**Educational Trends** 

### Research Based Premise

Children learn best when learning is active and student-centered, rather than passive and teacher-centered.

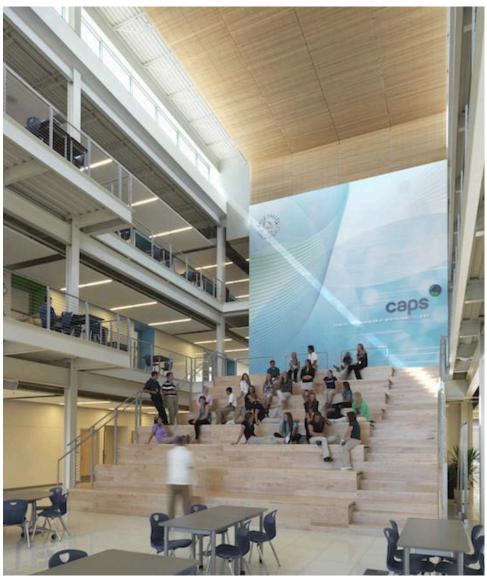




## Supporting Educational Trends

- Small School Communities
- Integrated Education/ Subjects
- Team Teaching
- Relevant Applications/ Projects





## **Supporting Educational Trends**

- Varied Teaching Styles to Accommodate the Individual
- Individualized Education
- Teacher as Coach/ Facilitator
- Student Responsible for Education







## Examples of Supporting Educational Models

- Studio Model students work independently
- Project Learning students work in small groups
- Both deal with real world situations, are cross curriculum, collaborative, active, engaging and student-directed.





• Cross Curriculum Building Organization – not departmental



• Varied Classroom Spaces – size, shape and flexibility



• Interconnected Classrooms – 'Isolation is the enemy of improvement'







• Multi-Functional Corridors – limit extent; use as collaboration areas



# Supporting Architectural Trends – Media Center

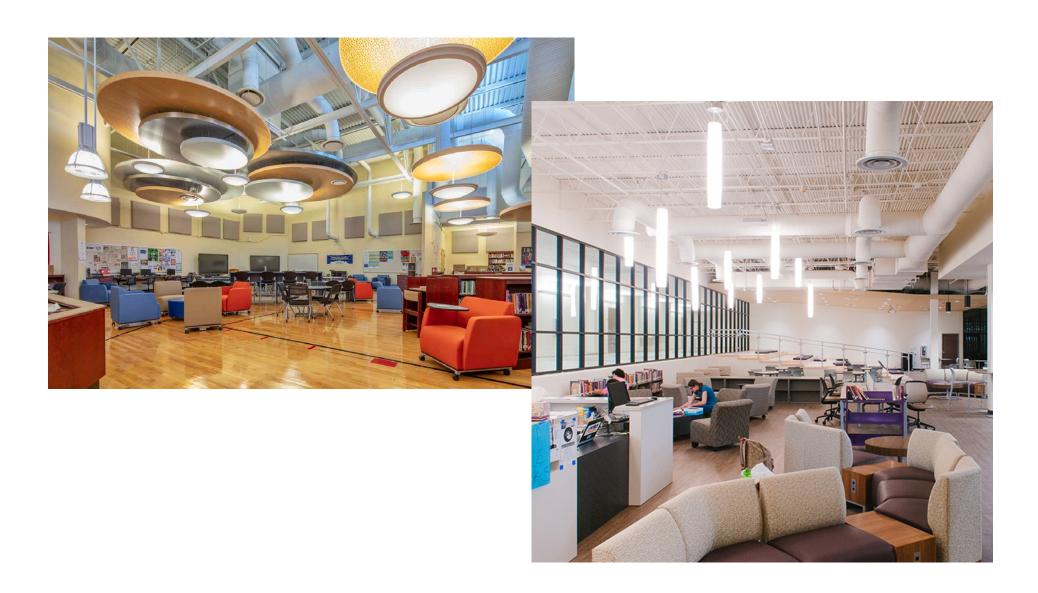
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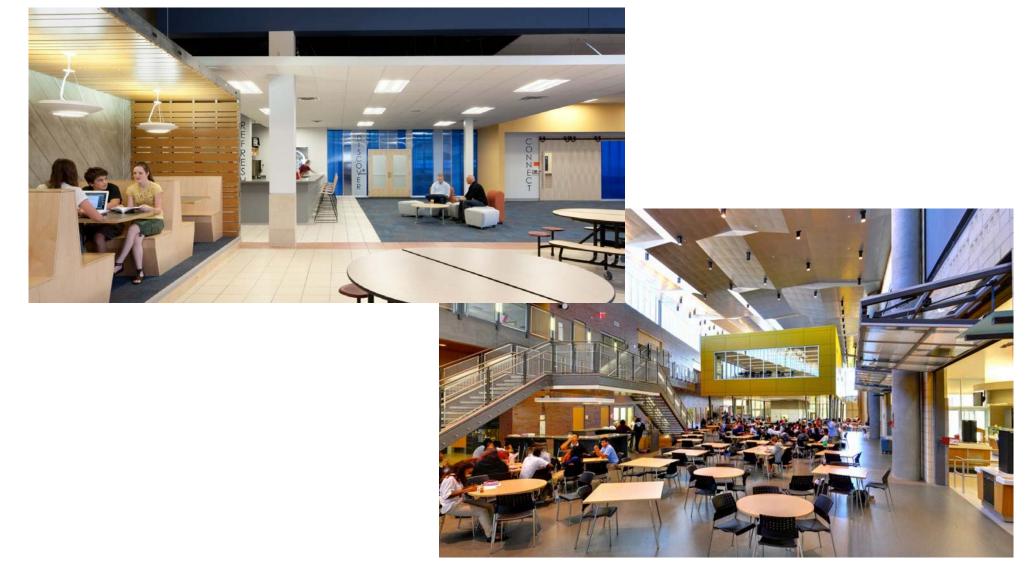


## Auditorium Renovations





• Multi-Purpose Eating Commons



Examples in CNY

### **ESM Guiding Principles**

### Vision, Mission & Beliefs

#### Vision

The East Syracuse Minoa Central School District will be an exemplary 21st Century learning community whose graduates are prepared to excel in a complex, interconnected, changing world.

#### Mission

The East Syracuse Minoa Central School District will prepare students for the 21st Century by engaging all learners in meaningful learning experiences that meet the highest educational and ethical standards in a caring, collaborative learning community supported through partnerships with parents and families, businesses, civic organizations, and higher education.

#### **Belief Statements**

#### We believe that:

- · Each individual has dignity and worth
- · The capacity to learn for each individual is boundless
- · Curiosity and exploration stimulate innovation and learning
- · High expectations and challenging curriculum lead to greater achievement
- Effort and perseverance are essential to achieve one's personal best
- · Positive relationships are fundamental to success and growth
- · Collaboration within and among school, families and community partners is essential to meet the needs of each student
- · Acceptance and mutual respect encourages students to take the risks necessary for academic and personal growth
- · Education prepares students to become productive and responsible citizens who contribute to their communities
- · Students need to develop their strengths, confidence and resilience to meet the challenges they will face throughout life.

## ESM: Proposed Pine Grove MS Project





#### **Learning Commons = 2 Learning Zones**

Flexible Learning Spaces for:

Small Group Learning

Large Group Learning

**Project Rooms** 



## Lafayette CSD: Big Picture School

Mission – The LaFayette Big Picture School is committed to the development of an innovative and personalized school the draws upon our community to help our students learn and grow both academically and ethically. We put a slightly different spin on the familiar adage and believe that it takes a village to teach a child.

Students graduate with a NYS Regents diploma, although they earn the credits differently than in a traditional HS

Students create individual learning plans based on their interests, and work with their advisor to link their goals to the state standards

Students go out into the community for "internships" two days a week



### OCM BOCES: New Tech High

We employ a project-based learning approach that engages students with authentic learning and meaningful collaboration. Students work in teams to creatively solve problems, working hand-inhand with businesses in the community. All students at Innovation Tech earn college credit, participate in internships, and give back to the community through service learning.





Next Steps

#### Resources

- Buck Institute for Education- project based learning resource; <u>bie.org</u>
- Edutopia- evidence based K-12 learning strategies; <u>edutopia.org</u> (George Lucas Education Foundation)
- DesignShare- research and school case studies; <u>designshare.com</u>
- Council of Educational Facility Planners International- conferences, continuing education, research and school case studies; <u>cefpi.org</u>
- AIA, Committee on Architecture for Education; aia.org/cae







#### Resources

School Transformation + Development Map

