

More than a meal

Transforming high school culture
through inclusive dining spaces

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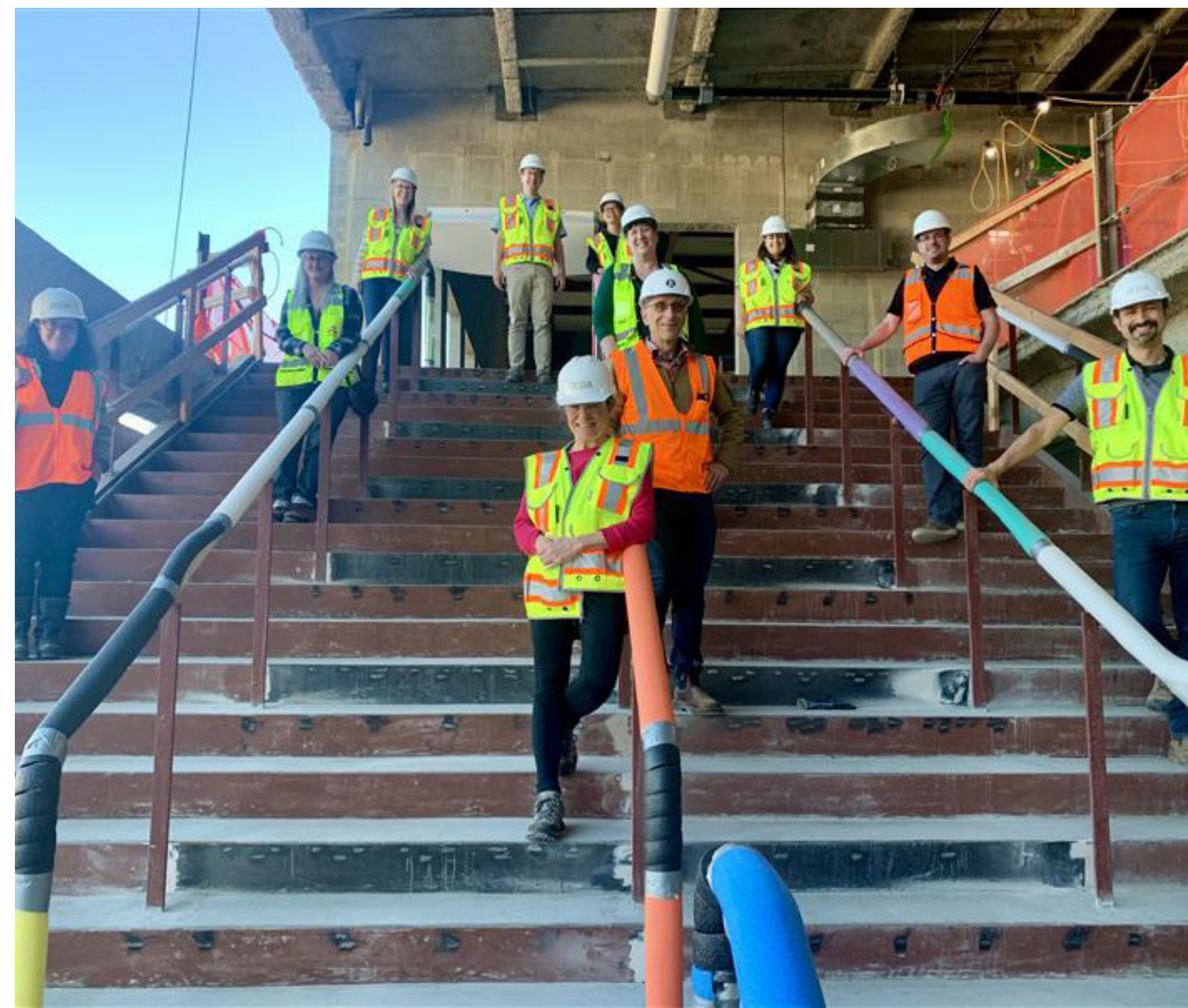
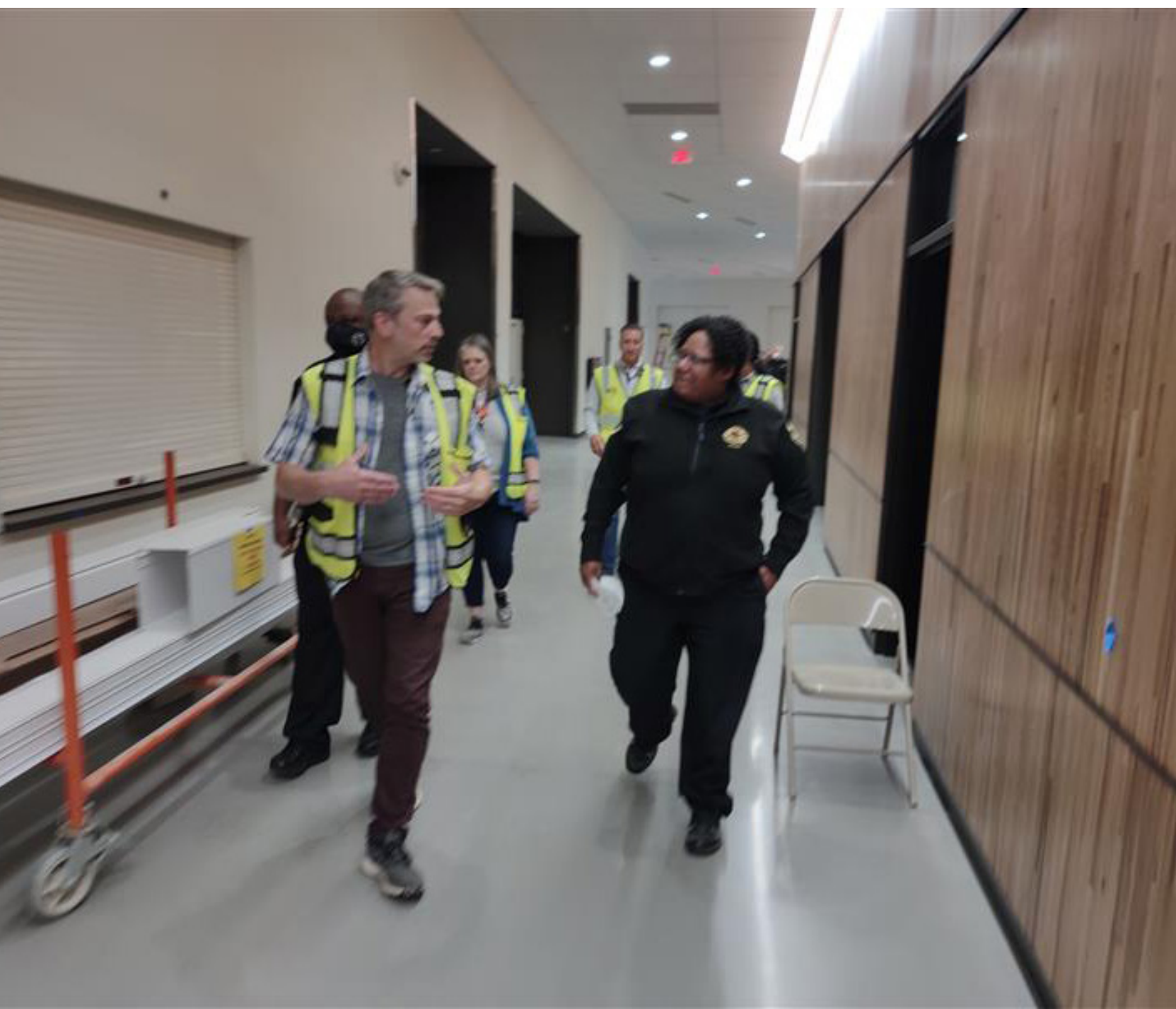
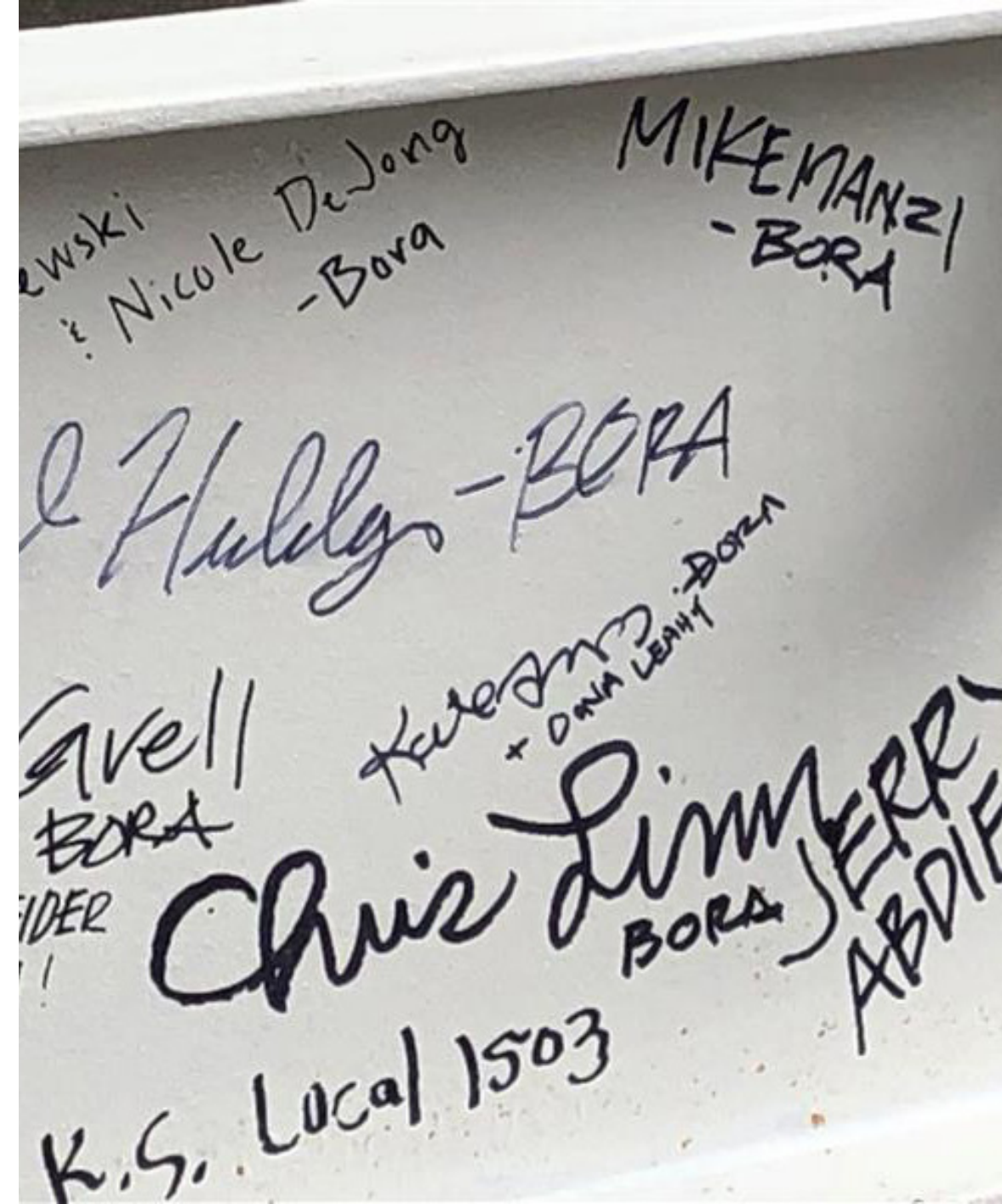


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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1

Learn about the strategies and initiatives implemented to encourage students, regardless of their economic background, to choose the new cafeteria and commons for lunch.

2

Analyze the factors contributing to the significant increase in lunchtime participation, from only free/reduced lunch program students to a significant number of the student population.

3

Examine the effects of the transformed cafeteria and commons on the overall school culture, its student interactions, and social integration.

4

Identify best practices and actionable insights that can be applied to other educational institutions seeking to enhance social integration through a cafeteria and commons redesign.

- 1** Setting the Context
- 2** A Meal at Lincoln - Before
- 3** Nutrition Goal Setting
- 4** Designing the New Lincoln High School
- 5** A Meal at Lincoln - Now

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Setting the Context

ONE SCHOOL, MANY HOMES

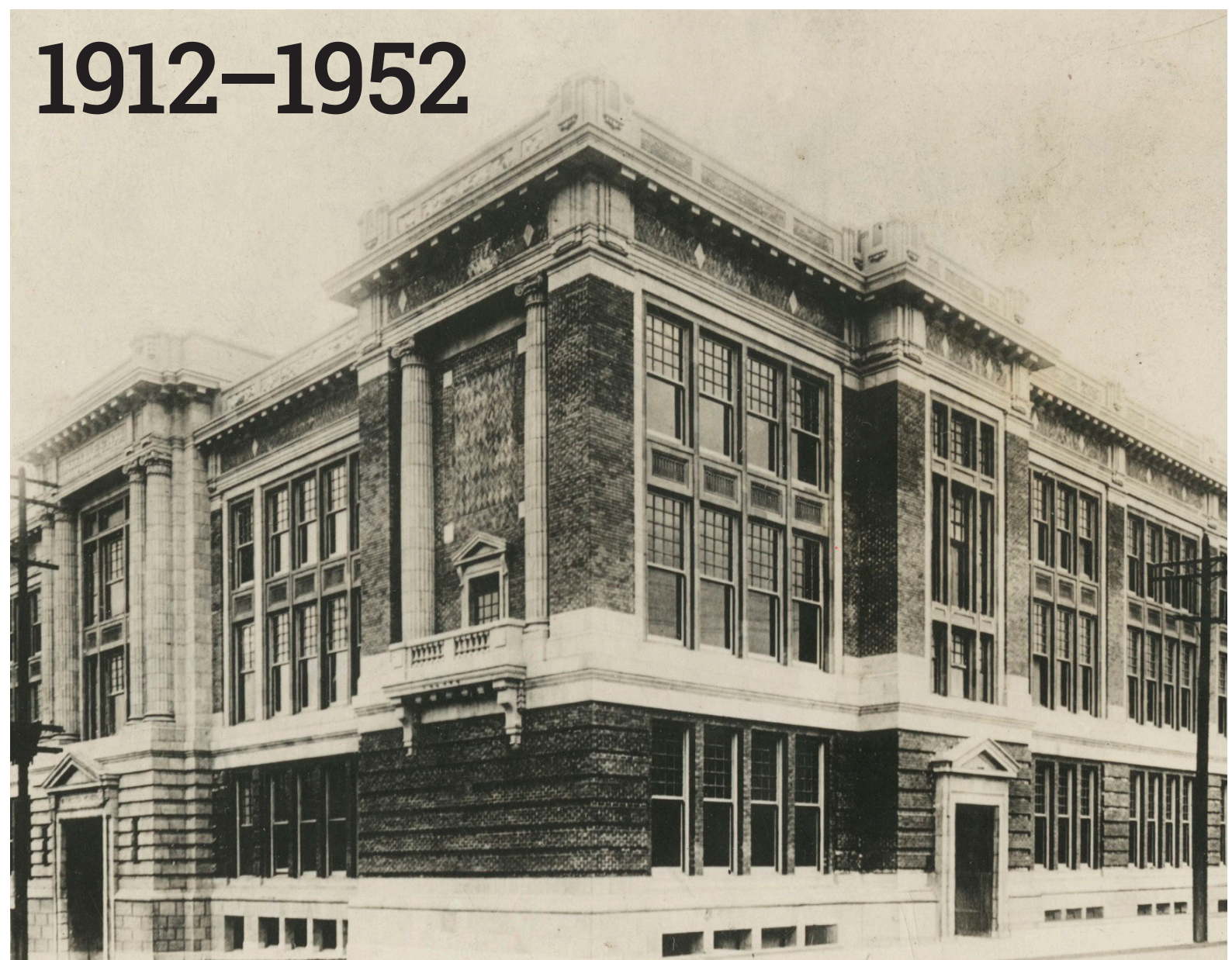
1869-1874



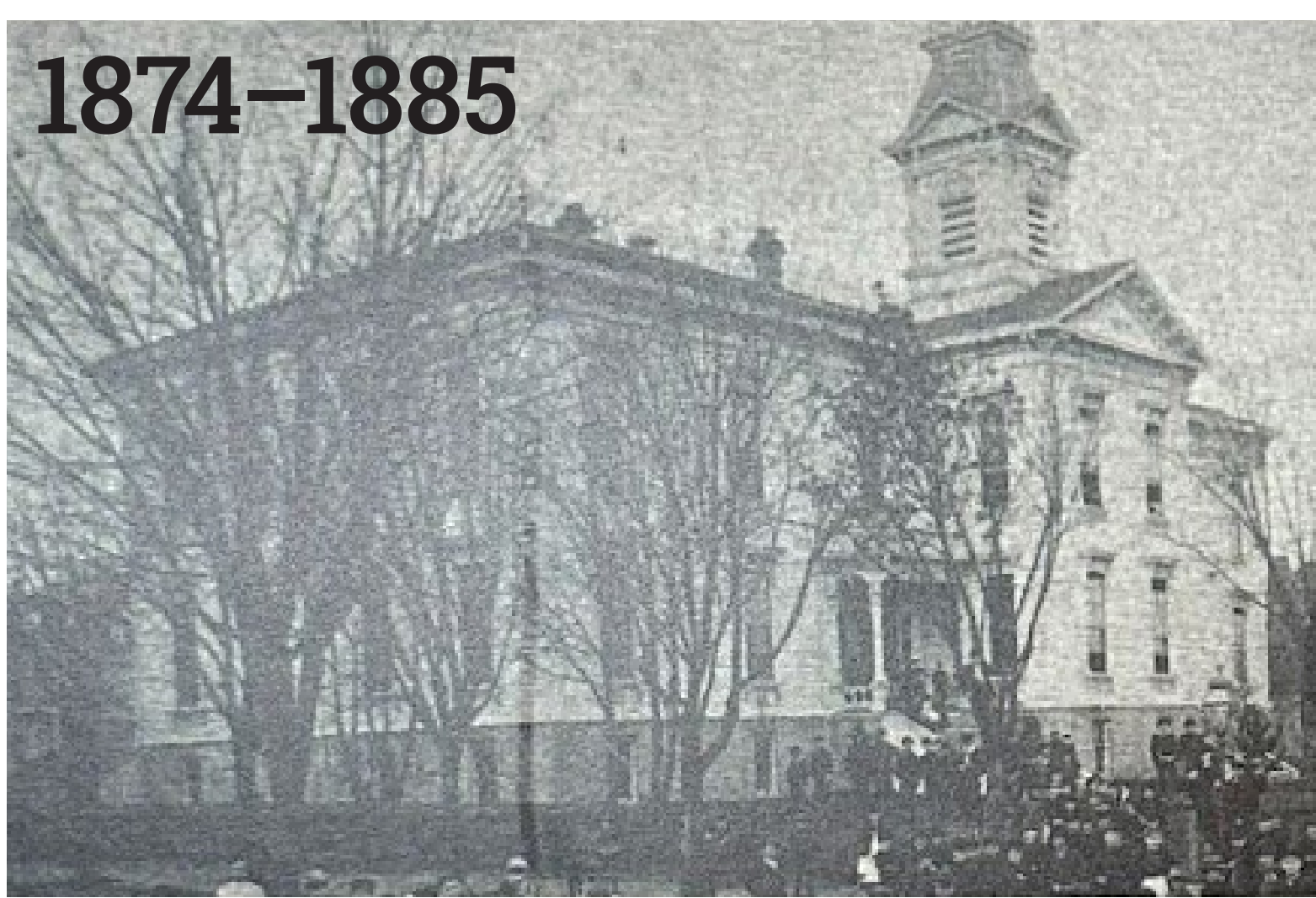
1885-1912



1912-1952



1874-1885



1952-2022



PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Population

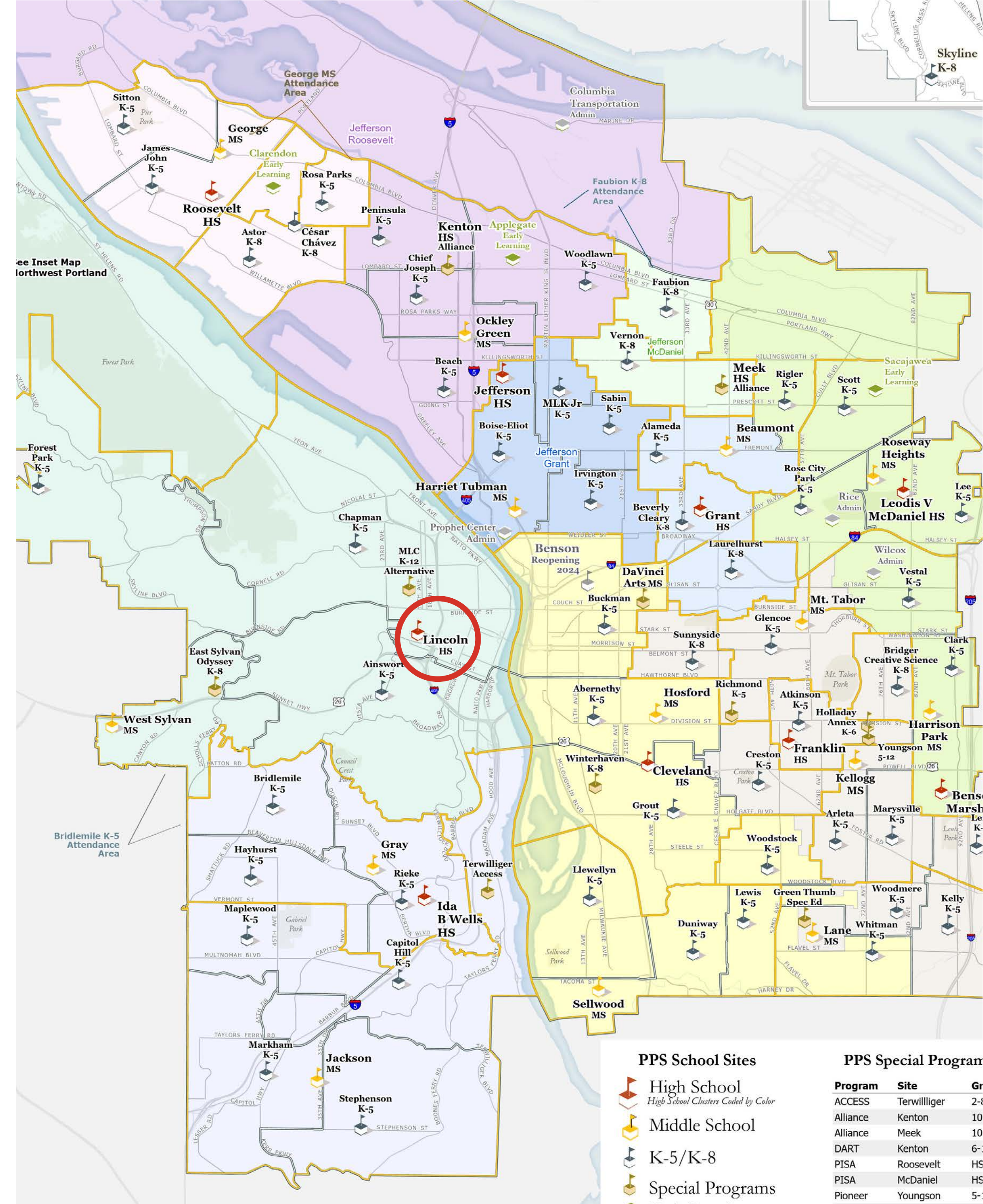
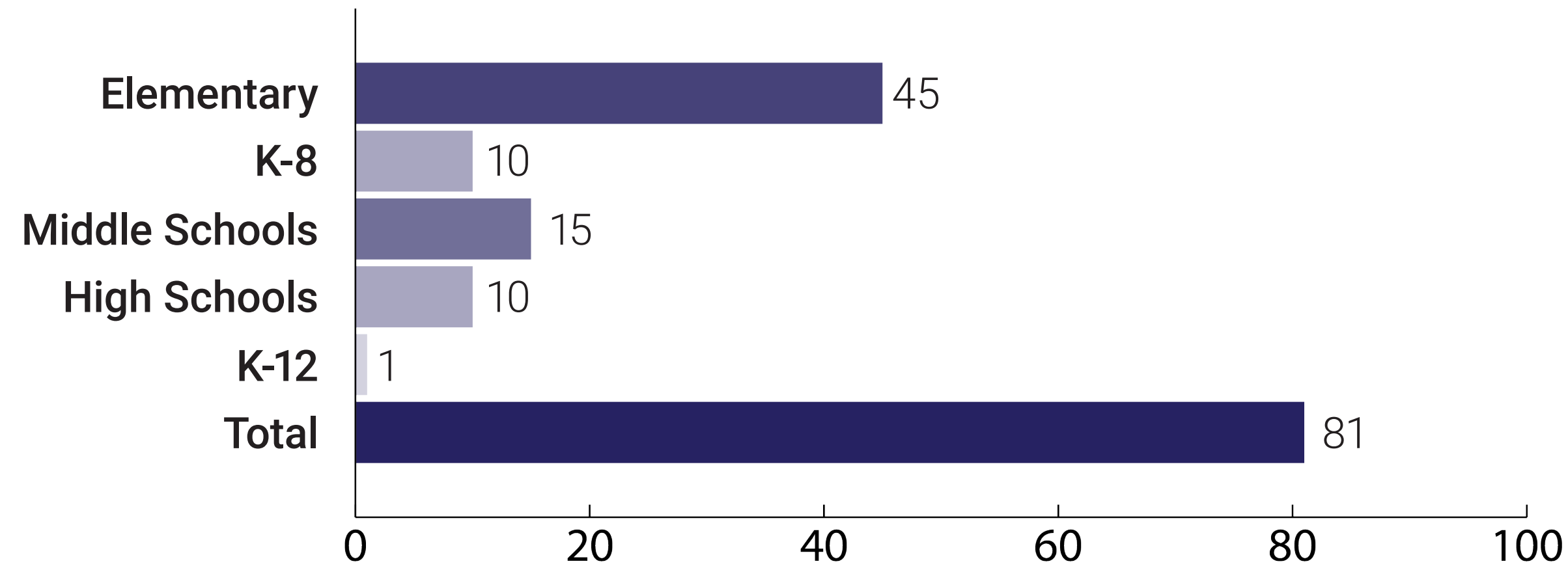
City of Portland: 641,000

Metro Region: 2.2 million

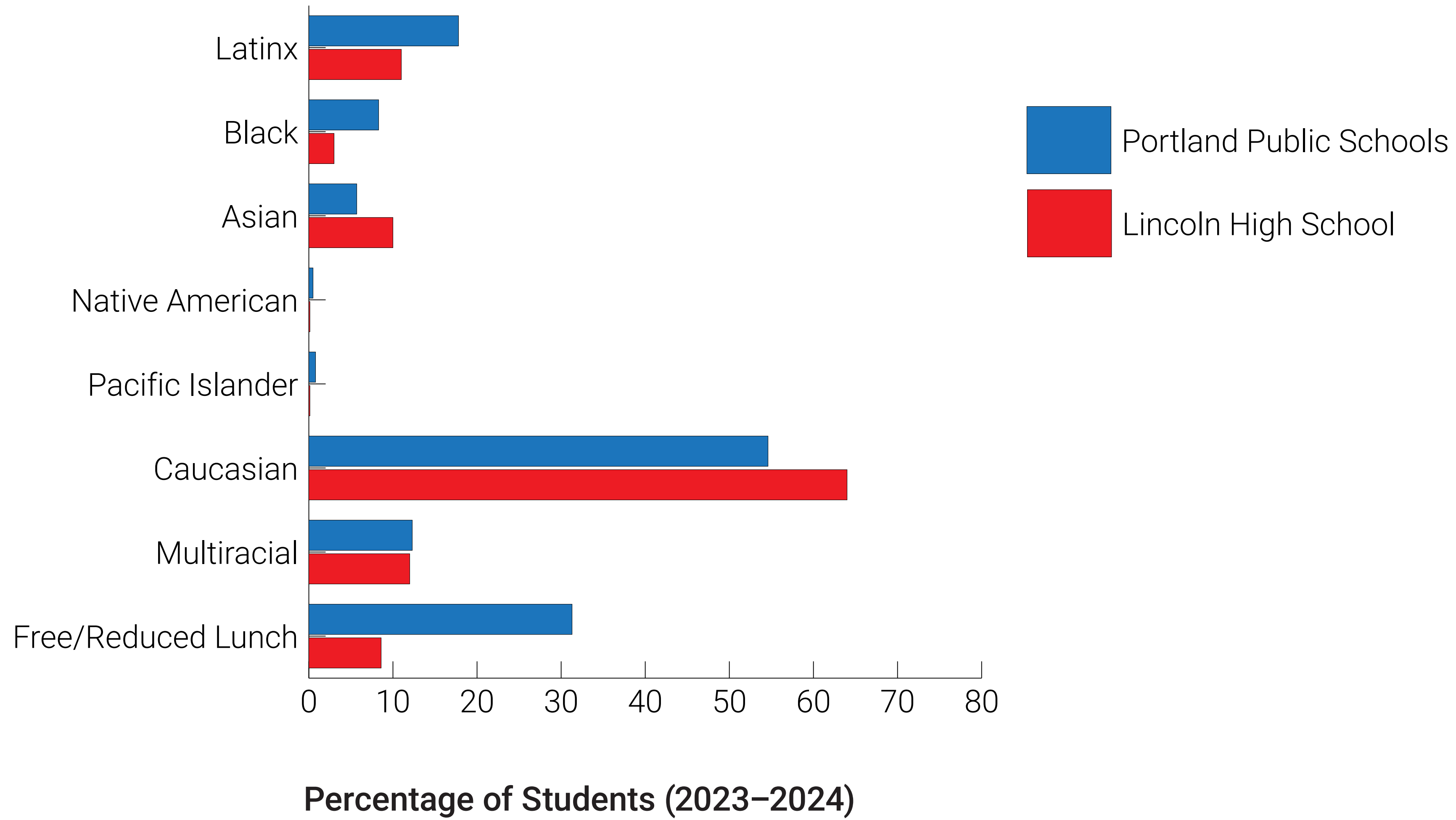
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Established 1851

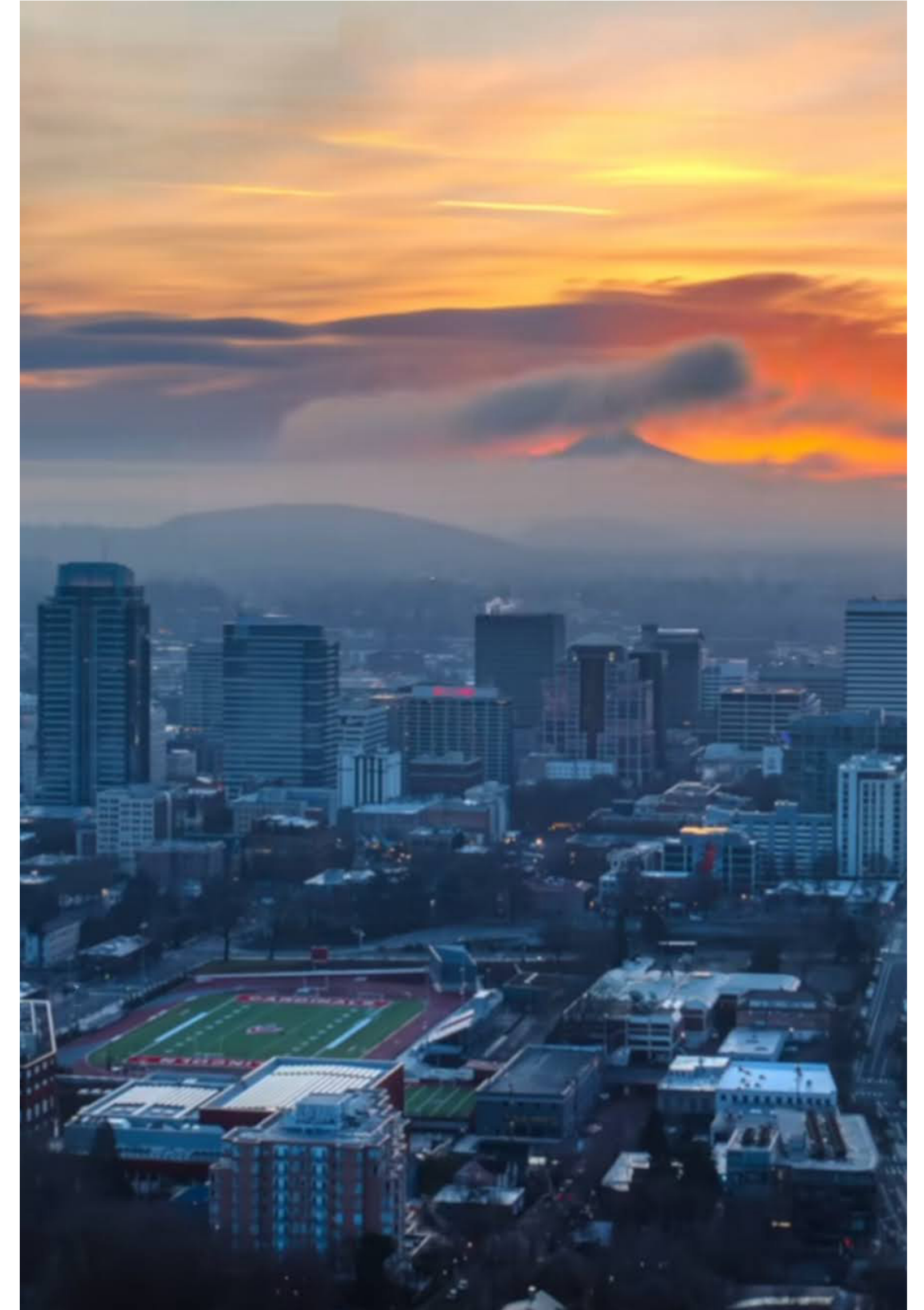
81 schools, 44,000 students



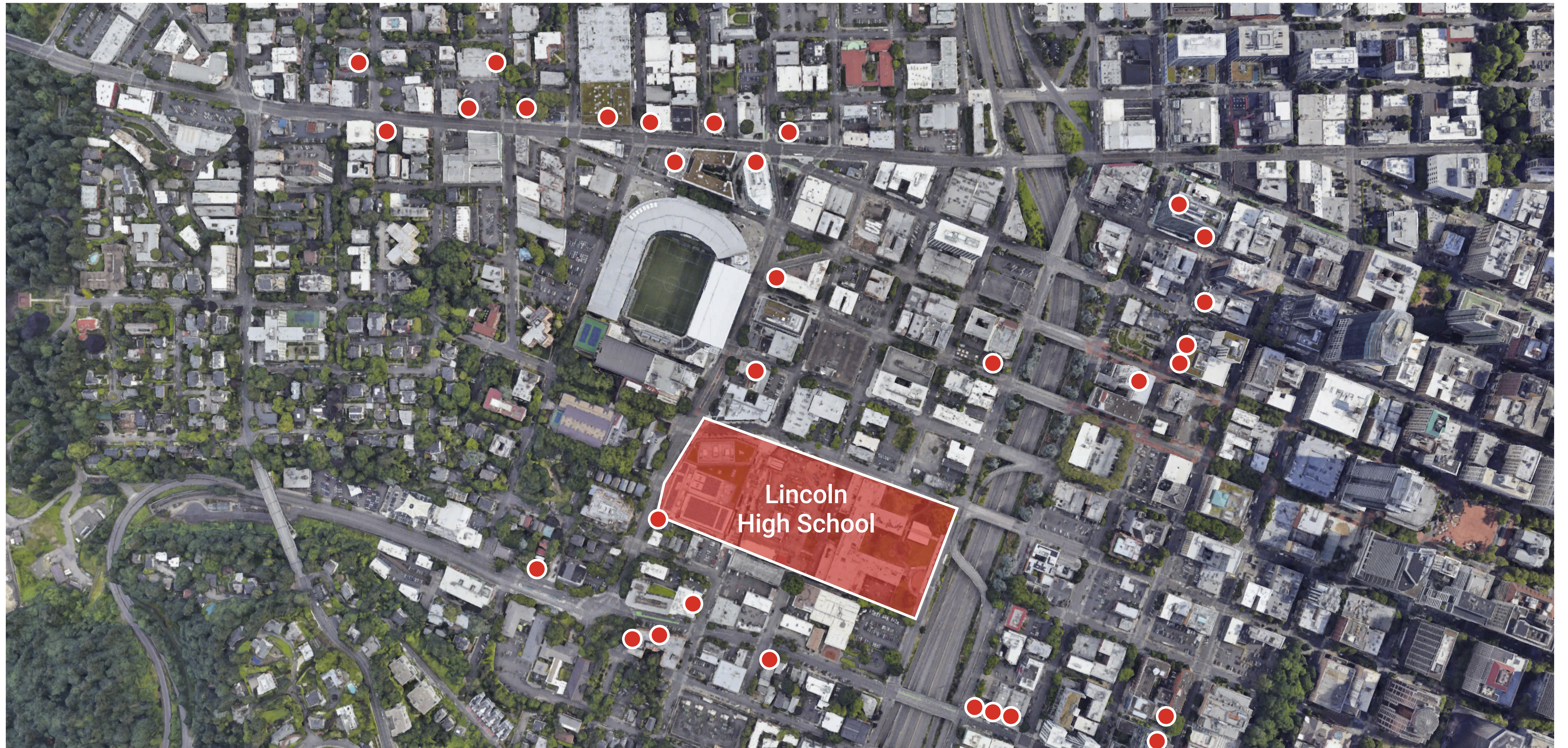
DEMOGRAPHICS



AN URBAN HIGH SCHOOL



NEARBY FOOD OPTIONS



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A Meal at Lincoln - Before





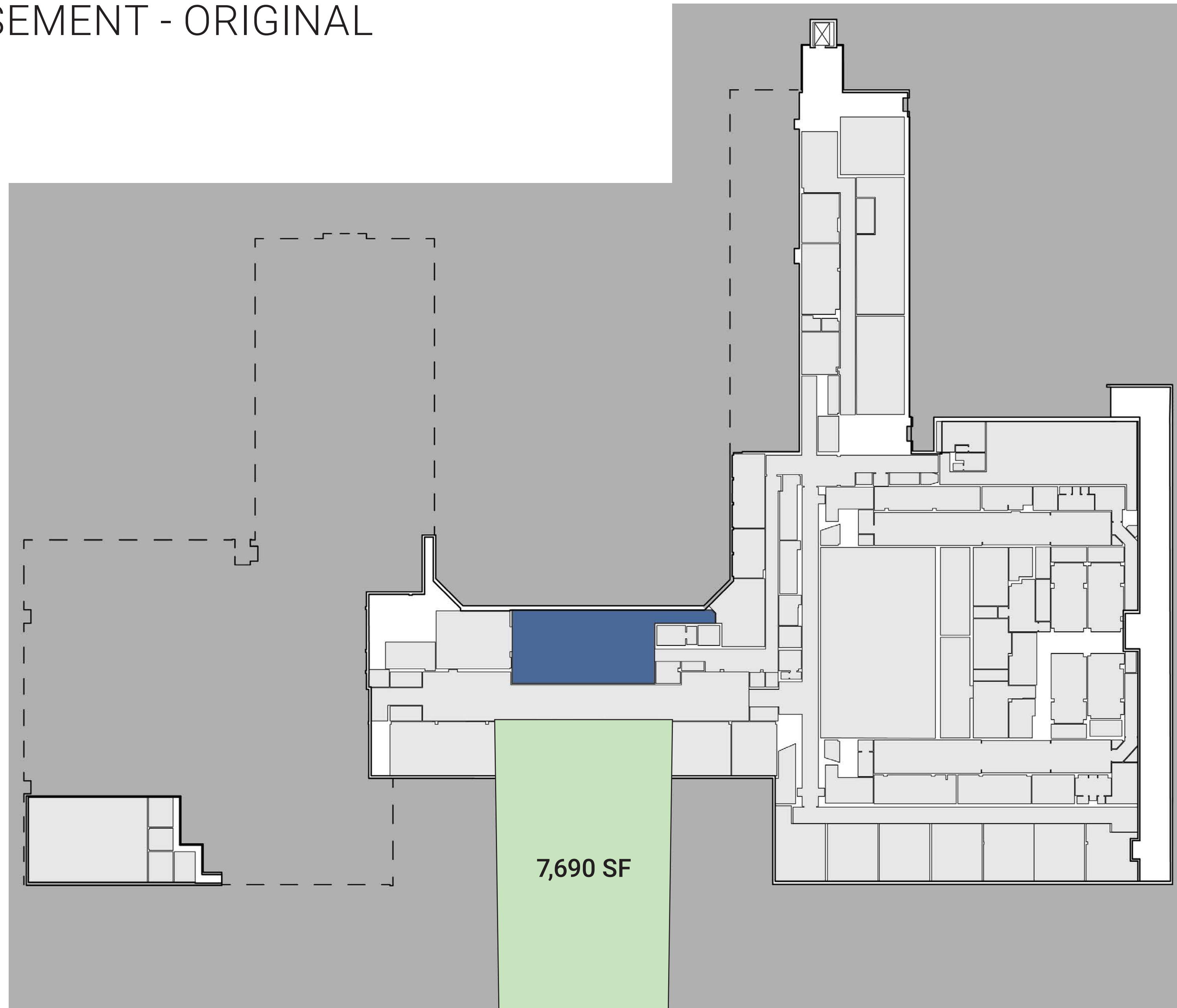
Main Entry
at Level 1



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at Level 1

Commons in
Basement

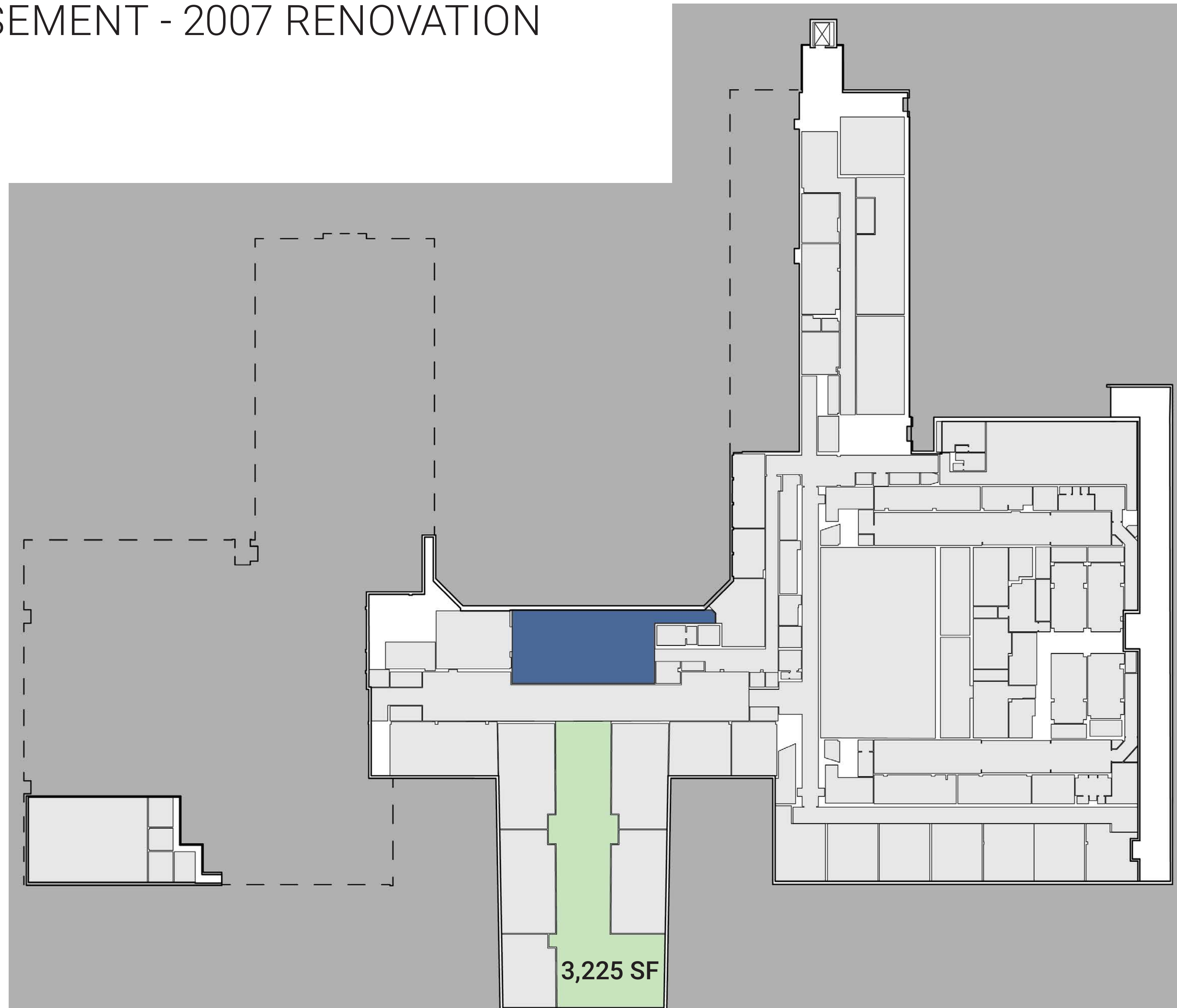
1952 LHS BASEMENT - ORIGINAL



- Servery
- Commons

To Fields

1952 LHS BASEMENT - 2007 RENOVATION



- Serving
- Commons

To Fields





1952 LHS LEVEL 1



- LGBTQ Safe Space
- Gender Inclusive Bathroom
- Black Student Affinity Space
- ESL and Immigrant Student Affinity Space
- Latino Student Affinity Space
(2nd Level, not shown)
- Asian Student Affinity Space
(Basement, not shown)

3

Nutrition Goal Setting

**“What is preventing
us from giving
away a free lunch?”**

FOOD GOALS

1

Convenient

2

Available

3

Accessible

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GUIDING PRINCIPALS

- 1 Healthy, fresh food prepared on-site that is sustainable.
- 2 **Simple menu, fewer options and better quality, plus made-to-order sandwiches.**
- 3 **The goal is to get students to stay on campus and eat school provided food.**
- 4 Be conscientious about the packaging to reduce the stigma associated with “free lunch”.
- 5 Provide one lunch period to foster the culture of LHS.
- 6 Provide water stations at serving area for refillable water bottles.
- 7 **The commons should be centrally located and seat 600 students.**
- 8 **The main kitchen needs to be secured, but not with unsightly rolling shutters.**
- 9 LHS Coffee Cart Club on 1st or 2nd floor near Culinary Arts and the commons.
- 10 Outdoor grills and concessions could be used for lunch during nice weather.
- 11 **The goal is to improve the user experience.**

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Designing the New Lincoln High School

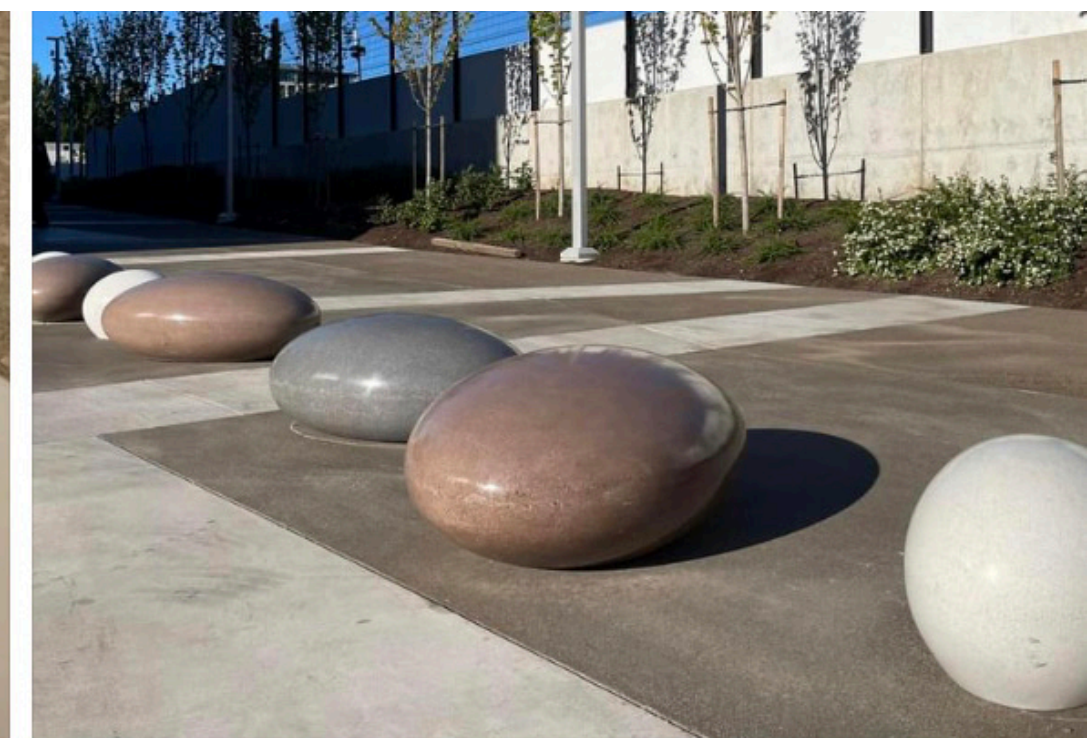
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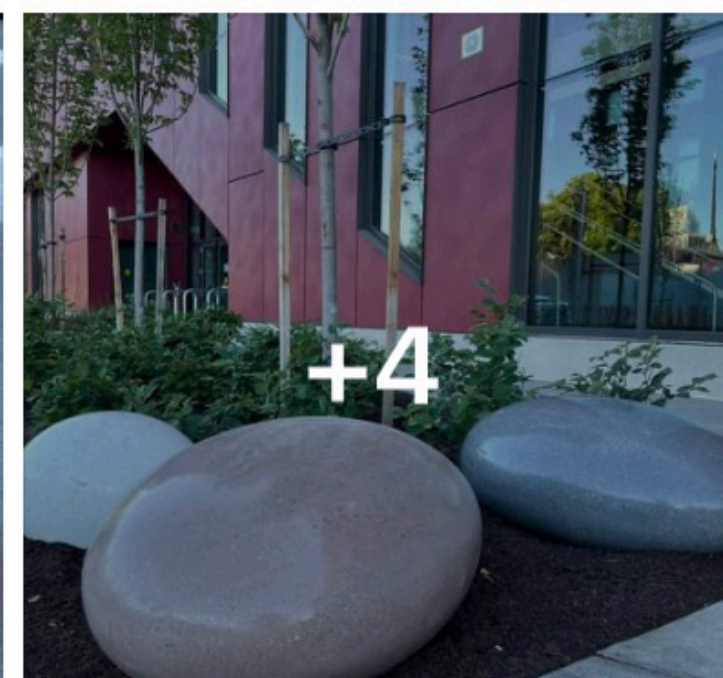
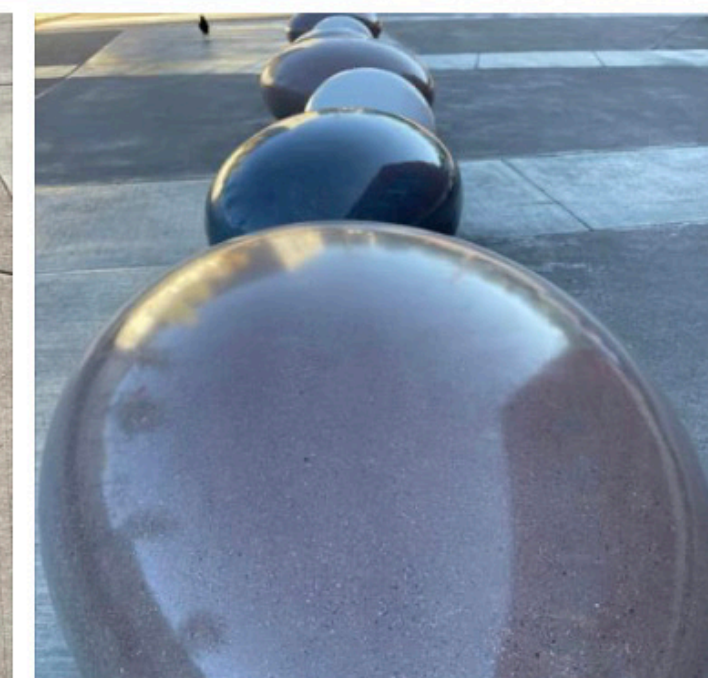
Finland



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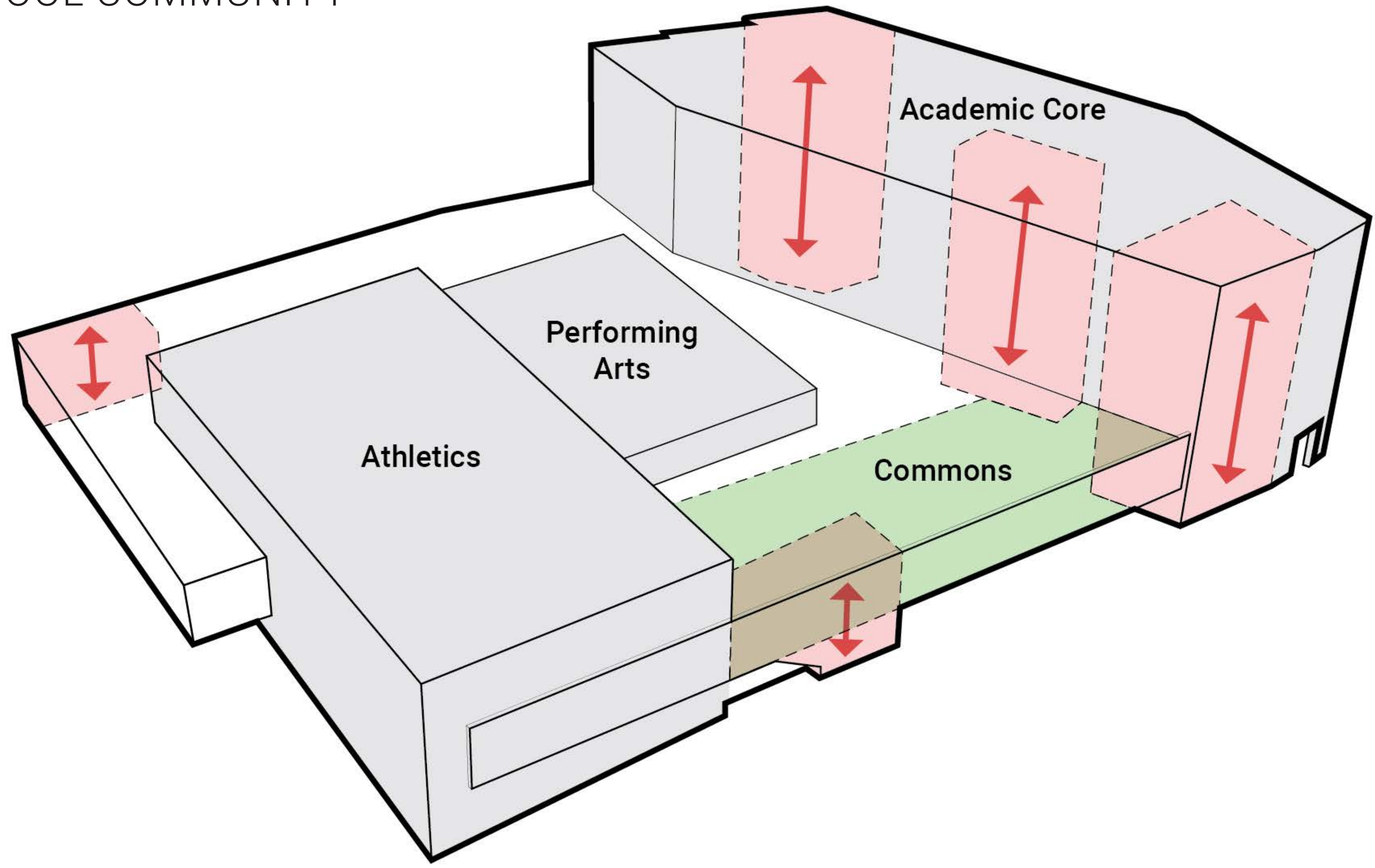


Qatar



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COMMONS AS THE CROSSROADS
OF THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY





ABRAHAM LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL

LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL

WELCOME BACK
TO ANOTHER
WONDERFUL YEAR
PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS
LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL

OVERLAPPING SPACES



Commons



OVERLAPPING SPACES



- Commons
- Stairs



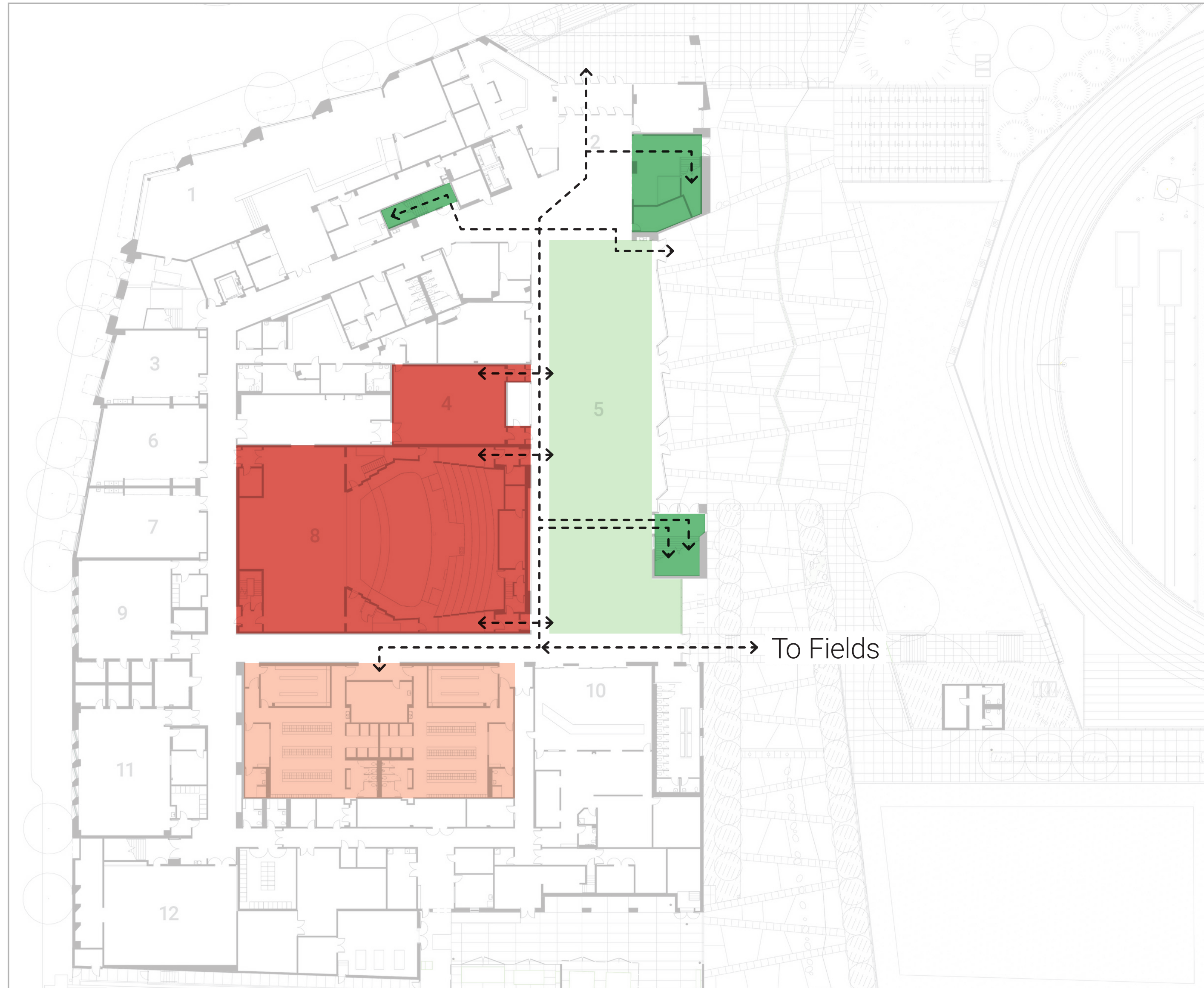
OVERLAPPING SPACES



- Commons
- Stairs
- Locker Rooms



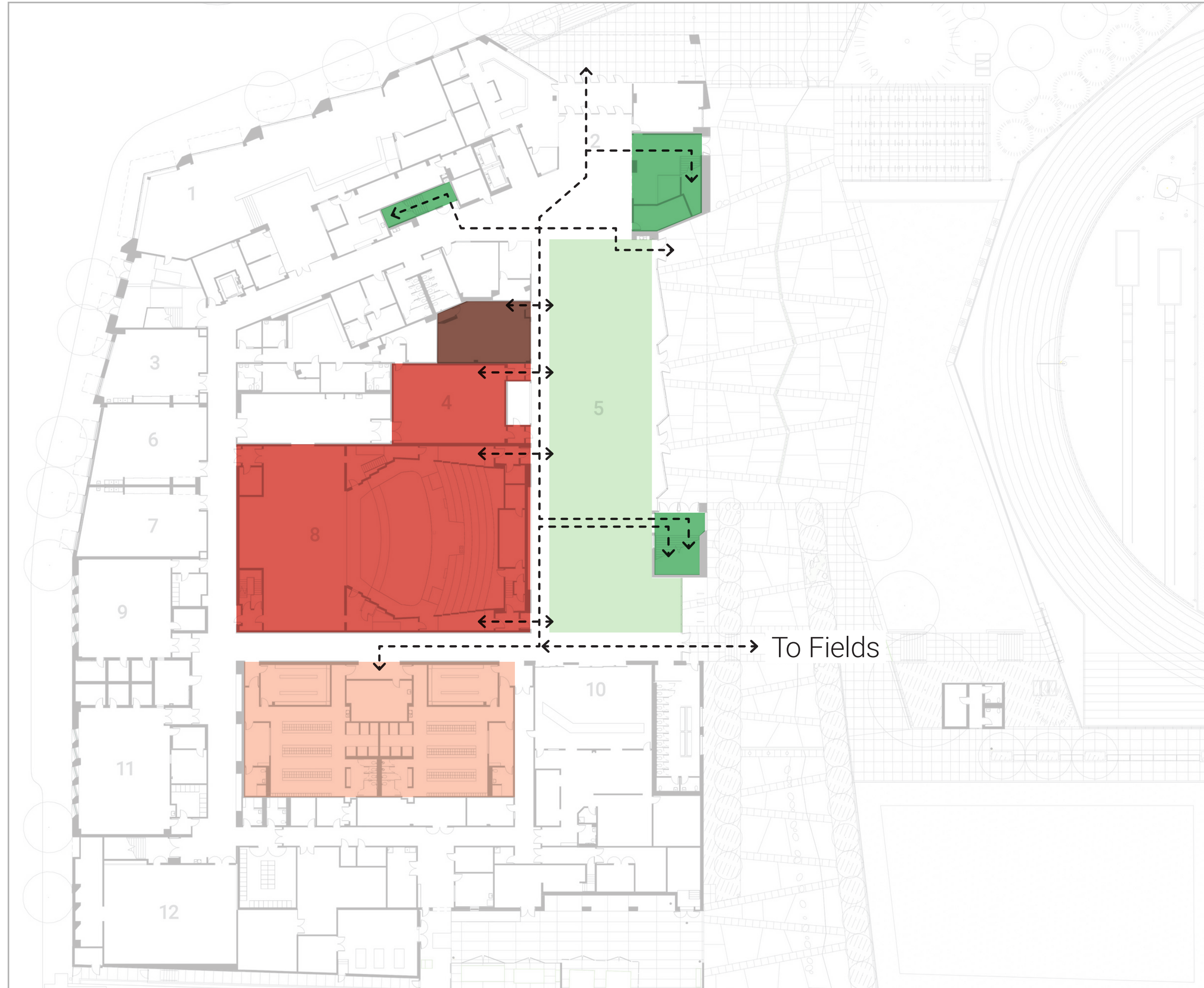
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- Commons
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- Locker Rooms
- Performing Arts



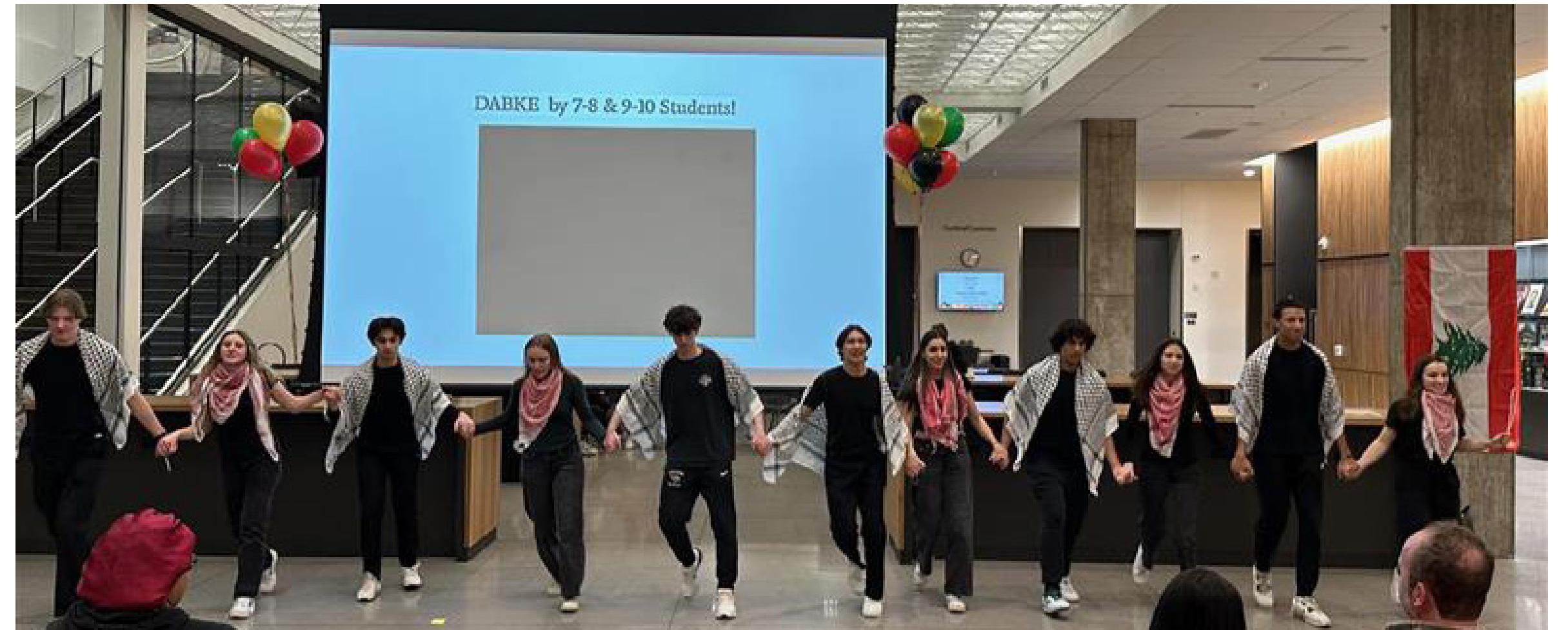
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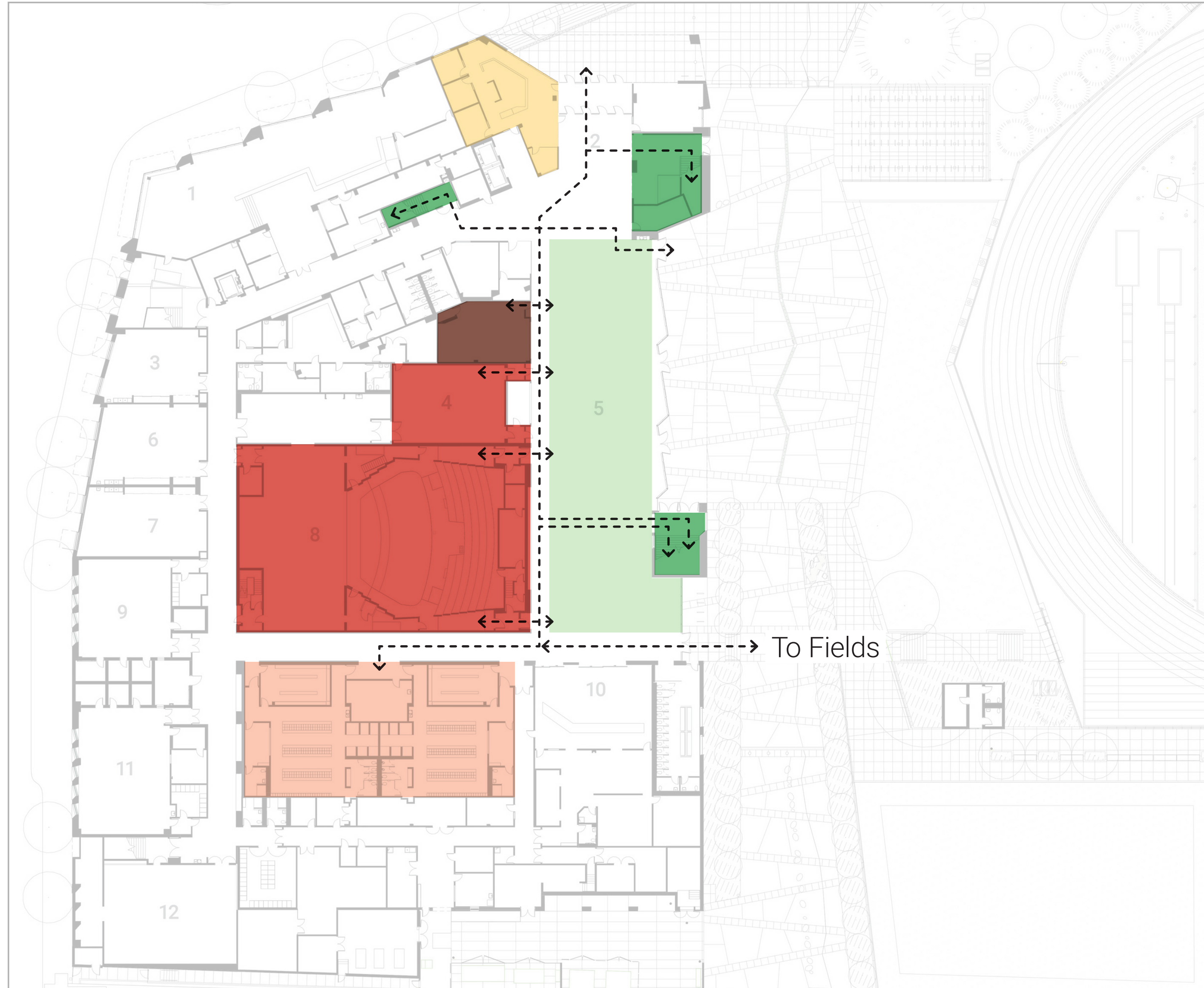
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- Stairs
- Locker Rooms
- Performing Arts
- Multicultural Room



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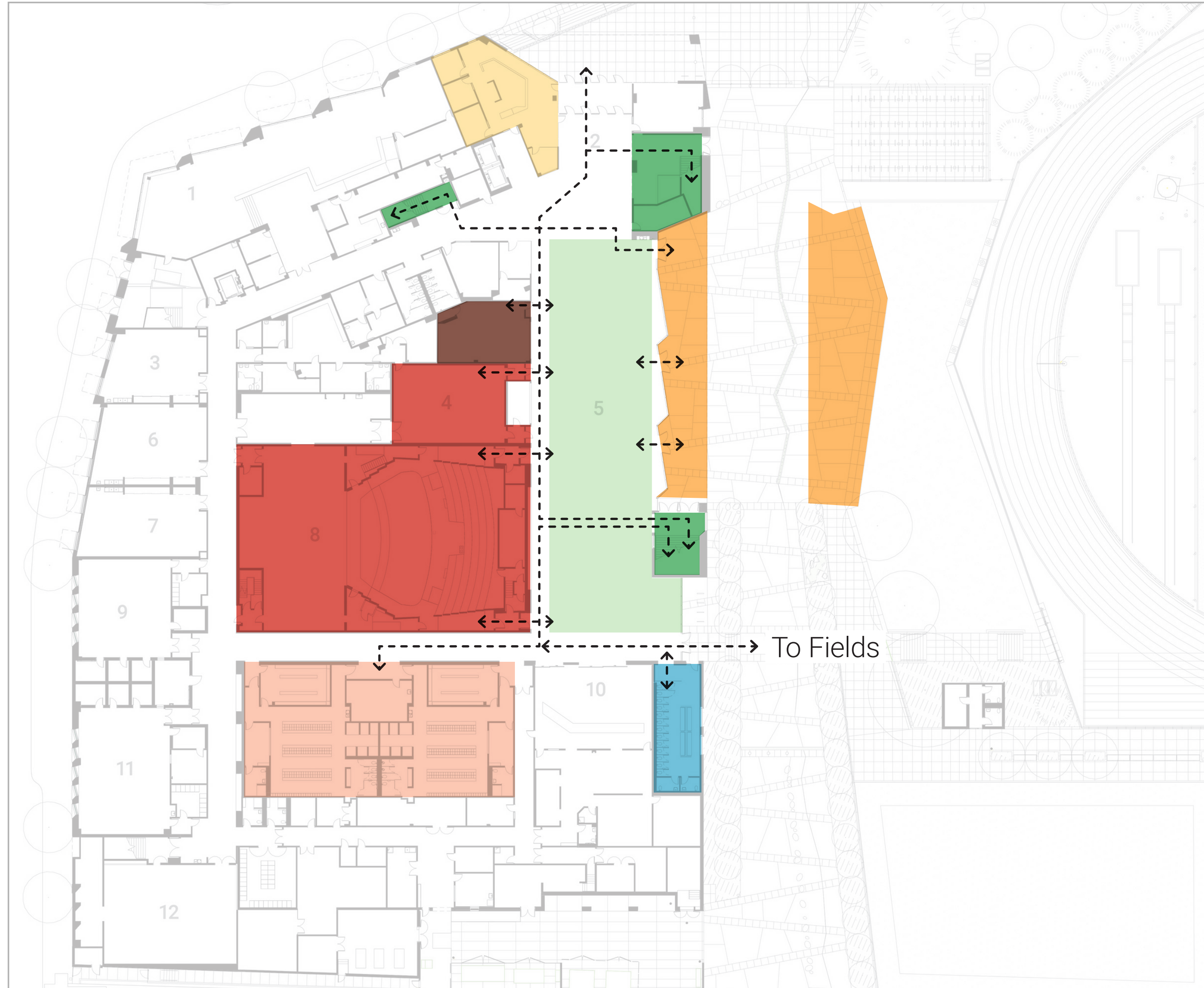
OVERLAPPING SPACES



- Commons
- Admin
- Stairs
- Locker Rooms
- Performing Arts
- Multicultural Room



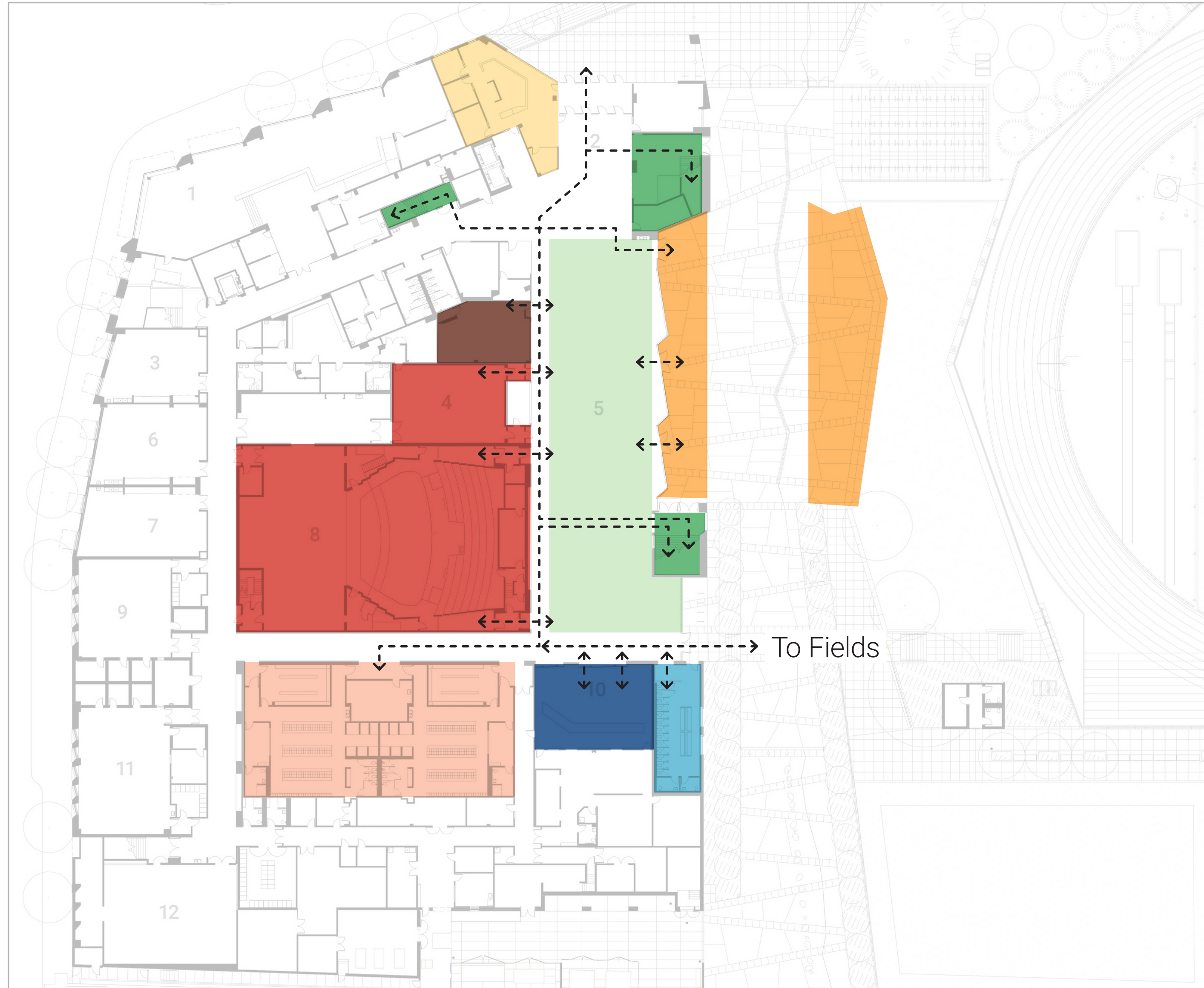
OVERLAPPING SPACES



- Commons
- Admin
- Stairs
- Outdoor Seating
- Locker Rooms
- Restrooms
- Performing Arts
- Multicultural Room



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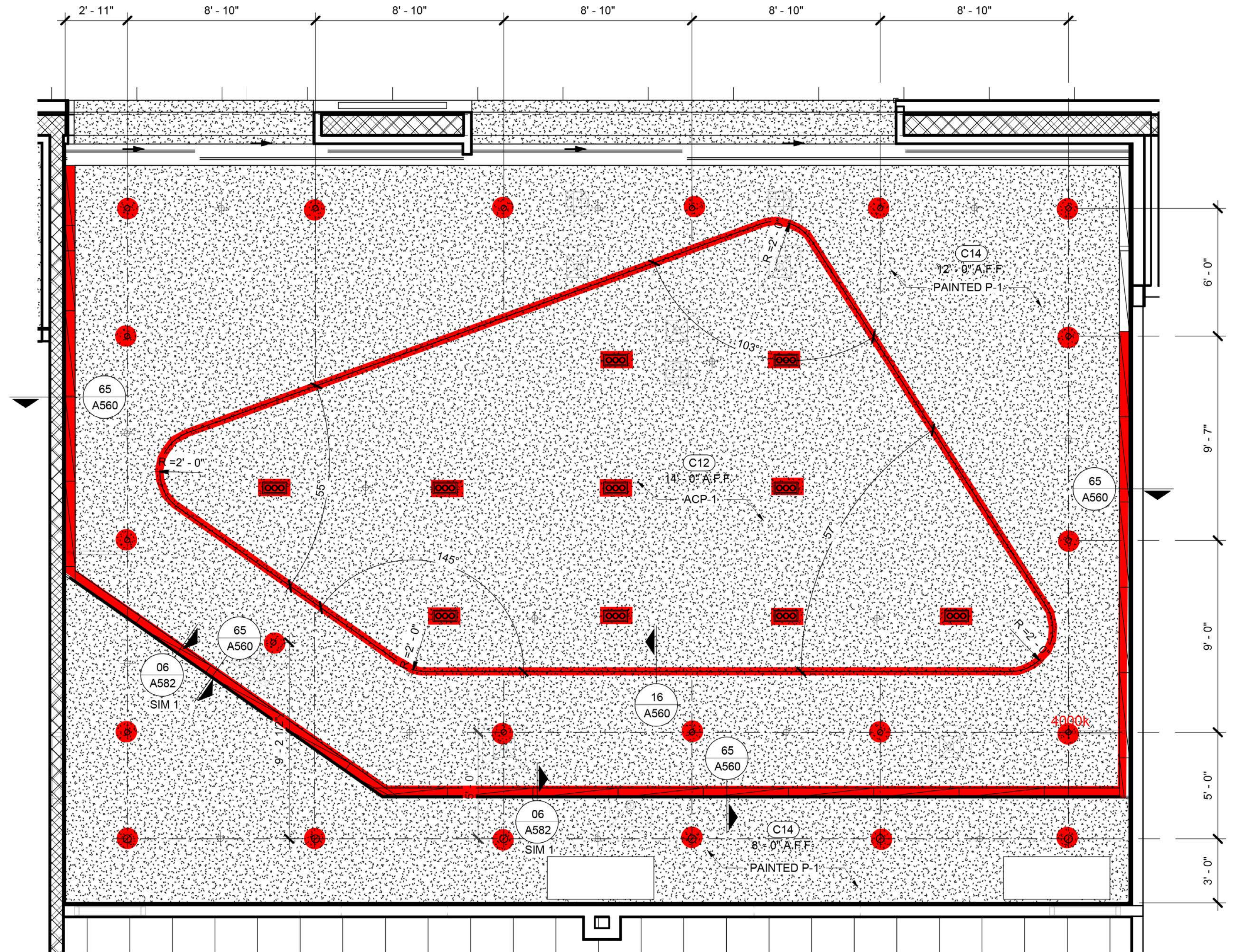
SERVERY

- 1 Appeal
- 2 Lighting
- 3 Finishes



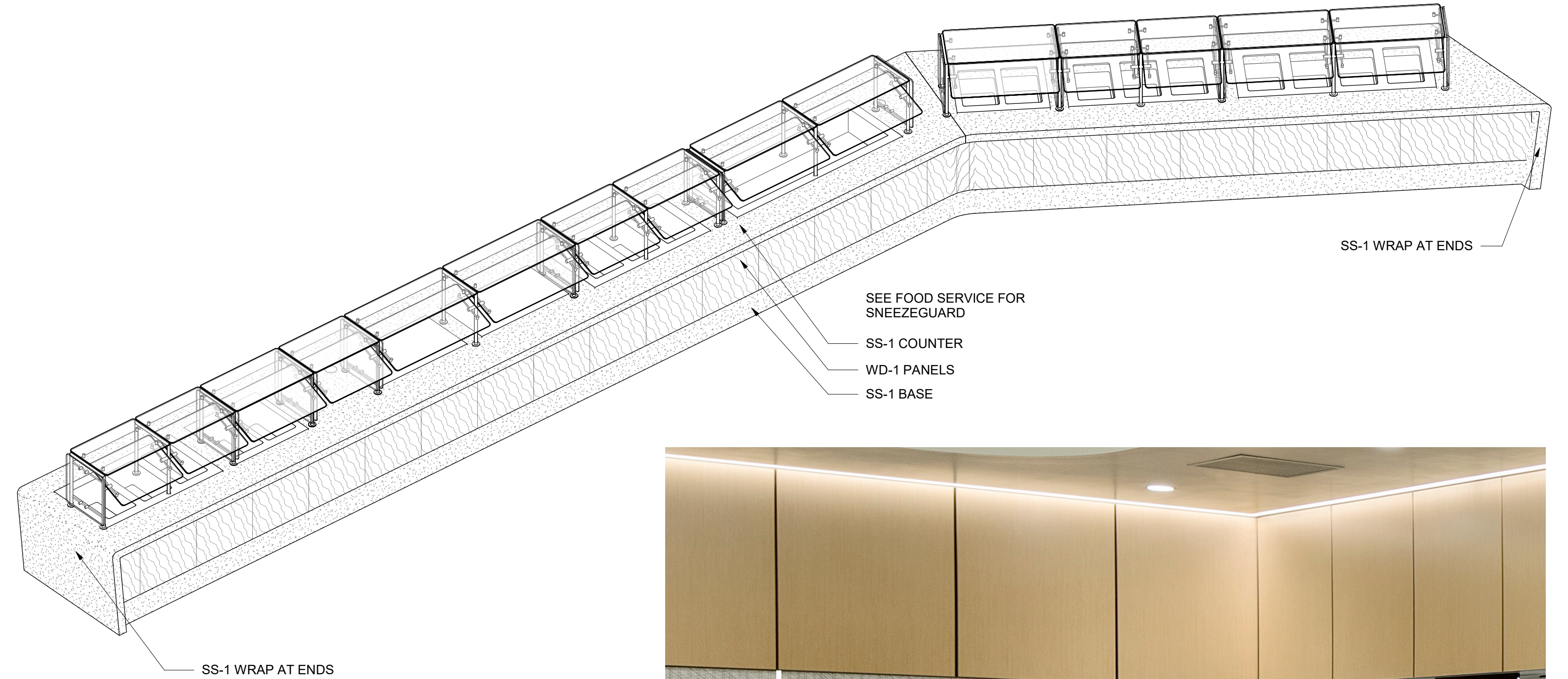
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A Meal at Lincoln - Now

2023 OUTCOMES

300 Lunches
Per Day

3x Increase



SY 23-24 LUNCH (3/13)

306 Total

59 Free

11 Reduced

236 Paid!



SY 24-25 AVERAGES

~440 Total
(all) Free

160 Breakfast!



THE EXPERIENCE

Shared Food

Shared Space

Shared Community

Shared Humanity





Cardinal Commons



Today's Menu
Two Burrito Bar
Pizza

BURRITO BAR

PIZZA

SALADS

FRUITS & VEG

Home Center
PERFORMANCE
HONOR
POWER



المتنوع الأسود
黑箱剧场
Black box
Kleines Studiotheater
Mamul teatr
Tiyatlar yar
Sala de cine
Rap hát nhá

Cine
Black box
Kleines Studio
Mamul teatr
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Bar Off

VIDEO



THANK YOU



Q&A

