

Soldotna Elementary Reconstruction

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Key Objectives:

Creating the Best Learning Environment for Students

- Fit-for-purpose, modern educational facility with a welcoming and engaging feel.
- Age-specific and small-group spaces that support students' developmental and learning needs.
- Safe, comfortable environments that help students feel supported and ready to learn.
- Flexible spaces that support a variety of teaching methods and learning styles.
- Thoughtful use of project funding to prioritize features that directly benefit students.



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Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC)
Project Update



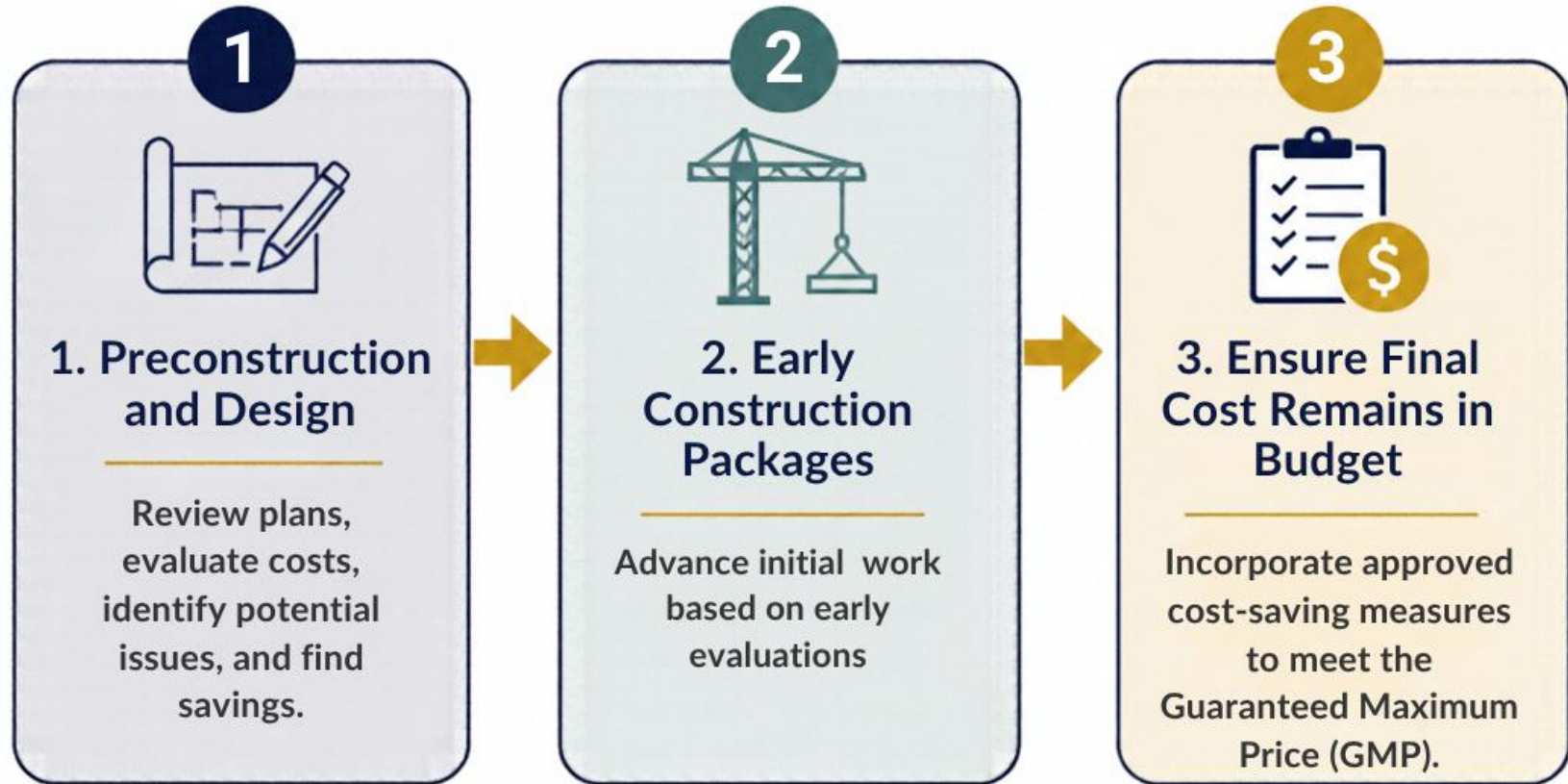
Selecting the Construction Partner



Key takeaway: The project uses the Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) approach to bring the construction contractor into the design process before construction is fully underway.

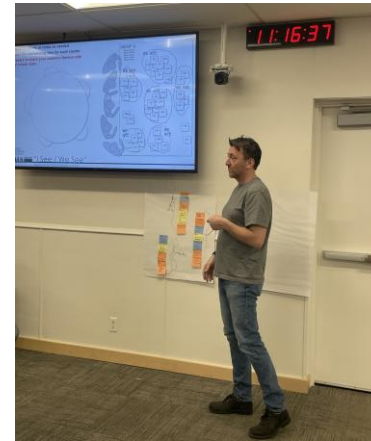
The Project Team

**COLLABORATE.
PLAN.
SAVE.**



When the CMGC contract was awarded, the design was approximately 65% complete. Blazy Construction joined the design team to help refine the plans, evaluate costs, and prepare for construction.

Collaboration in Action



The Process



“Do what is best for the Students”

Space Types

Amazing Library

Science Spaces
Community Spaces
Sensory Areas
CTE
SPED
State of the Art Gym

Function

Collaborative Multi- Functional Small Groups

Open Layouts Adaptable
Flexible Good Acoustics
Secure & Safe Accessible

Look

Light & Bright Color Open Spaces Natural light

Inspiring Clean & Uncluttered
Plants Bustling not chaotic

Wayfinding Orientation

Open Hallways
Safe Traffic Circulation
4th Dimension
Well defined spaces
Flowing Spaces
Building shows we value education

School Culture

Student Art
School Identity
Family Values
Food Culturally
Relevant

Feel

Welcoming
Engaged
Play Empowered
Inspiring Movement
Movement Smiling

Teach/Learning Styles

Individual Learning
Project Based
Needs Based
Exploratory Learning
Multi-age groups
Mentoring

The Vision

Value Engineering & Our Guiding Principle



1. Identify Opportunities

Review design elements and construction methods to identify cost savings while prioritizing the best possible learning environment.

2. Evaluate and Refine

Work with the design and construction teams to find cost-saving solutions that keep student need at the forefront.

3. Incorporate Savings

Finalize cost-saving measures that help deliver a functional, supportive space where students can learn and thrive.



Prioritize funding spent in the classroom.

Every decision is focuses on creating the best learning environment for Soldotna students.



Cost, Consolidation, and Thriving Schools



- Stays within the school bond budget as intended by the voters
- This plan fully solves more problems than any other option
- Provides a functional example to meet the realities of today's funding challenges

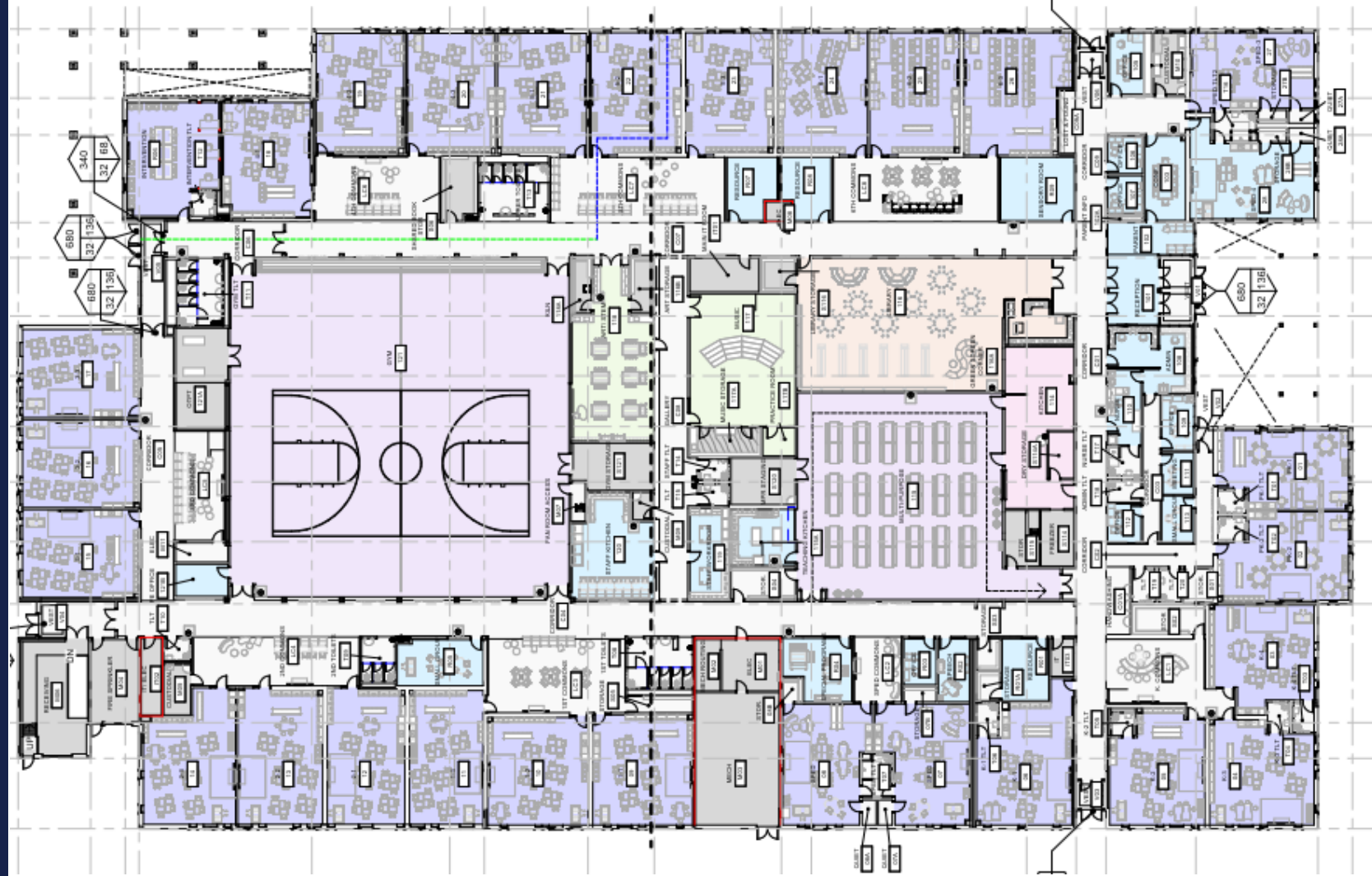


- Consolidating facilities is the pathway to thriving schools
- Consolidating Soldotna area schools creates efficiencies that benefits all KPBSD students
- Aligns with the 2019 KPBSD plan that recognizes that consolidation is imperative to survival



- Full schools means life changing opportunities and programs for our students
- This plan empowers the KPBSD School Board, giving them viable options for the future.

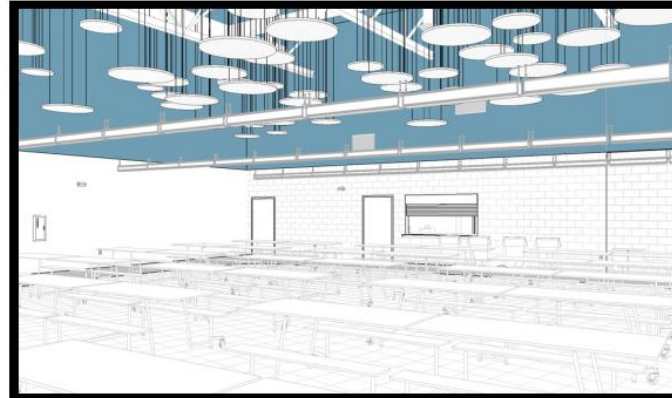
Floor Plan



Visualize the possibilities- Library & Multi-purpose Room



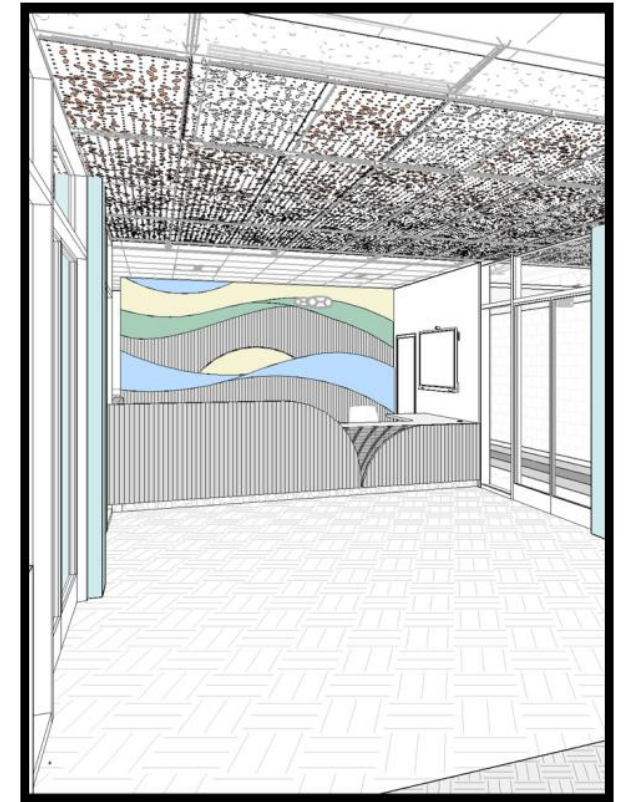
LIBRARY



MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM

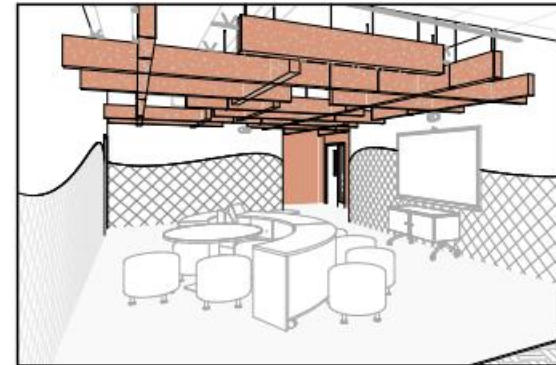


Visualize the possibilities- Admin/Reception

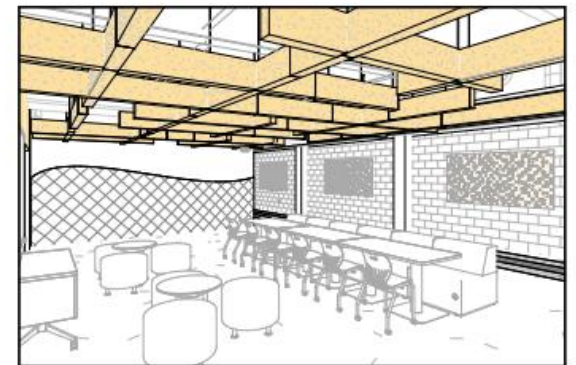


ADMIN/RECEPTION

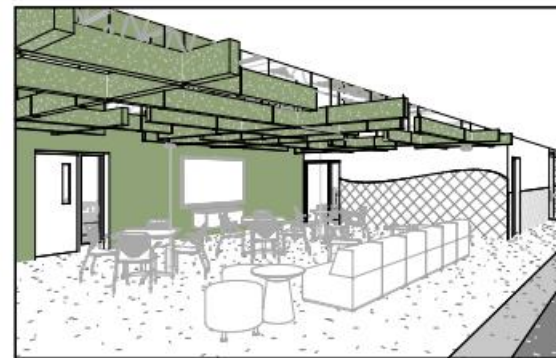
Visualize the possibilities- Learning Communities



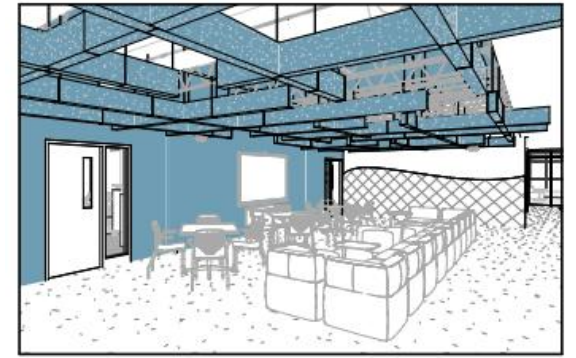
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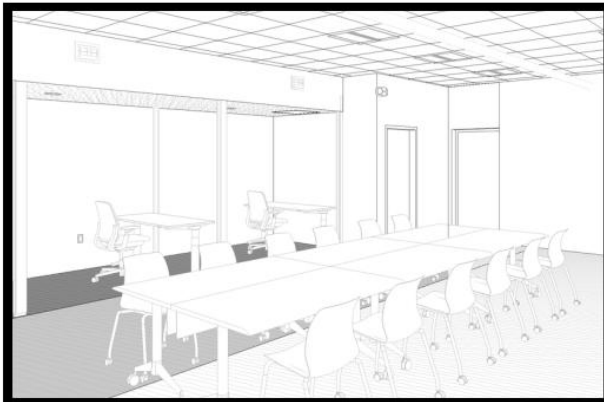


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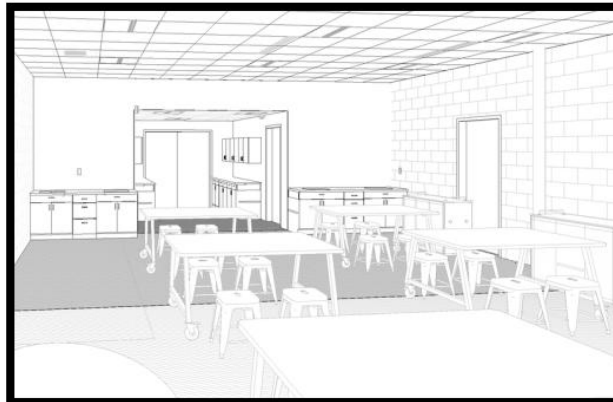


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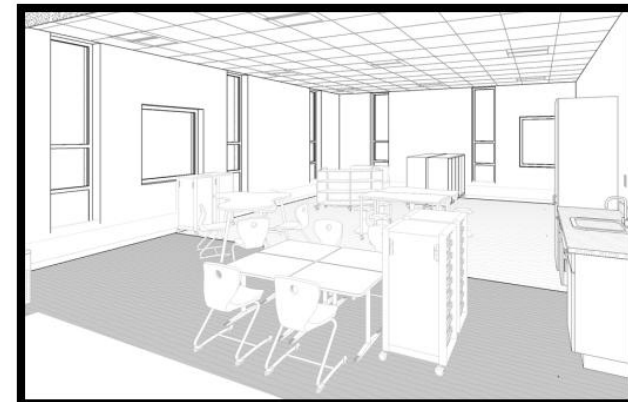
Visualize the possibilities- Other Educational Spaces



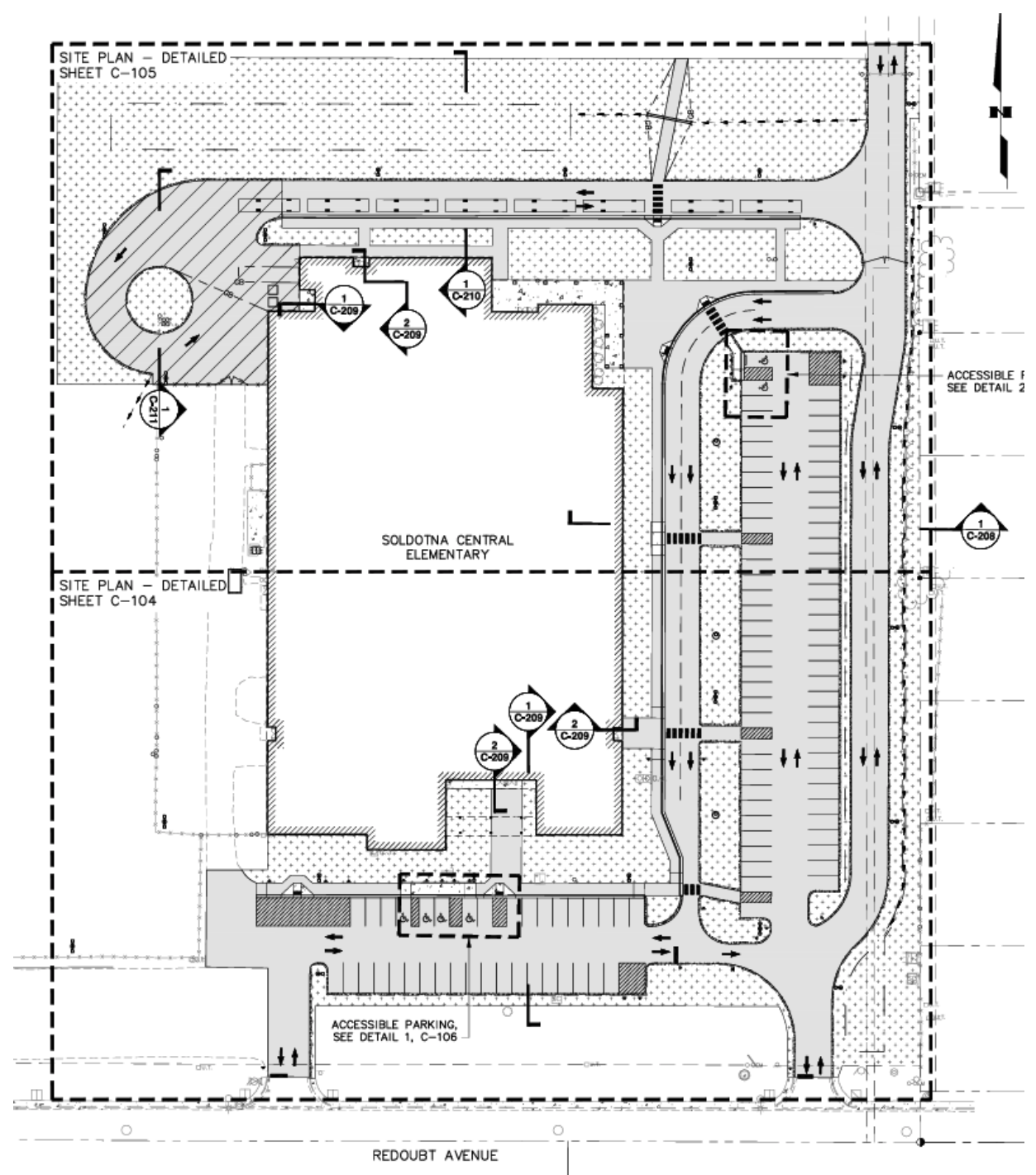
INTERVENTION



ART/STEM



SPED CLASSROOM





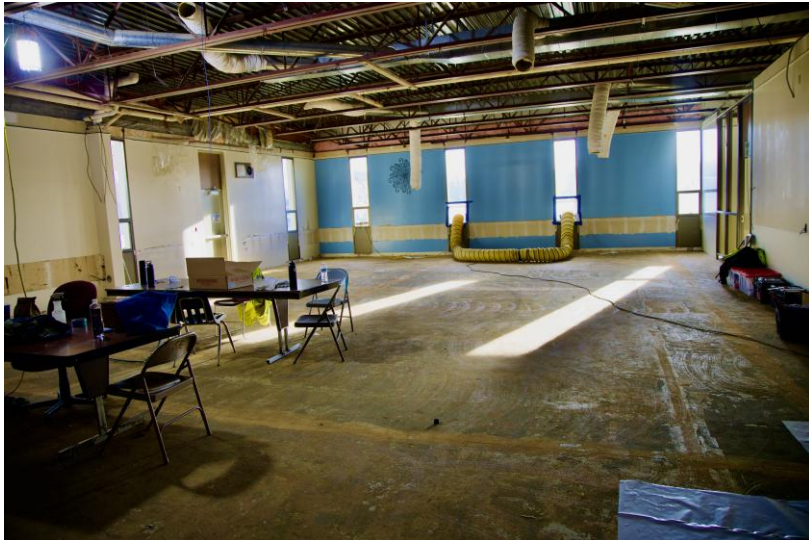
Construction Work Underway

Early Work is Advancing



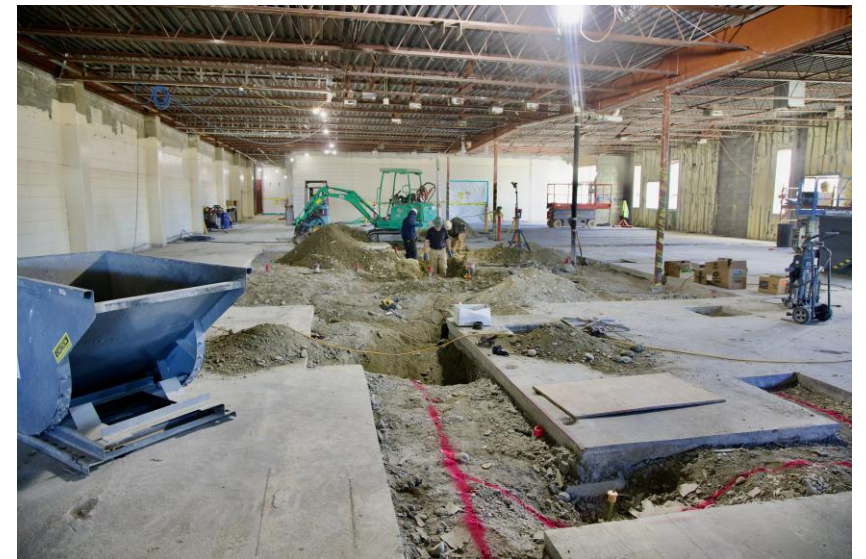


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Summary

The Soldotna Elementary Reconstruction project brings together Alaska-based and local partners to create a 21st century learning environment that prioritizes student needs. Through collaboration, thoughtful design, and value engineering, the team will maximize the project's value while focusing funding on the features that most directly benefit students, support learning, and enhance the community school classroom experience.





Thank You!

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