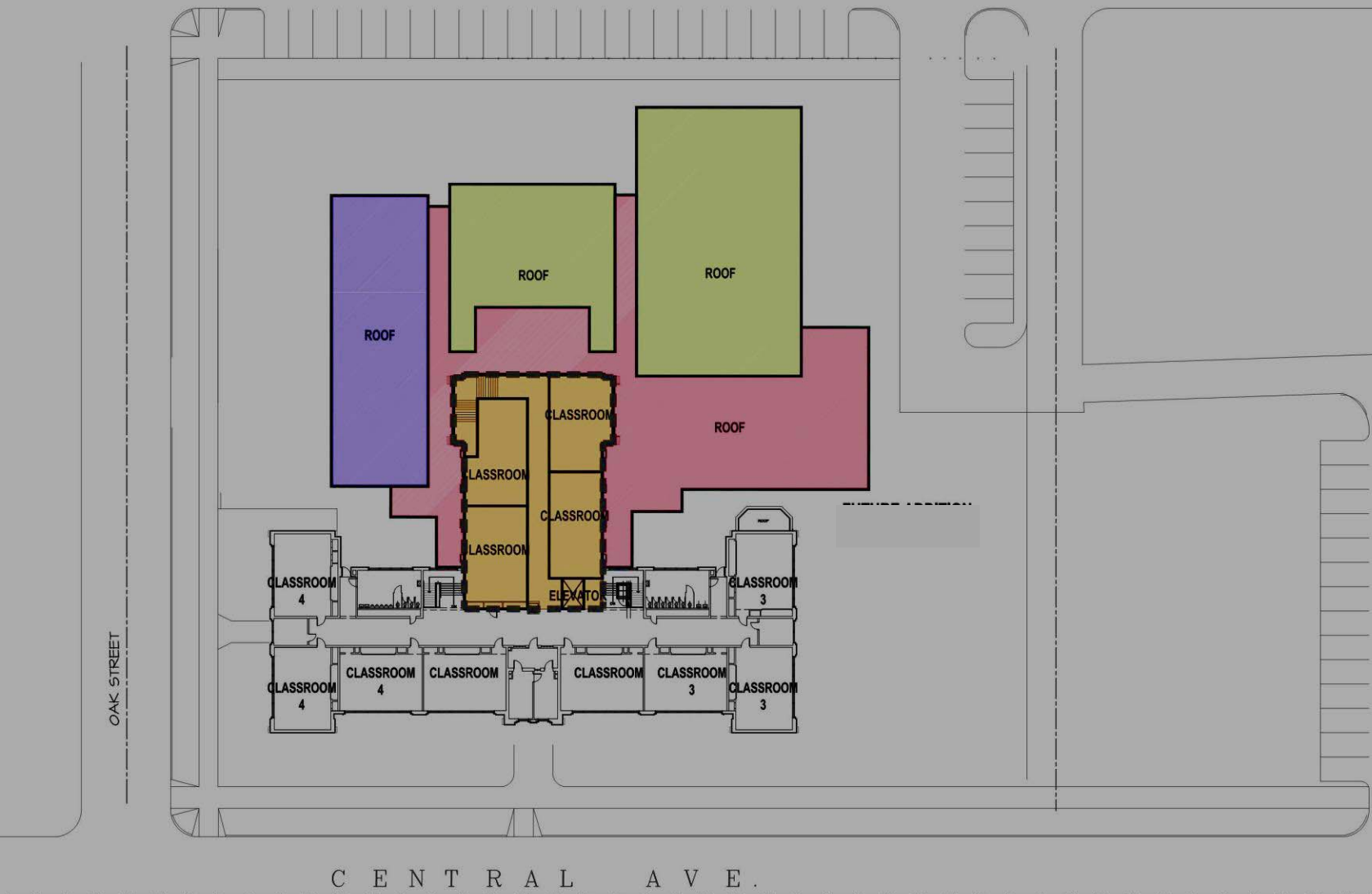




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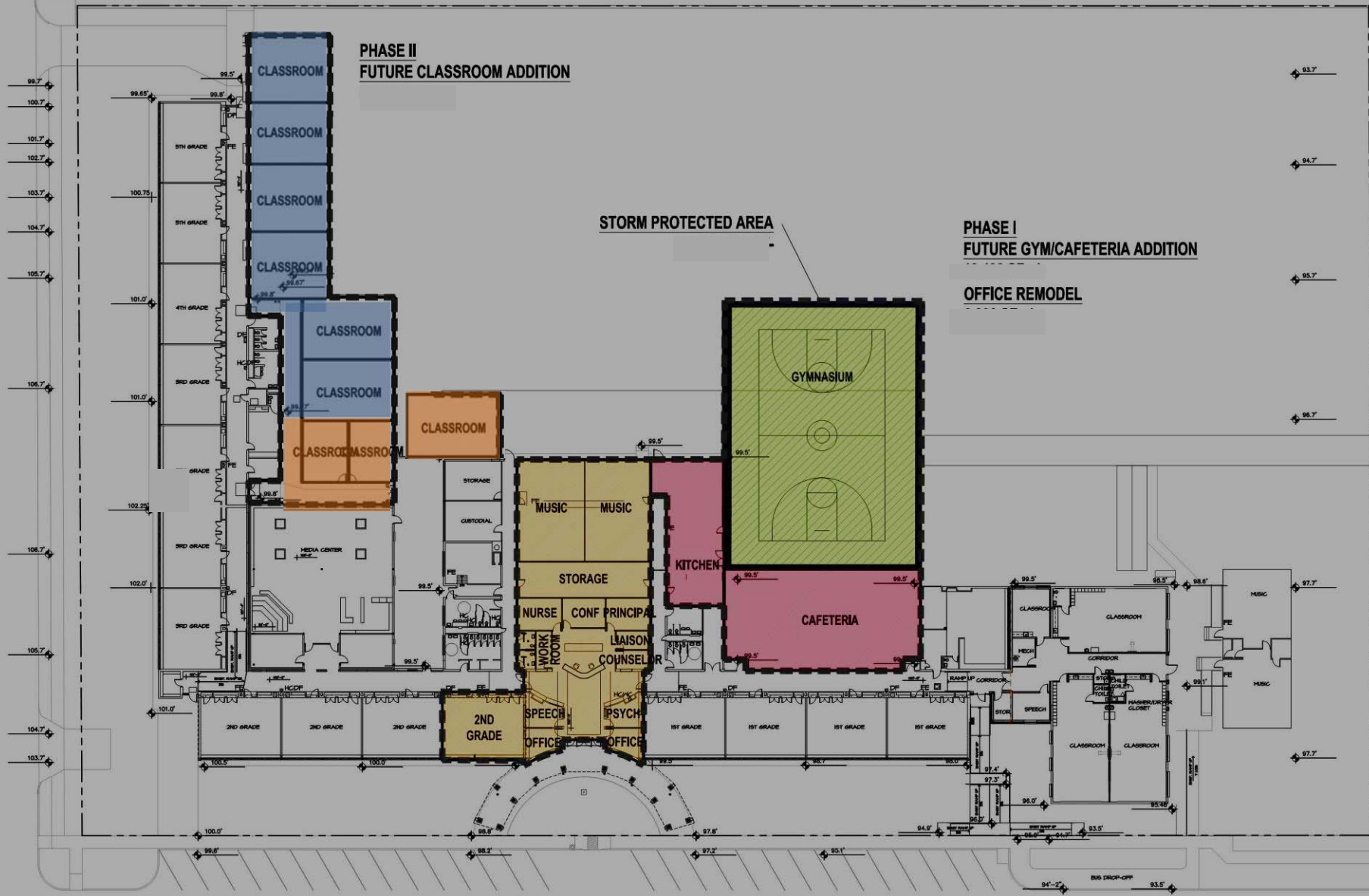
PLAN NORTH



**CENTRAL ELEMENTARY 2nd FLOOR PLAN**

PHASE I  
FUTURE MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM  
STORM PROTECTED





**MILLER ELEMENTARY FLOOR PLAN**

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PLAN NORTH

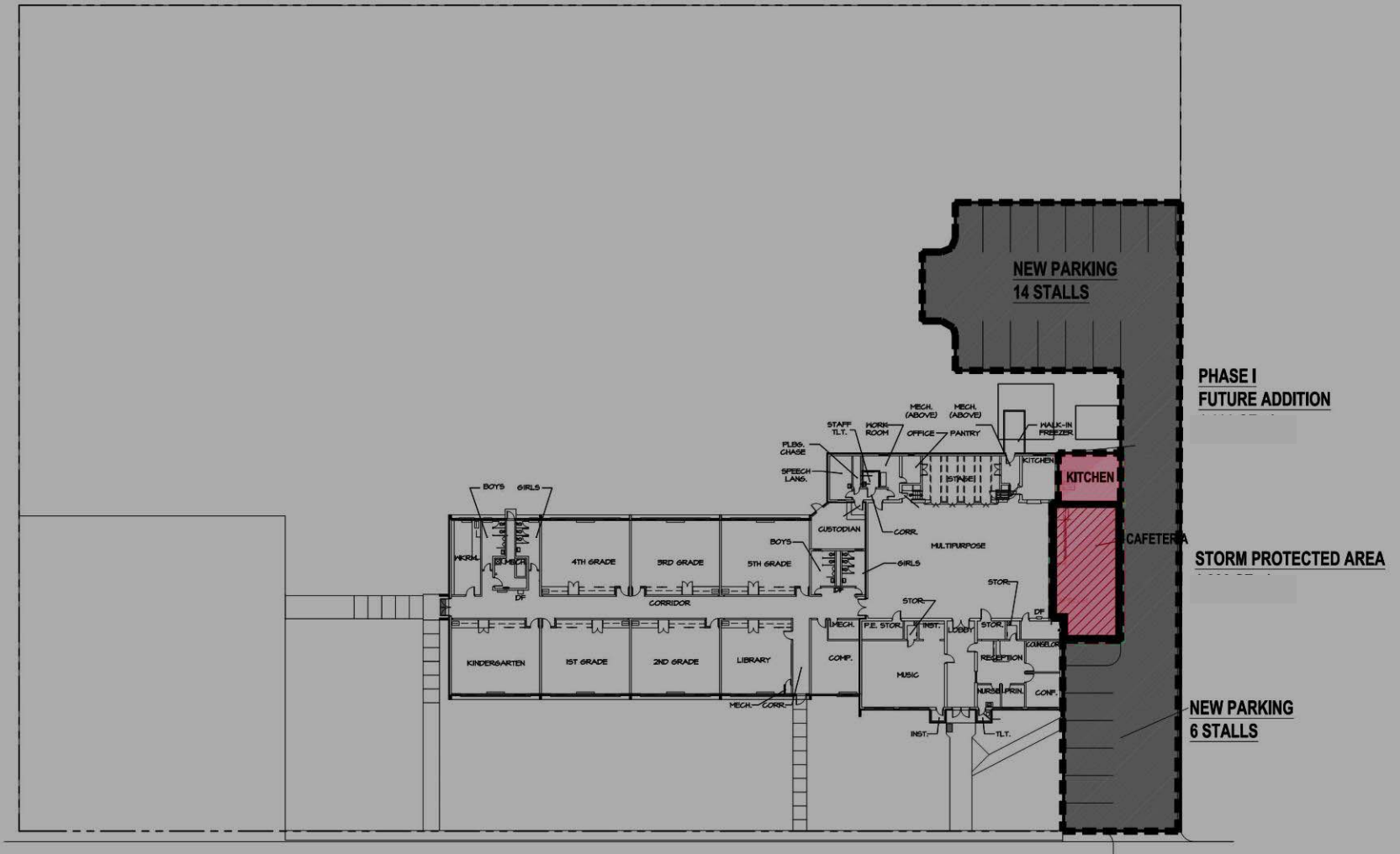
Storm-Protected Renovation & Addition

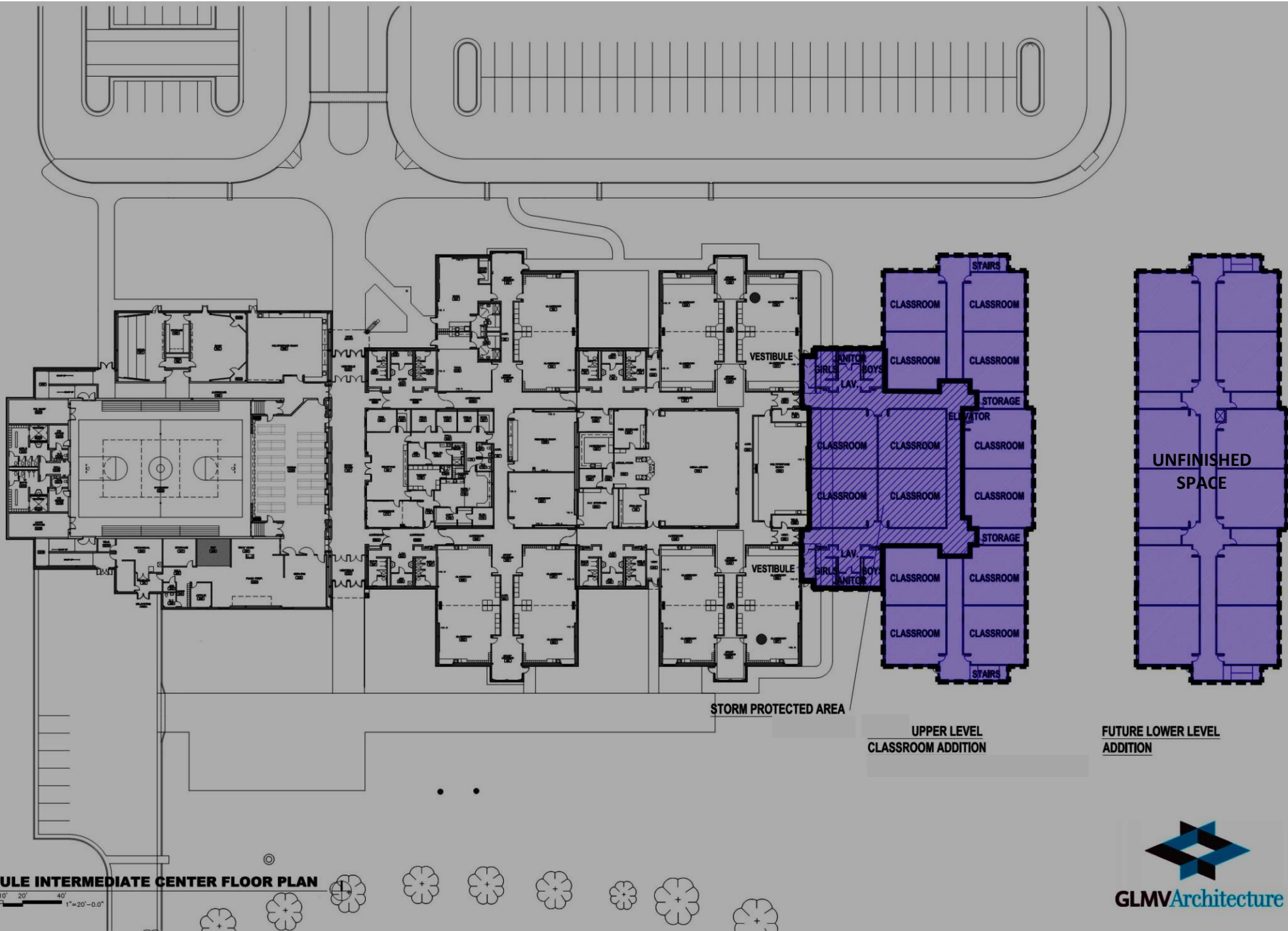


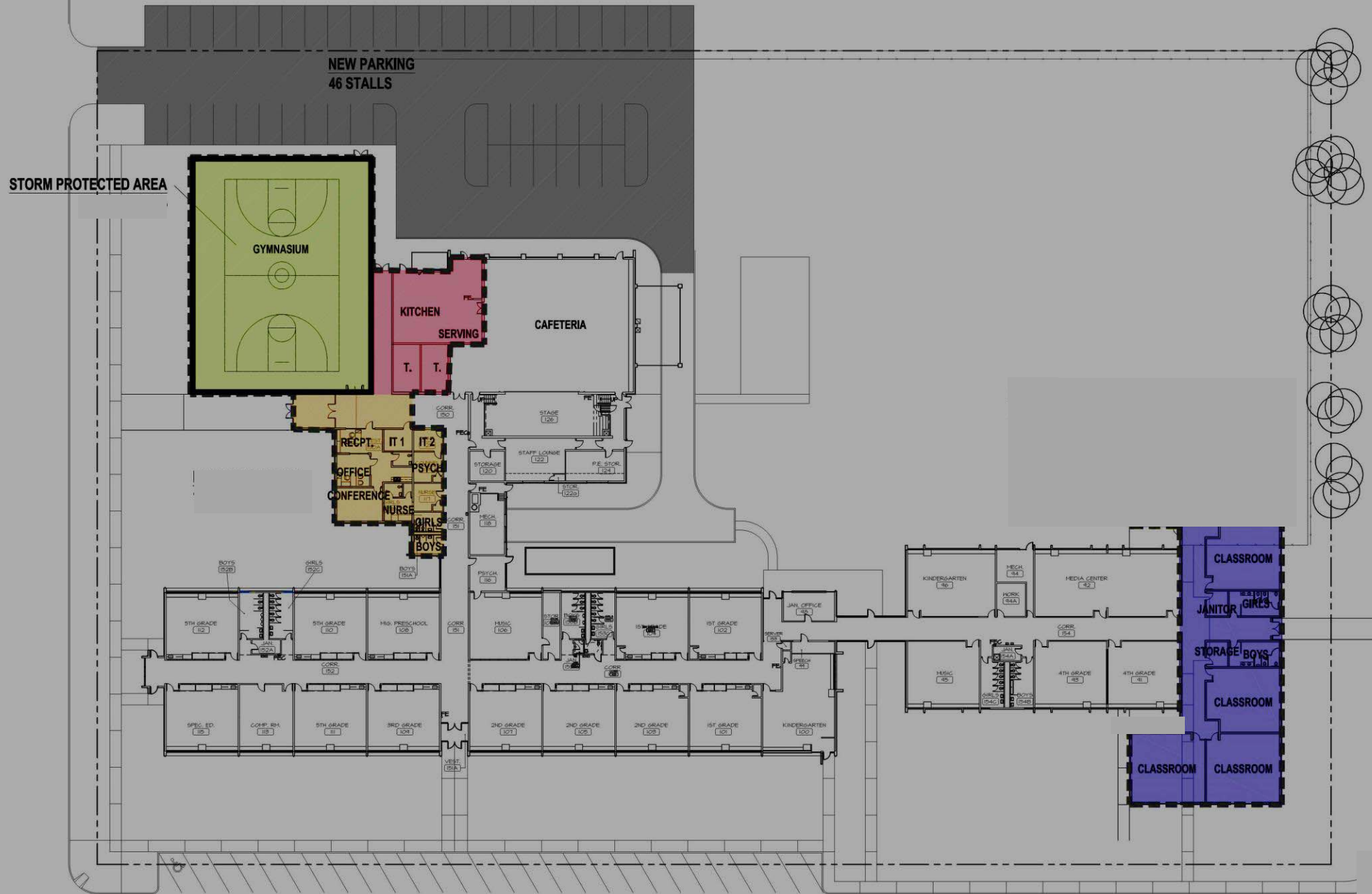
SUNNYSIDE ELEMENTARY FLOOR PLAN



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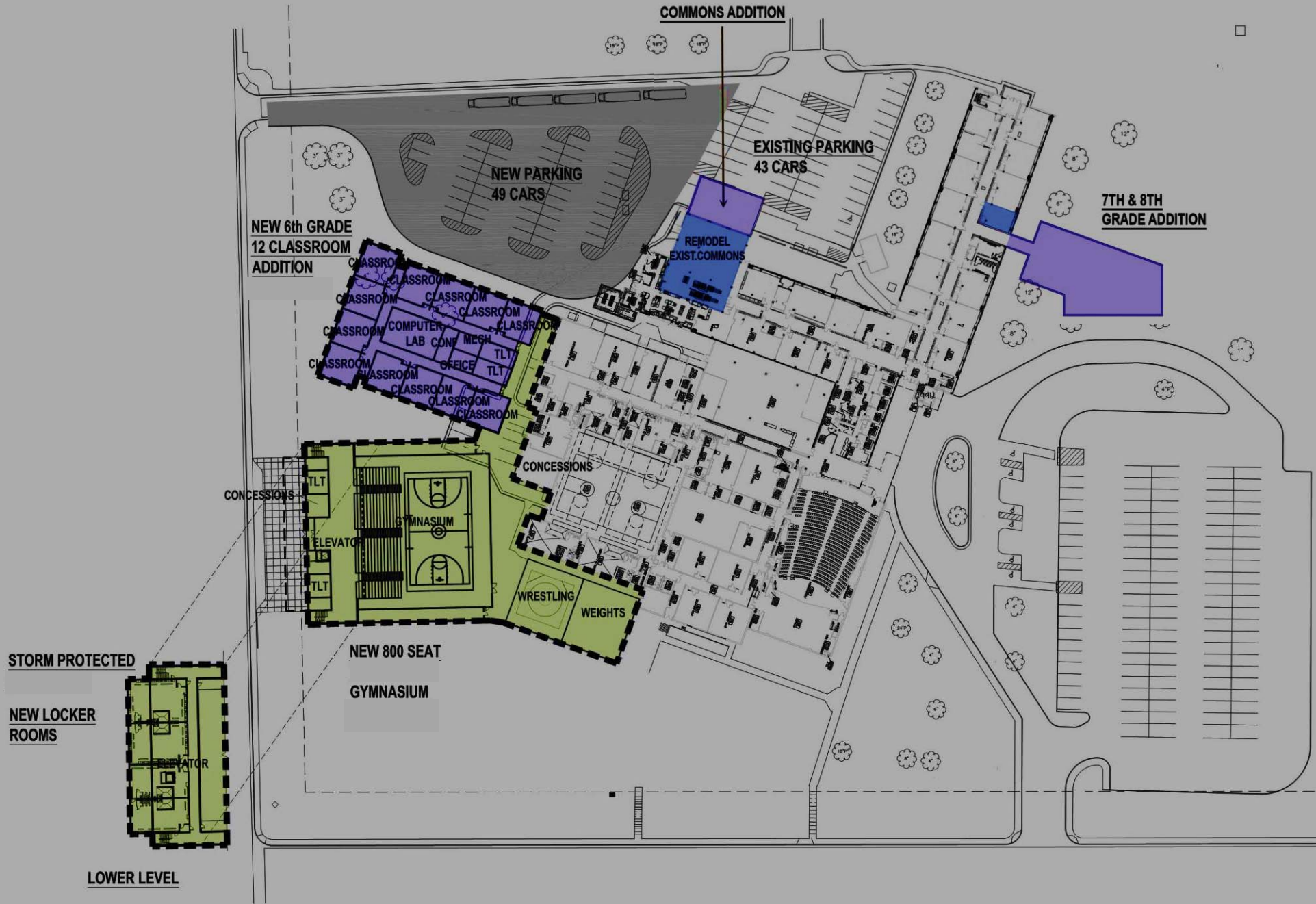






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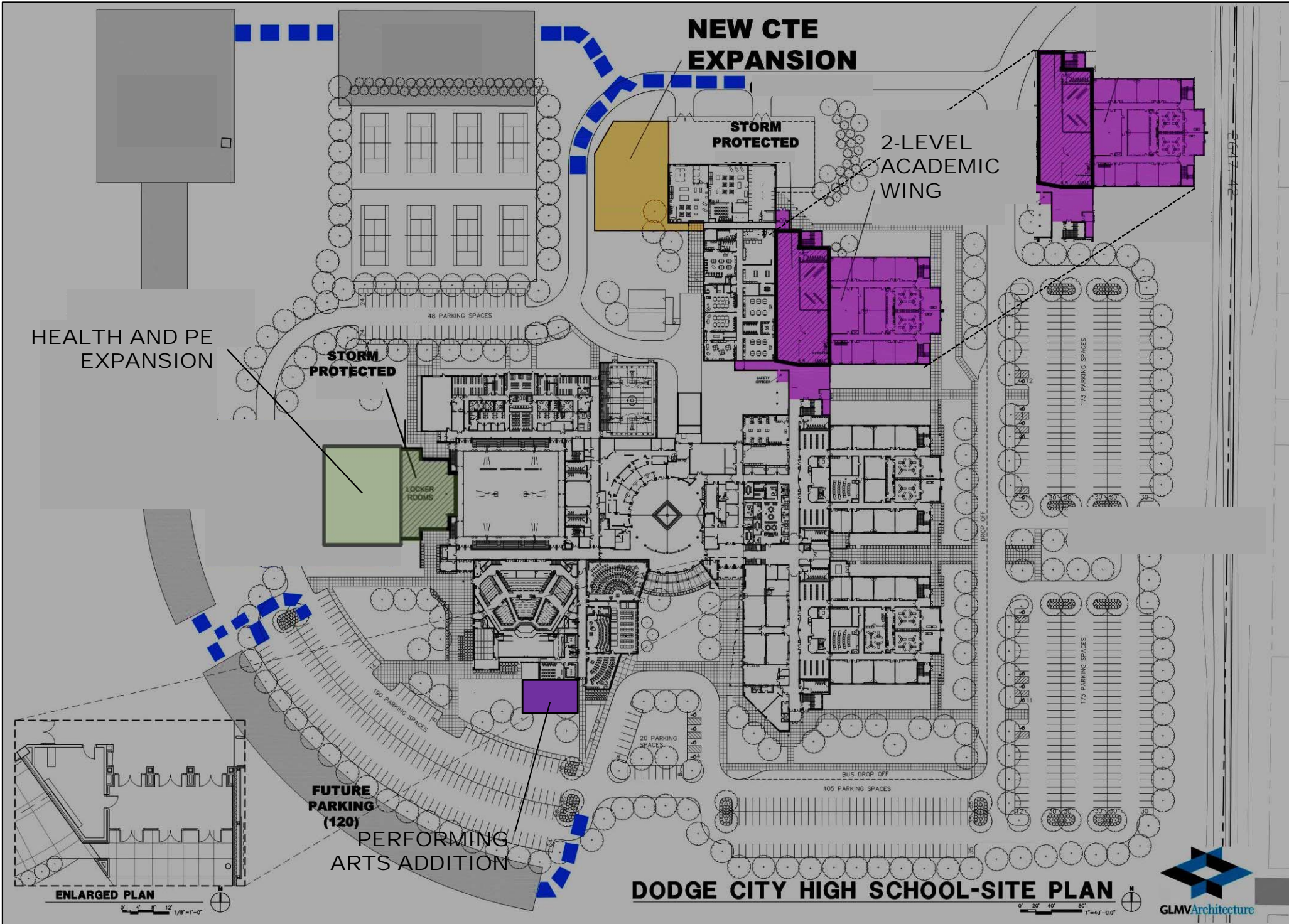




**DODGE CITY MIDDLE SCHOOL SITE PLAN**

0' 20' 40' 80'  
1"=40'-0.0"





A photograph of a classroom scene. In the foreground, several young students are seated at their desks. A girl in a green and white shirt is raising her hand. A boy in an orange shirt is looking down at his work. Other students are visible in the background, some also with their hands raised. A teacher with blonde hair is standing at the front of the room, looking towards the students. The back wall is decorated with a large display of colorful papers, including a calendar for August and various educational posters. The word "DISCUSSION" is overlaid in large, bold, italicized black letters across the center of the image.

# *DISCUSSION*



## Board of Education Dodge City Public Schools

<b>Date:</b> May 4, 2015	<b>Subject:</b> Approval of the Facilities Projects for the June School Facilities Election
<b>Initiated By:</b> Alan R. Cunningham	<b>Attachments:</b> None
<b>Reviewed By:</b> Administrative Cabinet	

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** Since February 10, 2015, the DLR Group has facilitated five meetings of the Community Vision Committee resulting in recommendations to the Board of Education of the community's priorities for addressing the school district's growing enrollment, as well as security and storm safety needs.

**CURRENT CONSIDERATIONS:** The Community Vision Committee recommends the following facility additions and renovations in order to address current and projected enrollment growth in Dodge City USD 443, as well as meet community expectations for school safety and security:

- All schools will receive upgrades to security systems.
- All schools not currently having designated storm-protected areas will have such areas incorporated into building additions and renovations.
- Classrooms will be added to each building where students currently attend classes in modular classrooms.
- The overall capacity for the school district's elementary schools will be increased by a total of twenty-four classrooms among Central, Miller, Soule and Sunnyside Elementary Schools. The remaining elementary schools will receive additions and/or renovations to provide storm-protected areas that also improve the instructional programs and/or operations at each school. These include additions to Central, Northwest, Miller and Wilroads Gardens Elementary Schools where current facilities include combined space for gyms, cafeterias, and auditoriums (a.k.a. "gymcafeteriums").
- Additions to Dodge City Middle School include sixth grade classrooms, a competition gymnasium/locker rooms, storm-protected instructional areas, as well as renovations for weight and wrestling rooms and an addition to the commons/lunchroom area.
- Dodge City High School Projects include a new academic wing, expansion of Career and Technical Education (Vocational/Technical) facilities, a Health and Physical Education addition and a Performing Arts addition.

In response to the enrollment growth projections, these recommendations are estimated to address the facilities needs at these buildings for the next fifteen years.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:** The cost for the facilities additions and/or renovations, as well as furnishings, equipment, costs of issuance for the bonds, contingency funds, and fees shall not exceed \$85.6 million dollars.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** The Board of Education is respectfully requested to approve the facilities recommendation from the Community Vision Committee, and direct that they be included in the June 25, 2015 school facilities election.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

- ☒ Approval
- ☐ Information
- ☒ Discussion

# KANSAS OPEN MEETINGS LAW

(Sample Motions for Executive Session)

Madam President, I move that we go into executive session (fill in subject) in order to (fill in justification), and that we return to open session in this room at (fill in the time).

SUBJECT	JUSTIFICATION
To discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel	Protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed
To discuss matters affecting a student(s)	Protect the privacy interests of the business to be discussed
To discuss confidential financial data or trade secrets of a business	Protect the interests of the business to be discussed
For consultation with our attorney on a matter protected by the attorney-client privilege	Protect the privilege and the board's position in (litigation, potential litigation, administrative proceedings, etc.)
To discuss negotiations	Protect the public interest in negotiating a fair and equitable contract
To have preliminary discussions about the acquisition of real property	Protect the public interest in obtaining the property at a fair price
Matters relating to the security of the board, the school, school buildings or facilities, or the information system of the school	To ensure the security of the school, its buildings, and/or its information system is not jeopardized

**Our Mission...To prepare our students to be capable, contributing participants in a changing world.**