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## The Children's Community Education Center

How can the urban core of Portland enhance American elementary education? The influx of people moving downtown with the new Portland Central Plan creates a real need for education facilities for all ages. Museums, music, arts and working professionals in the immediate vicinity can benefit the education system. Central location with nearby public transportation gives this school outreach potential. In the last several decades, the education system in the United States has become deficient. Lack of funding, poor facility management and an overriding concern with the bottom dollar has created a situation in which children don't have best the facilities to learn.

The objectives for this thesis are:
-Redefine the prototypical schoolhouse for an urban setting in Portland
-Rethink the current design standards and education system in which most schools conform to in the United States by creating a new style of education center.
-Focus on environments that promote learning.
This new standard will be detached from the current static classroom design, incorporate ideas from urban design, community involvement and sustainable practices into a new style of urban education center for downtown Portland.

There are three major levels in which energy is important to a new school. First, everyone needs proper lighting and climate control for a healthy learning environment. Second, the next generation needs to utilize new technology. This technology needs power to run. Third, school districts are usually under funded. Traditionally, school maintenance and operation costs are combined and fixed; it usually takes a bond measure to make major improvements. If schools are designed for reduced energy costs then other maintenance or improvements can receive the money.

There are many ways of reducing the energy of the school. One item that is helping overall energy conservation is the typical school schedule. The school year covers the fall, winter and spring. Since Portland has such a moderate climate, winter will require heat while ventilation can be used during the spring and fall. This climate also eliminates air conditioning. Large
groups of people have a high heat gain so the children themselves can help subsidize the heating load. The sun is usually out during the school day so daylighting and passive solar heating is acceptable. Daylighting assembly areas and classrooms will increase energy efficiency and promote healthy learning environments. Thin floor plates can also promote daylighting and help with natural ventilation. The building will have a large roof area in which rainwater can be collected for grey water uses like flushing toilets.

## Overall Program

| Space Allocation | Quantity | SF Each | Net SF |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Elementary School |  |  |  |
| Administration: Elementary |  |  |  |
| Principals Office | 1 | 150 sf | 150 sf |
| Assistant Principals Office | 1 | 150 sf | 150 sf |
| Reception | 1 | 150 sf | 150 sf |
| Waiting | 1 | 150 sf | 150 sf |
| Record Room | 1 | 300 sf | 300 sf |
| Conference Room | 1 | 600 sf | 600 sf |
| Counselors Office | 1 | 150 sf | 150 sf |
| Faculty Mail Boxes | 1 | 150 sf | 150 sf |
| Nurse Station | 1 | 150 sf | 150 sf |
| Work Room | 1 | 150 sf | 150 sf |
| Staff Toilet | 2 | 50 sf | 100 sf |
| Teacher Break Room | 1 | 400 sf | 400 sf |
| Total 2,600 sf |  |  |  |

Education Centers: Elementary

| Kindergarten Classrooms | 4 | $1,200 \mathrm{sf}$ | $4,800 \mathrm{sf}$ |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: | :---: |
| First Grade Classrooms | 3 | $1,000 \mathrm{sf}$ | $3,000 \mathrm{sf}$ |  |  |
| Second Grade Classrooms | 3 | $1,000 \mathrm{sf}$ | $3,000 \mathrm{sf}$ |  |  |
| Third Grade Classrooms | 3 | $1,000 \mathrm{sf}$ | $3,000 \mathrm{sf}$ |  |  |
| Fourth Grade Classrooms | 3 | $1,000 \mathrm{sf}$ | $3,000 \mathrm{sf}$ |  |  |
| Fifth Grade Classrooms | 3 | $1,000 \mathrm{sf}$ | $3,000 \mathrm{sf}$ |  |  |
| Classroom Storage | 19 | 100 sf | $1,900 \mathrm{sf}$ |  |  |
| Classroom Commons | 6 | $1,000 \mathrm{sf}$ | $6,000 \mathrm{sf}$ |  |  |
| Total |  |  |  |  | $\mathbf{2 7 , 7 0 0} \mathbf{~ s f}$ |

Auxillary Education

| Family Resourse Center | 1 | $1,200 \mathrm{sf}$ | $1,200 \mathrm{sf}$ |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Library/ Media Center | 1 | $4,000 \mathrm{sf}$ | $4,000 \mathrm{sf}$ |  |  |  |
| Technology Labs | 1 | $1,200 \mathrm{sf}$ | $1,200 \mathrm{sf}$ |  |  |  |
| Art Room | 1 | $1,000 \mathrm{sf}$ | $1,000 \mathrm{sf}$ |  |  |  |
| Music Room | 1 | $1,000 \mathrm{sf}$ | $1,000 \mathrm{sf}$ |  |  |  |
| Multi-Purpose Room | 1 | $1,000 \mathrm{sf}$ | $1,000 \mathrm{sf}$ |  |  |  |
| Total |  |  |  |  |  | $\mathbf{9 , 4 0 0} \mathbf{~ s f}$ |

## Auxillary Non-Education

| Bathrooms | 25 | 50 sf | $1,250 \mathrm{sf}$ |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: | :---: |
| Resource Rooms | 9 | 350 sf | $3,150 \mathrm{sf}$ |  |  |
| Assembly Area | 1 | $6,000 \mathrm{sf}$ | $6,000 \mathrm{sf}$ |  |  |
| Stage Area | 1 | $1,000 \mathrm{sf}$ | $1,000 \mathrm{sf}$ |  |  |
| Cafateria | 1 | $5,000 \mathrm{sf}$ | $5,000 \mathrm{sf}$ |  |  |
| Kitchen | 1 | $3,000 \mathrm{sf}$ | $3,000 \mathrm{sf}$ |  |  |
| Delivery Area | 1 | 150 sf | 150 sf |  |  |
| Chair Storage | 1 | 400 sf | 400 sf |  |  |
| Table Storage | 1 | 400 sf | 400 sf |  |  |
| Total |  |  |  |  | $\mathbf{2 0 , 3 5 0 ~ \mathbf { ~ s f }}$ |

Middle School

Administration

| Assistant Principals Office | 1 | 150 sf | 150 sf |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Reception | 1 | 150 sf | 150 sf |
| Waiting | 1 | 150 sf | 150 sf |
| Conference Room | 1 | 600 sf | 600 sf |
| Concelors Office | 1 | 150 sf | 150 sf |
| Faculty Mail Boxxes | 1 | 150 sf | 150 sf |
| Nurse Station | 1 | 150 sf | 150 sf |
| Work Room | 1 | 150 sf | 150 sf |
| Staff Toilet | 1 | 150 sf | 150 sf |
| Teacher Break Room | 1 | 400 sf | 400 sf |
|  | Total |  |  |

Education Centers

| Sixth Grade Classrooms | 3 | $1,000 \mathrm{sf}$ | $3,000 \mathrm{sf}$ |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Seventh Grade Classrooms | 3 | $1,000 \mathrm{sf}$ | $3,000 \mathrm{sf}$ |  |  |  |
| Eighth Grade Classrooms | 3 | $1,000 \mathrm{sf}$ | $3,000 \mathrm{sf}$ |  |  |  |
| Classroom Commons | 3 | $1,000 \mathrm{sf}$ | $3,000 \mathrm{sf}$ |  |  |  |
| Total |  |  |  |  |  | $\mathbf{1 2 , 0 0 0} \mathbf{~ s f}$ |

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| Library/ Media Center | 1 | $4,000 \mathrm{sf}$ | $4,000 \mathrm{sf}$ |
| Technology Labs | 1 | $1,200 \mathrm{sf}$ | $1,200 \mathrm{sf}$ |
| Art Room | 1 | $1,000 \mathrm{sf}$ | $1,000 \mathrm{sf}$ |
| Music Room | 1 | $1,000 \mathrm{sf}$ | $1,000 \mathrm{sf}$ |
| Multi-Purpose Room | 1 | $1,000 \mathrm{sf}$ | $1,000 \mathrm{sf}$ |
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| Assembly Area | 1 | $6,000 \mathrm{sf}$ | $6,000 \mathrm{sf}$ |  |  |
| Stage Area | 1 | $1,000 \mathrm{sf}$ | $1,000 \mathrm{sf}$ |  |  |
| Cafateria | 1 | $5,000 \mathrm{sf}$ | $5,000 \mathrm{sf}$ |  |  |
| Kitchen | 1 | $3,000 \mathrm{sf}$ | $3,000 \mathrm{sf}$ |  |  |
| Delivery Area | 1 | 150 sf | 150 sf |  |  |
| Chair Storage | 1 | 400 sf | 400 sf |  |  |
| Table Storage | 1 | 400 sf | 400 sf |  |  |
| Total |  |  |  |  | $\mathbf{2 0 , 3 5 0} \mathbf{~ s f}$ |

Community Center
Community Center

| Club Entry | 1 | 500 sf | 500 sf |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Reception | 1 | 150 sf | 150 sf |
| Full-sized Gym | 1 | $7,500 \mathrm{sf}$ | $7,500 \mathrm{sf}$ |
| Game Room | 1 | $2,500 \mathrm{sf}$ | $2,500 \mathrm{sf}$ |
| Technology Room | 1 | $1,200 \mathrm{sf}$ | $1,200 \mathrm{sf}$ |
| Arts and Crafts Room | 1 | $1,200 \mathrm{sf}$ | $1,200 \mathrm{sf}$ |
| Teen Center | 1 | $1,200 \mathrm{sf}$ | $1,200 \mathrm{sf}$ |
| Weight Room | 1 | $1,200 \mathrm{sf}$ | $1,200 \mathrm{sf}$ |
| Staff Offices | 4 | 150 sf | 600 sf |
| Kitchen | 1 | $1,000 \mathrm{sf}$ | $1,000 \mathrm{sf}$ |
| Bathrooms | 10 | 50 sf | 500 sf |
| Storage | 1 | $2,000 \mathrm{sf}$ | $2,000 \mathrm{sf}$ |
|  | Total |  |  |


| Total Net | 123,550 sf |
| :--- | ---: |
| Systems 15\% | $18,533 \mathbf{~ s f}$ |
| Effiency Ratio 40\% | 49,420 sf |
| Total Gross | $191,503 \mathbf{~ s f}$ |

## Energy Program

| Space | Area (SF) | Height (Ft) | Activities | Occupants | Times of Day | Hours of Use | Lighting | Temperature Range | Energy |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Principals Office | 150 | 9' | Computer, meetings | 1 | Day | 0 to 3 | High task, high ambient | Low | Low |
| Conference Room | 600 | 10' | Meetings | 12 | Day | 0 to 3 | High task, high ambient | Low | Low |
| First Grade Classrooms | 1,000 | 12' | Learning, mix of uses | 25 | Day | 3 to 8 | High task, high ambient | Low | Medium |
| Family Resourse Center | 1,200 | $12^{\prime}$ | Meetings, help with school, computers | 30 | Day, Evening | 8 to 14 | High task, low ambient | Low | Medium |
| Library | 4,000 | $12^{\prime}$ | Reading, meetings | 100 | Day, Evening | 8 to 14 | High task, high ambient | Medium | Low |
| Technology Labs | 1,200 | 12' | Computer | 30 | Day, Evening | 8 to 14 | High task, low ambient | Low | High |
| Resource Rooms | 350 | 9' | Prep for class | 5 | Day | 0 to 3 | High task, low ambient | High | Medium |
| Cafateria | 5,000 | 12' | Eating | 125 | Day, Evening | 8 to 14 | Low task, low ambient | Medium | Low |
| Kitchen | 3,000 | 10' | Preparing food | 15 | Day | 0 to 3 | High task, high ambient | Medium | High |
| Full-sized Gym | 7,500 | 35' | Games, assembly | 200 | Day, Evening | 8 to 14 | Low task, low ambient | High | Low |
| Game Room | 2,500 | $12^{\prime}$ | Games | 75 | Evening | 0 to 3 | High task, low ambient | Low | High |


Daytime M-F
Daytime, Evenings and Weekends
Evenings and Weekends

High task, high ambient
High task, low ambient
Low task, high ambient



