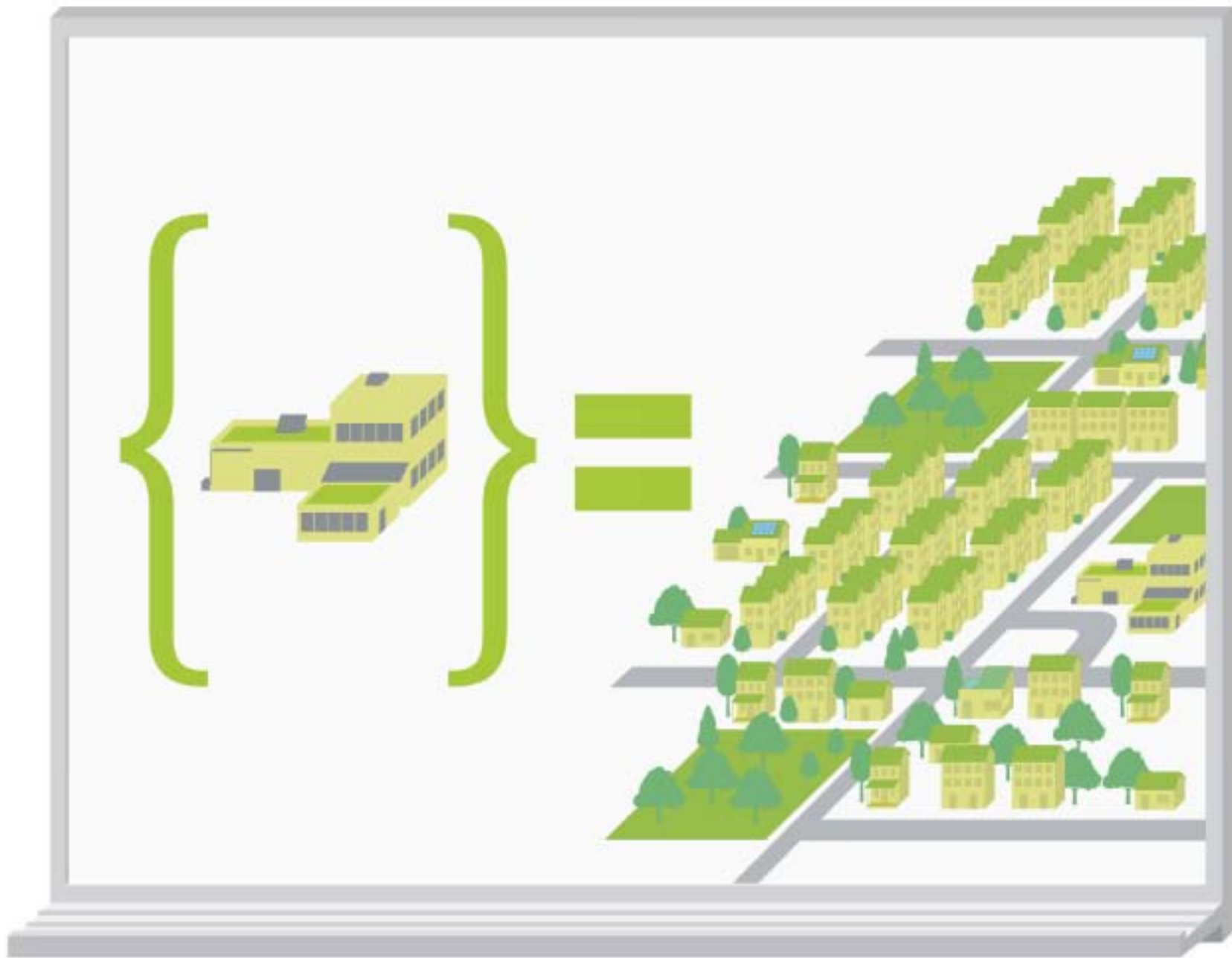




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DP



500
HEALTHIER KIDS
+
BETTER LEARNING
ENVIRONMENT

= **BENEFITS**[∞]

55 million students

and **5** million faculty

20% of America's population

spend over

\$35,000,000,000

in tax dollars annually

CASE STUDY
30 Schools
Studied

33.4%

Average direct
energy savings

50%

Average indirect
energy savings

32.1%

Average water
savings



**DIRECT SAVINGS
FOR AN AVERAGE
GREEN SCHOOL**

\$47,880

Annual Direct Energy Savings Per School

\$95,760

Annual Total Direct Savings Per School





**ENERGY &
WATER COSTS**

**STUDENT HEALTH
& TEST SCORES**

**LEARNING
BENEFITS
OF GREEN
SCHOOLS**

=

+3%
INCREASE IN PRODUCTIVITY,
LEARNING, & PERFORMANCE

AND

-3%
DECREASE IN
TEACHER TURNOVER

Day Lighting

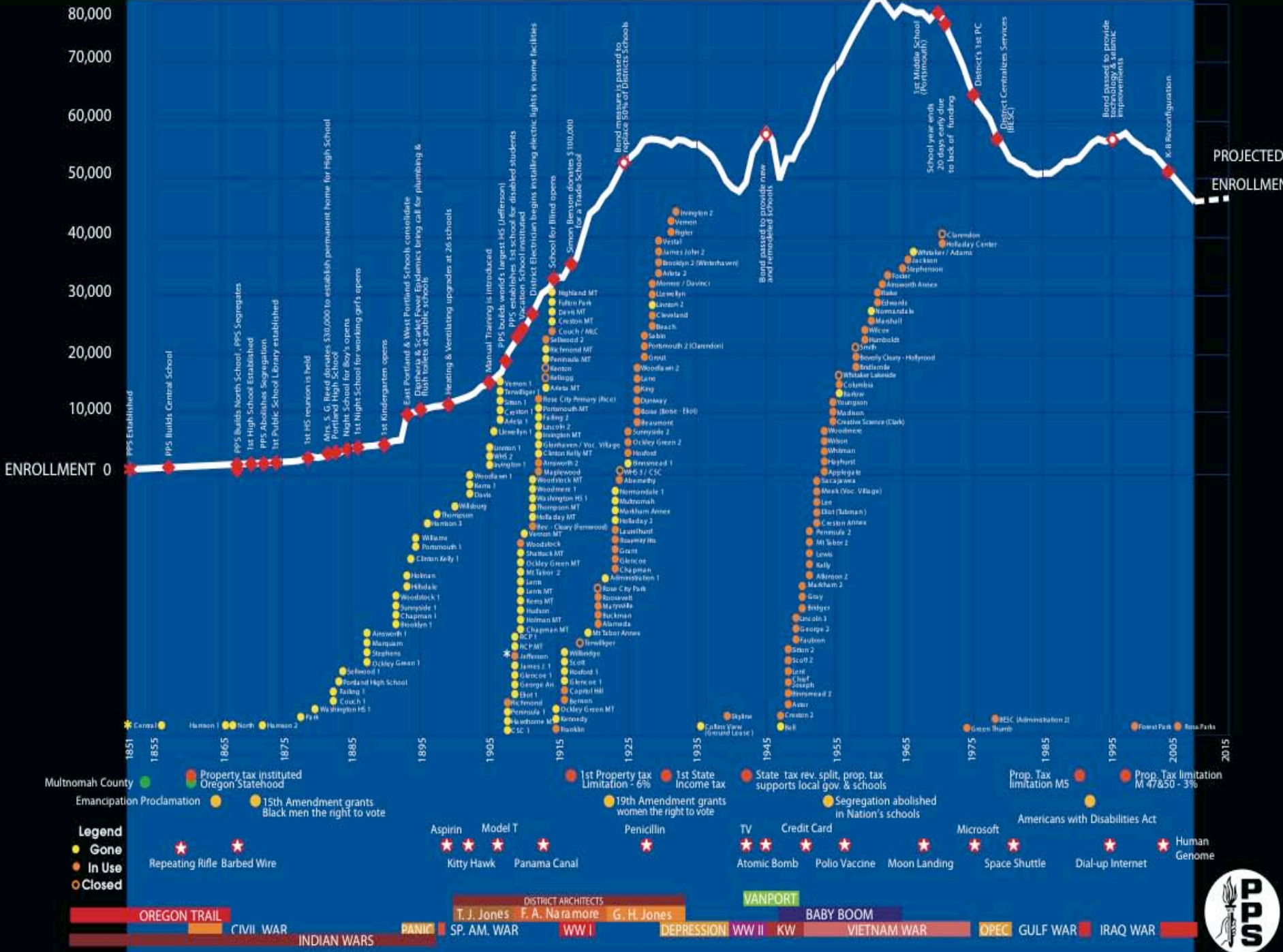


Ventilation



Healthy Learning Environment





65 years old

aging schools
declining population
disproportionate
enrollments



An aerial photograph of a residential development, showing numerous houses with light-colored roofs and walls. The houses are arranged in a grid-like pattern, and the surrounding area appears to be a mix of greenery and urban infrastructure. The text is overlaid on the top portion of the image.

250,000 units on order

\$15 billion industry

*USGBC survey, May 2010

our call to ACTION

LEARNING ACTIVISM

April 9-10 2010

An AIA Portland

FRED
SYMPOSIUM

Portland American Institute of Architects, in conjunction with Portland State University's Department of Architecture and in support of Portland Public Schools, will be hosting a Symposium that looks at the growing role of the citizen architect. This movement redefines the traditional practice of architecture to include tangible service to the public good. Meet the visionary leaders of this shift, take part in discussions with other community-minded designers and be an activist; if only for a day. Presentations and forums will conclude with a group design Charrette to address one of the real needs in Portland's schools.

\$50.00 for AIA members; \$60.00 for non-members

100 free tickets are available for UO and PSU students

Scholarships generously provided by Architects Without Borders

Register at <http://www.aiaportland.com/>

Friday, April 9th FORUMS

Location: Shattuck Hall Annex, Portland State University

Panel 1: Activism within the Profession

8:30-10:00
1 CEU

Dave Otte – Holst
John Peterson – Public Architecture
Moderators – PSU and UO student

Panel 2: Learning Activism through Education

10:15-11:45
1 CEU

Michael Hughes - University of Arkansas professor
Danny Wicke – Rural Studio
Moderator – PSU and UO student

Panel 3: In the Trenches with Communities in Need

1:00-3:30:
2 CEUs

John Blumthal - Architects Without Borders - Oregon
Margarette Leite & Sergio Palleroni – BASIC Initiative/Adopt a School Program, PSU professors
Moderator – PSU and UO student

Saturday, April 10th CHARRETTE

Location: Shattuck Hall Studio, Portland State University

Portland Public School District, like many school districts, struggles with shifts in enrollment at its neighborhood schools. The most common solution for temporary enrollment increases is to install modular classrooms. While PPS invests in improvements, the products that are available and economical have a long way to go to be the high quality learning environments our students deserve. What if there was a better way to design truly modular, scalable, sustainable, beautiful, and affordable temporary classrooms that also provide a great learning environment? Join us as we work together to brainstorm solutions to a problem faced by school districts across the country.

Charrette Schedule

8:00-3:00:
5 CEUs

PSU Student Research Presentation
Modular Building Presentation (Paul McKean)
Description of Charrette Options
Break into Groups

Topic options:

1. New Modular design options for PPS
2. Existing Modular – What do we do with them?
3. Permanent Modular

Guest facilitated by: Judith Heerwagen

Register at <http://www.aiaportland.com/>





SUNNYSIDE RAIN GARDEN

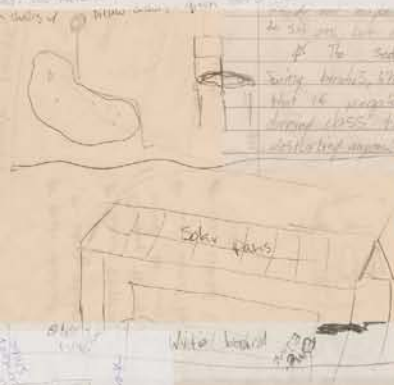


AIA/PPS/PSU/INDUSTRY/COMMUNITY

Design FORUM

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT.

- INVENTION CONVENTION
- SURVEYS
- DESIGN CHORRETTES
- INTERVIEWS WITH STUDENTS
- PTA MEETINGS
- SESOUTDOORCLASSROOM.BLOGPOT.COM



TAKING THE DISCUSSION OUT TO THE SCHOOLS



How do we communicate with our client?

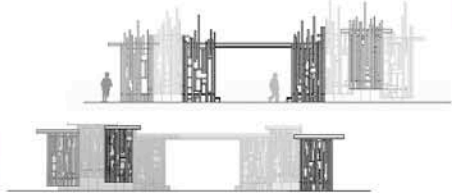
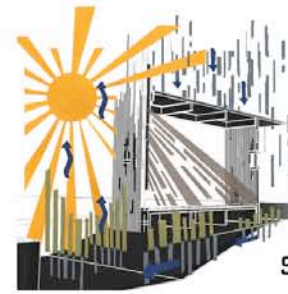
Enter the classrooms

Organize meetings with parents and teachers

Advertise in on-line newsletters, posters, blog sites, word-of-mouth

Show up at events





SUNNYSIDE RAIN GARDEN

OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

DESIGNED TO EMBRACE THE WATER CYCLE IN EVERYDAY LIFE

MODULAR SIMPLICITY

A STRUCTURE COMPOSED OF UNITS SET ATOP A WATER
HARVESTING BIO-SWALE

RECYCLING

IMPLEMENTS SCRAP WOOD (2x4s) FROM CONSTRUCTION SITES OR
DILAPIDATED HOMES



IMPORTANCE OF WATER ECOLOGY AS THE HUB OF ALL LIVING SYSTEMS

small actions can build consensus for the larger vision..



**participation
needs to be
sustained to
build lasting
consensus**

green schools of the future

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RESEARCH AGENDA

Key Principles

The planning grant will support rethinking both new schools and renovation of existing schools in the urban context. Three key principles will guide this effort:

- Sustainable design should lay the foundation for achieving the hallmarks of children's cognitive, physical and psychosocial development.
- Schools should be embedded in the social and economic fabric of the community and should provide a new sense of citizenship around learning, one which builds on mutual help, shared effort, and education for life.
- The school itself and environmental stewardship should be a central component of the curriculum throughout the school years, from kindergarten through high school. Sustainable design provides a rich milieu for the development of scientific as well as ethical thinking. The Green Schools of the Future will speak to the heart as well as the mind and the body. It will demonstrate that being green is a way of behaving and learning as well as a way of building.

How this Differs from Current Green School Efforts.

Current sustainable school design focuses largely on bricks and mortar. It addresses the school building and not on how the school should be designed to promote child development and community engagement while also achieving environmental goals. If however, we begin with what the child needs in order to thrive, then we start in a fundamentally different place. We work backwards from this large goal to look at how every aspect of the physical environment can contribute to – or inhibit – that goal at different ages.

We also integrate others – teachers, parents, health professionals, economists, business partners – in addressing how the Green School of the Future can look outwards to the community and dissolve the barriers that separate “learning” from “life.”

Beginning with the Child.

In addressing the needs of children and school design, we will go well beyond the current narrow approach that looks at test scores as the key indicator of green school benefits. Performance on standardized tests is but one of many valuable developmental outcomes. Decades of research in the social sciences and medicine show that features of the physical environment can have strong effects on children's health and learning, both negative and positive. Our goal is to identify and substantiate the beneficial contributions of the school context and the physical environment on health and learning and to eliminate the negative.

Brief

The planning grant will focus on developing a multi-stage effort to create and test new approaches to sustainable schools. At the heart of this effort is a strong belief that school design and operations needs an essential refocus. Schools should no longer be conceived as containers for learning that disconnect children from their communities and the environment. The Green School of the Future is envisioned as an essential component of the community and one that uses the building and its grounds to teach concepts of social, economic and environmental sustainability.

PUBLIC INTERFACE



Charrette



Design / Build

RESEARCH INTERFACE



Forums



Book Series

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Thermal Comfort in Laurelhurst Elementary

Abstract

The thermal conditions of two classrooms at Laurelhurst Elementary School are measured and analyzed in conjunction with ASHRAE Standard 55-2004: Thermal Environmental Conditions for Human Occupancy. One classroom is in the original school building and the other is a temporary portable classroom structure. The main building classroom is found to much more closely adhere to standard 55-2004 than the portable classroom. Students experience acceptable conditions 86% of the time in the main building classroom as opposed to 45% of the time in the portable classroom.

Introduction

The classroom environment has long been suspected to influence student performance. Studies show that students commit few errors and are generally more attentive in learning environments that adhere to ASHRAE thermal comfort standard 55-2004 (Wargocki & Wyon, 2007), (Schneider, 2002), though some data are more loosely correlated (Mendell & Heath, 2005). ASHRAE Standard 55-2004 specifies the combination of indoor thermal environmental factors, namely temperature, humidity, thermal radiation, and air speed, that will produce conditions acceptable to a majority (about 80%) of the occupants within the space (ASHRAE, 2004).

Laurelhurst Elementary School consists of an original building, built in 1923, two annexes, built in 1951 and 1968, and a portable classroom structure, in use temporarily while parts of the main building are renovated. The use of temporary portable classrooms by Portland Public Schools is becoming more common, both for construction situations and to relieve overcrowding. The original building and the portable classrooms have two very different heating systems. The original building is heated by large wall mounted radiant panels, while the portables are heated by a roof-mounted forced-air system. The purpose of this study is to compare thermal comfort in the older, original classrooms with the newer, portable classrooms, to determine whether the portables offer an acceptable learning environment.

Method and Site

ASHRAE Standard 55 lists six primary factors to consider when evaluating thermal comfort: Metabolic rate, clothing insulation, air temperature, radiant temperature, air speed, and humidity. The ASHRAE recommended and experimental measurement procedures are listed in Table 1. Additional guidelines are:

- Measurements should be taken where the most extreme values of thermal conditions are estimated or observed.
- Heating period (winter) measurements should be taken when the indoor-outdoor temperature difference is not less than 50% of the difference used for design and when sky conditions are cloudy to partly cloudy.
- Simulation of heat generated by occupants is recommended.

measured for two consecutive occupation cycles. Radiant temperature measurements were taken in the morning, when the surface temperature differences were expected to be greatest.

Table 1: Experimental Protocol

Factor	ASHRAE 55 Measurement Protocol	Experiment
Metabolic Rate	Estimate mean values 0.5 to 1 hour before temperature measurements.	Assumed 1.0 met, typical for sedentary office or classroom activity.
Clothing Insulation	Estimate mean values 0.5 to 1 hour before temperature measurements.	Assumed 1.0 clo, typical for cool weather.
Air Temperature	Measure at 4, 24, and 43 inch heights at locations where occupants are known or expected to spend their time.	Measured using HOBO U12-012 datalogging temperature and RH sensors in 6 locations per room at 24 inches and one location per room at 43 inches. ¹
Radiant Temperature	Measure at 24 inch height for seated occupants.	Measured at 24 inches in the interior classroom using an infrared thermometer. ²
Air Speed	Measure for minimum of 3 minutes duration at same height and location as air temperature measurements.	Neglected, sensors not available.
Humidity	Measure in one location in the occupied zone, unless large humidity variations are suspected.	Measured (with air temperature) by HOBO U12-12 sensors.

1. The 4 inch measurements were neglected due to concerns of tampering or damage to the sensors.
2. The portable classroom had no radiant heat sources and was not measured.

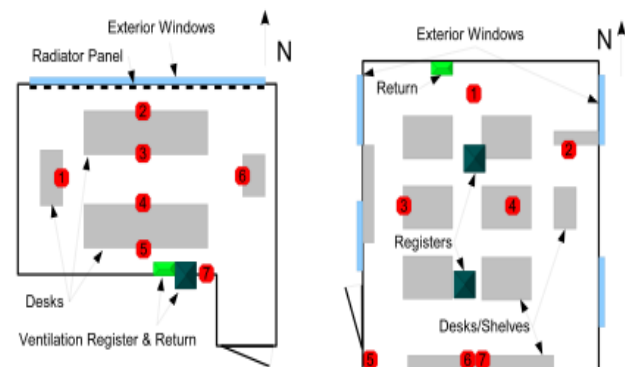


Figure 1: Interior Classroom Layout

Figure 2: Portable Classroom Layout

Number of research papers prepared	4
Number of graduate students involved	22
Number of undergraduate students involved	32
Number of sustainability events held	6
Number of sustainability courses developed and/or taught	Three (two in architecture and urban studies, one a capstone)
Number of proposals submitted for external funding	One, to HUD, three more in process
Number of external partnerships formed (please list the organizations/institutions)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> >AIA (Portland and Oregon) >Albina Bank >Portland Public Schools (PPS) >David Douglas Public School District >Parkrose School District >Visual Online Solutions and Zen Freese (donation of film production of "<i>PSU & AIA Rethinks Modular Schools</i>" and documentation of public Symposium and Charrette > Council of Educational Facility Planners International >Modern Building Systems >Blazzer Industries >KPF Engineering
Number of internal partnerships formed	8 department formal collaboration relationships 5 departmental research relationships



WHERE NEXT?

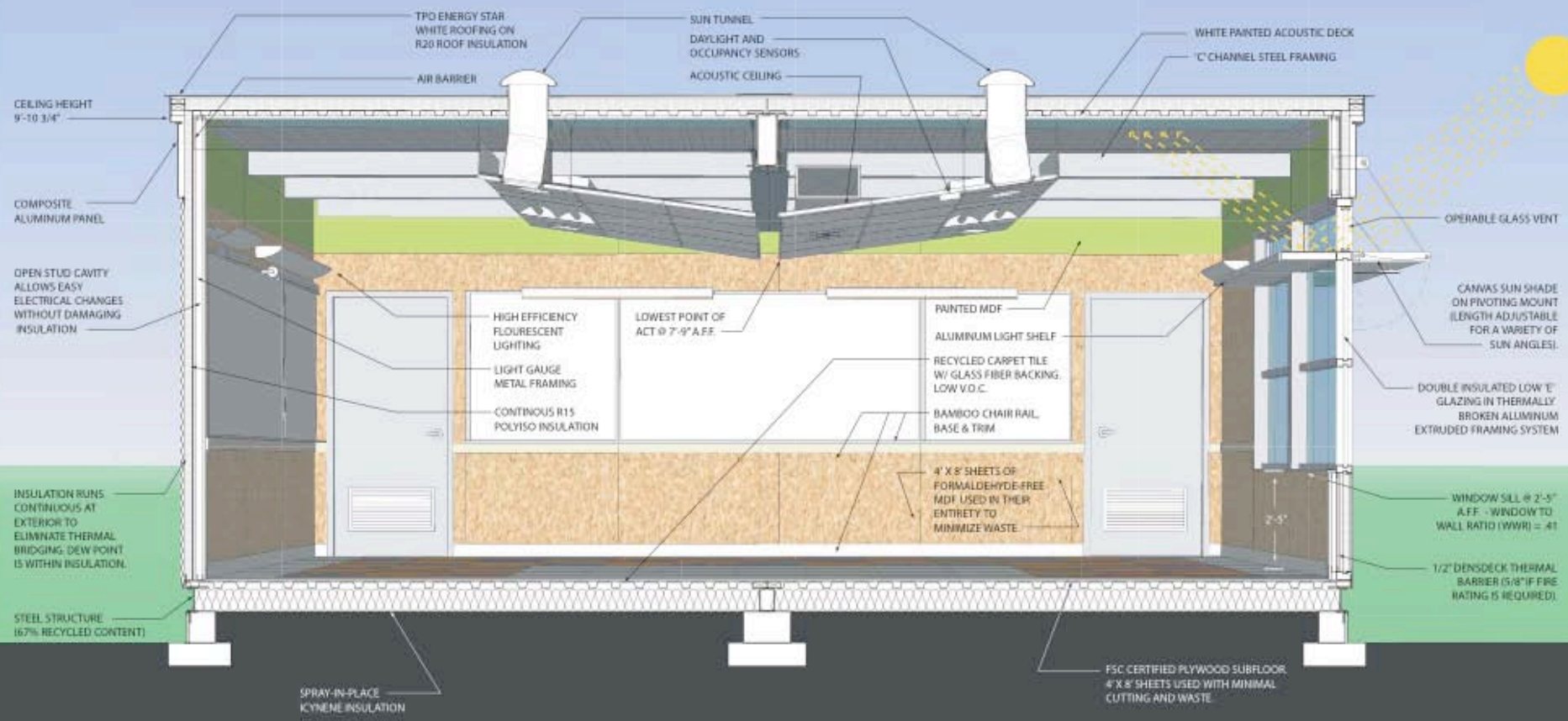


public / private collaboration in the creation of
a prototype **project**



Learning from the solar decathlons and industry







GREEN SCHOOLS OF THE FUTURE

The Campaign

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Research

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- Resources

Project Bank

- All
- Built
- Academic

Community

- Workgroups
- Discussions
- People
- Join



News

Website Kick-Off
11 Sep 2010

Feature



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The Learning Activism Symposium featured a day-long design charrette that focused on the development of well designed, sustainable and affordable modular classrooms.

[Read the Entry](#)

film on the charrette

- <http://schools.basicinitiative.com/>