

# EVIDENCE BASED DESIGN FOR ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY SCHOOLS



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# LEARNING OBJECTIVES

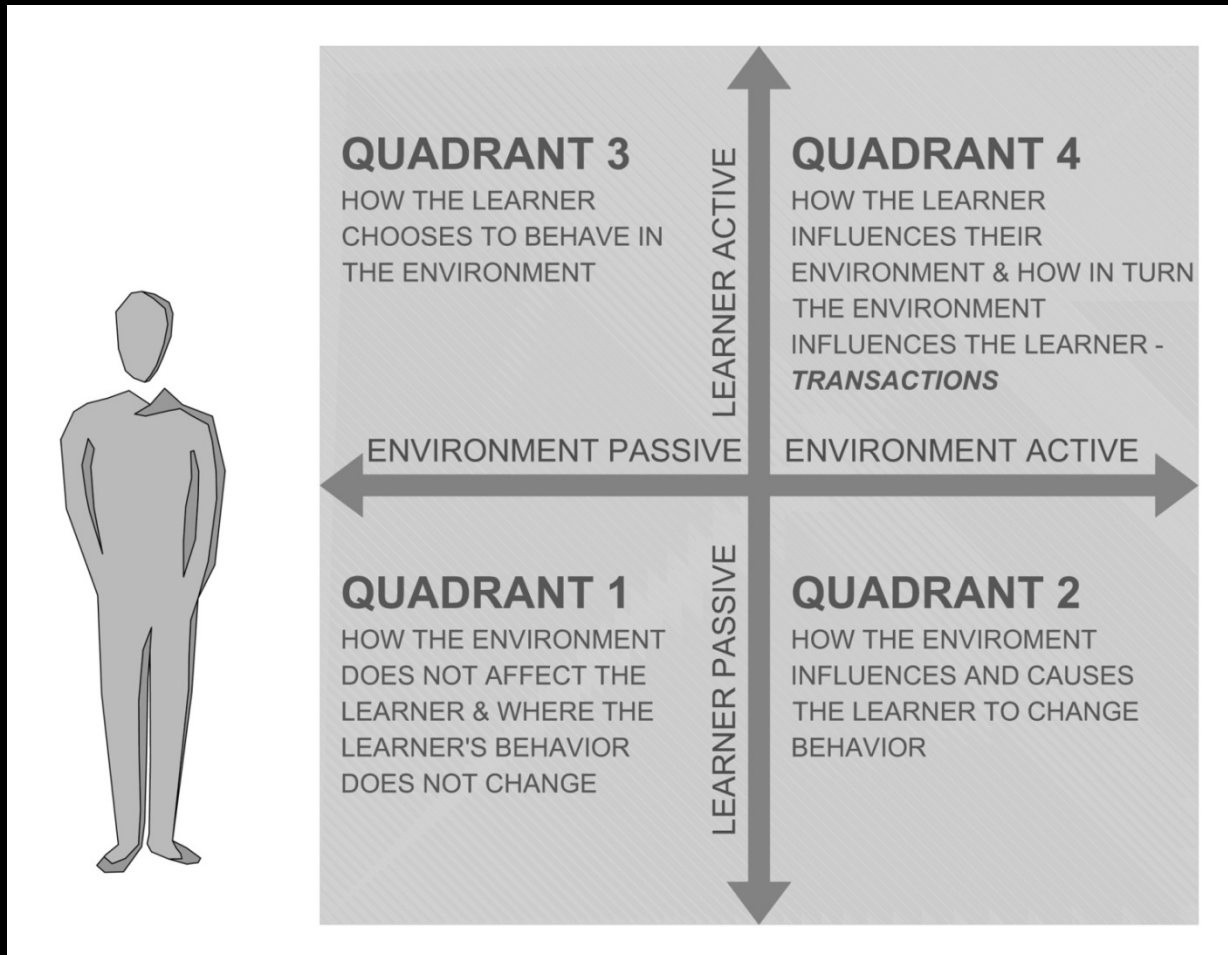
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## **Evidence Based Design of Elementary & Secondary Schools: A Responsive Approach for Creating Learning Environments**

At the end of this program, participants will be able to:

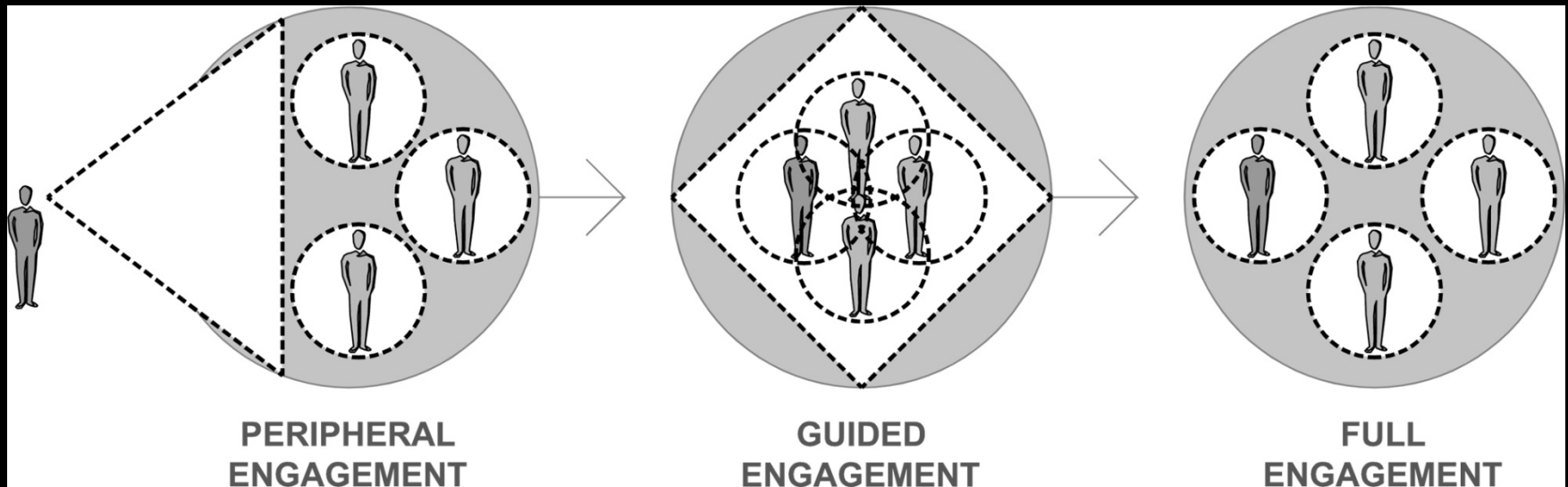
1. *Gain an understanding of educational theory and how it can guide design.*
2. *Gain an appropriate framework so that they can offer informed recommendation to their clients.*
3. *Understand how using sustainable elements (day-lighting, dimmers, control of mechanical systems, etc.) can positively influence learning.*
4. *Understand the salient features of the learning environments that support how people acquire knowledge.*

# LEARNER-ENVIRONMENT RELATIONSHIP

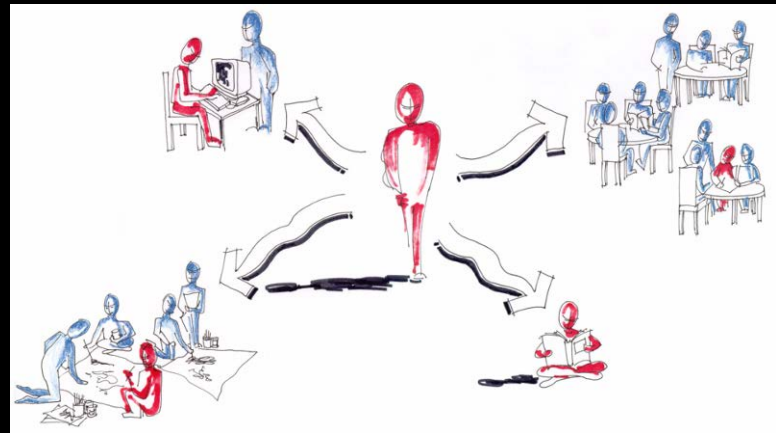
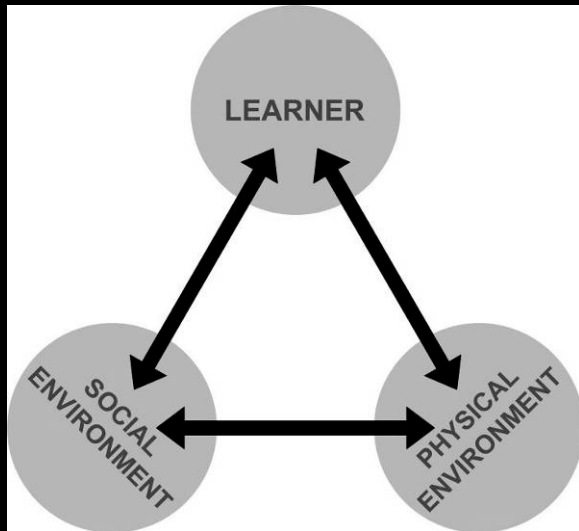


# CONSTRUCTIVISM—20<sup>th</sup> Century

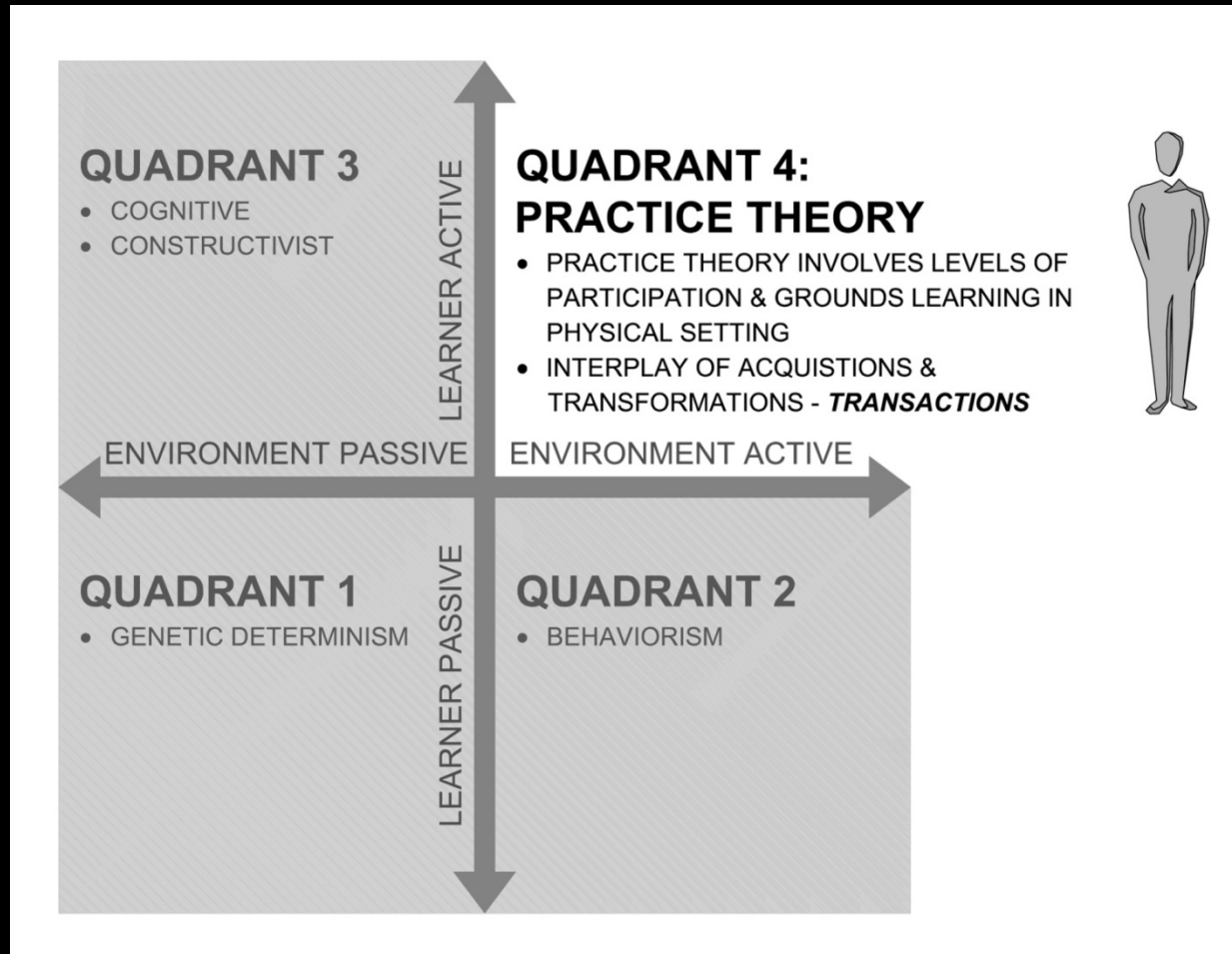
Active Learner – Passive Environment



# 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning--Transactionalism

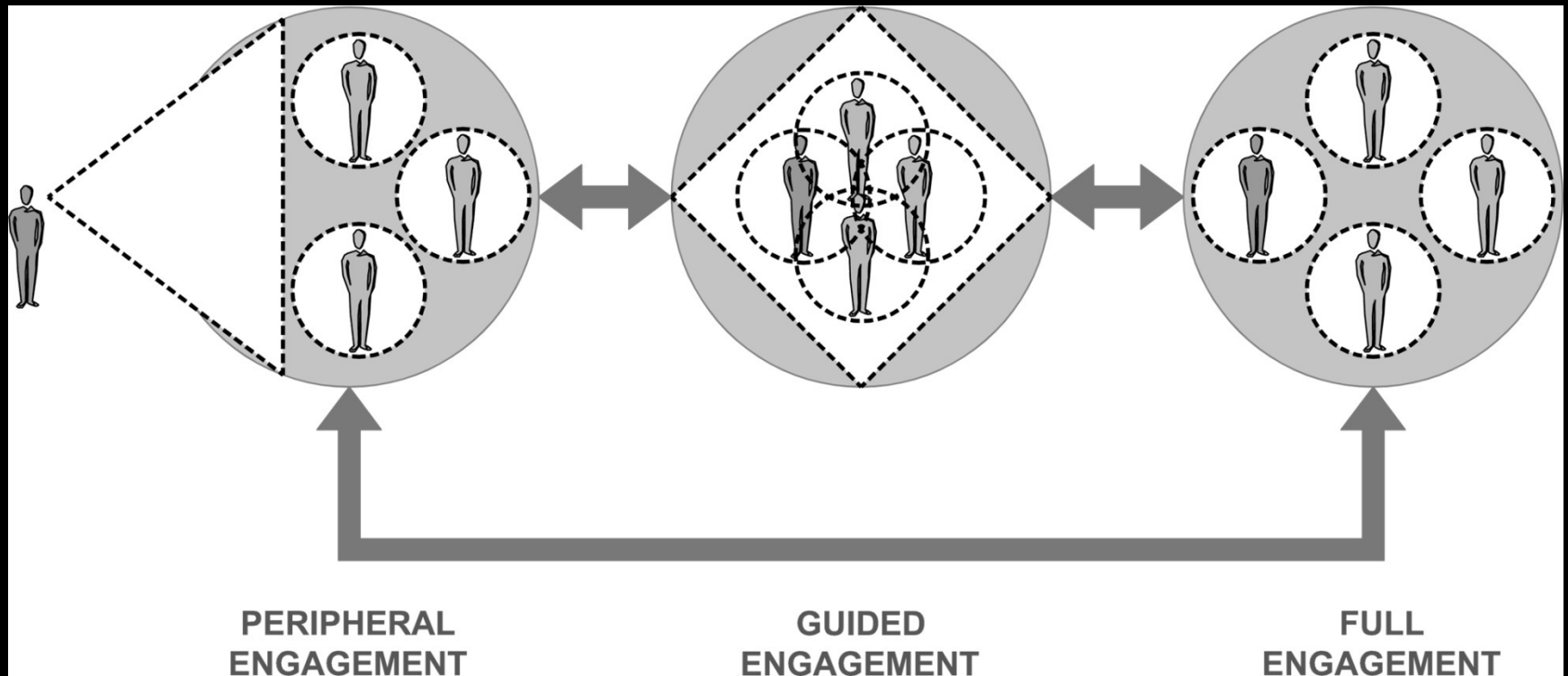


# 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Environment: Practice Theory



# PRACTICE THEORY

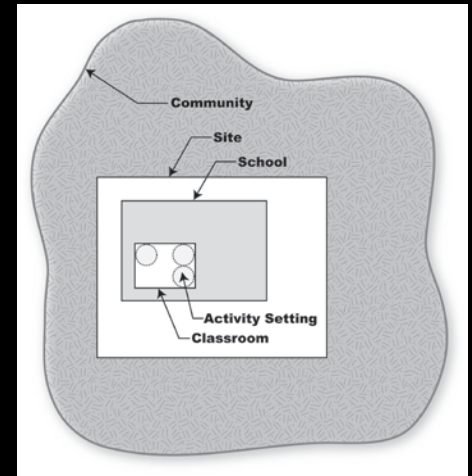
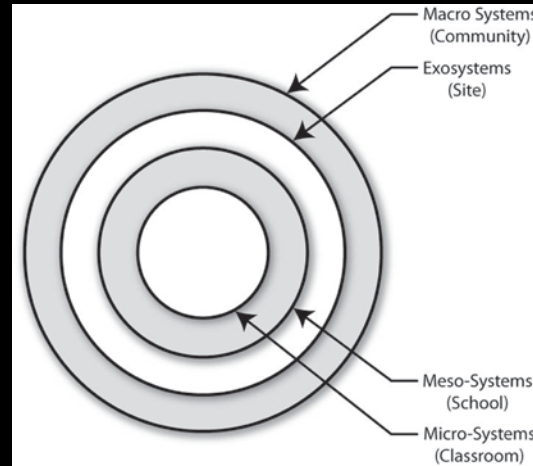
## Active Learning Environments





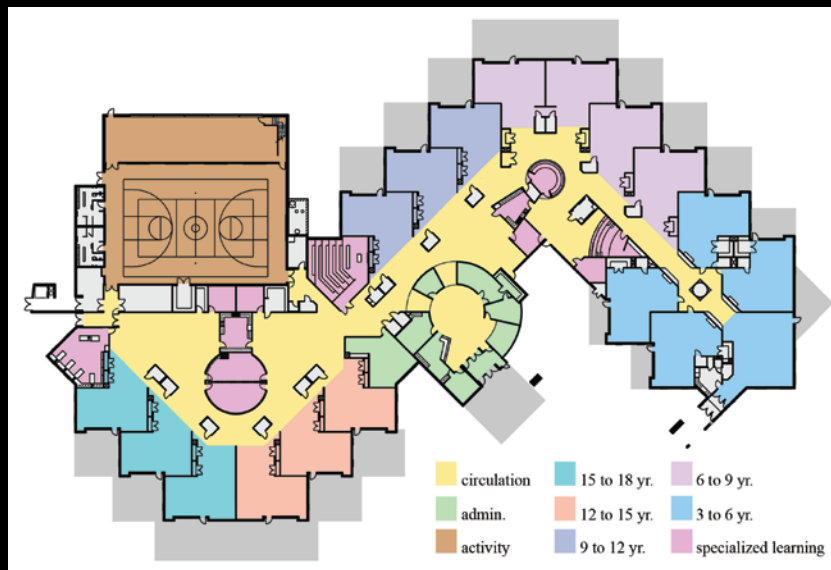
# 20<sup>th</sup> Century Pedagogical Models: Reggio Emilia—The Learning Environment

- Community
- Learners
- The Third Teacher
- Project Based learning



# 20<sup>th</sup> Century Pedagogical Models: Montessori—The Learning Environment

- The school is the community
- Guides
- Prepared Environment
- Project Based Learning



# Past Trends in Classroom Design

1920

1960

2000



# Current Trends....?



2010

# What is EVIDENCE BASED DESIGN?

- Evidence Based design (EBD)
  - Rooted in design of healthcare facilities
  - Framework for programming & planning facilities
- EBD focuses on
  - building technology systems
  - information technology
  - building maintenance programs.



# What is RESPONSIVE COMMISSIONING?



- Commissioning
- Educational Commissioning
- Responsive Commissioning
  - Participatory Action Research
  - Methodologies that can guide the programming, planning and design

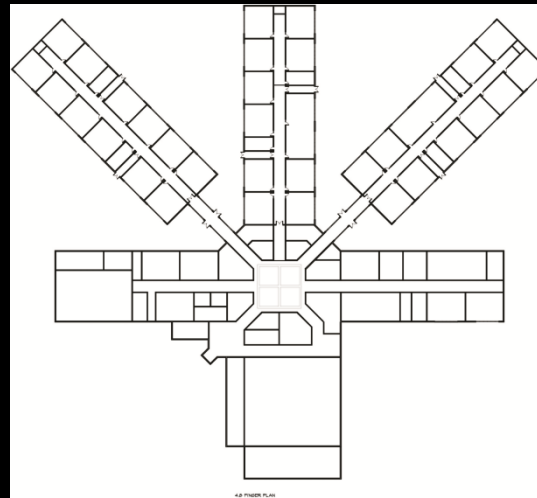
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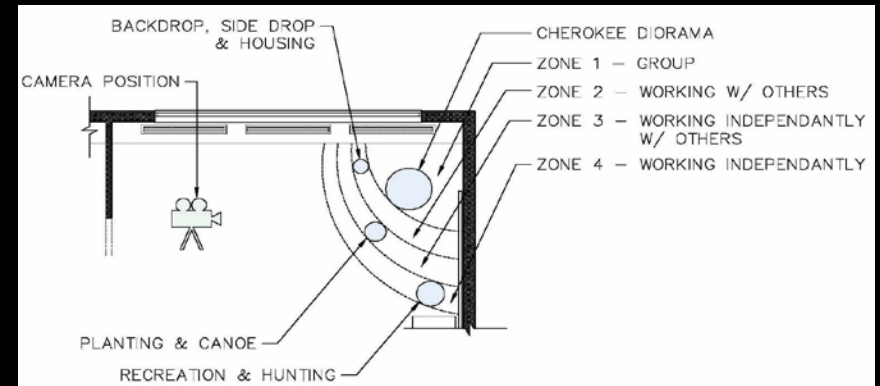
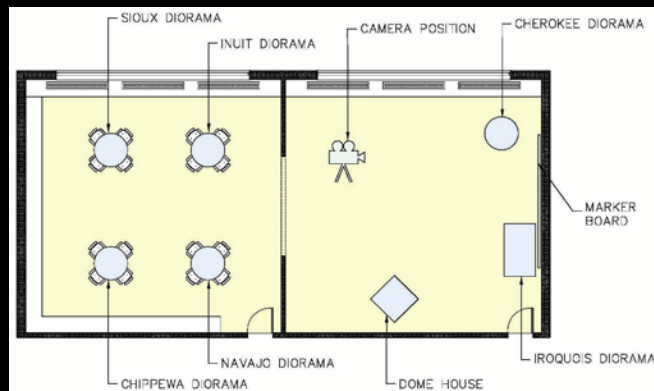
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School, New  
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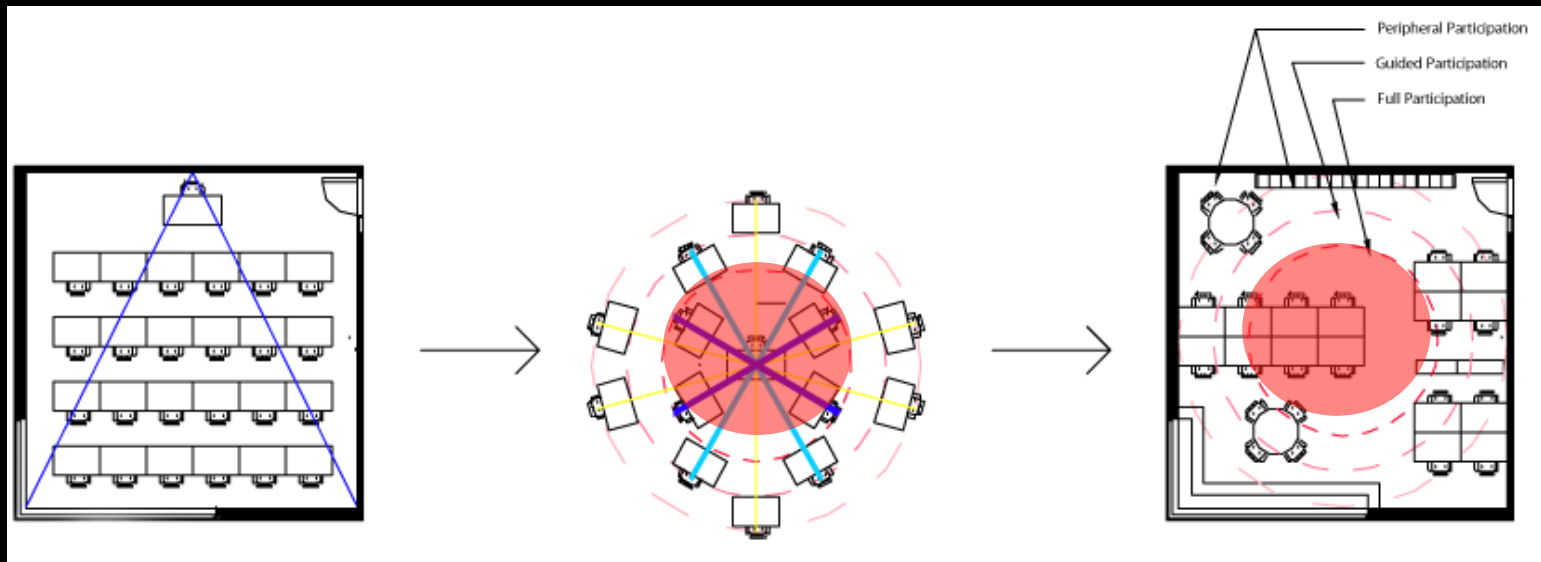
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Learning Environments.

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# RESEARCH ISSUE: Socio-Physical Structures



Teacher-Centered  
Classroom Environment

Learner-Centered  
Environment

Learner-Centered  
Classroom Environment

# ACTIVITY PRECINCT: The Neighborhood

"Contexts in which collaborative interaction, intersubjectivity, and assisted performance occur—in which *teaching* occurs—are referred to as *activity settings*" (Tharp & Gallimore, 1997, p. 72)



North Platte High School  
North Platte, Nebraska  
Designed by The Architectural Partnership



Meadowdale Middle School  
Washington  
Designed by INTEGRUS Architecture,

# ACTIVITY SETTINGS within Activity Precinct



## Definition of Activity Settings

access to peers of greater, equal, and lesser ability;

transactions between students and teachers, verbal and otherwise, that occur in the daily routine;

opportunities to investigate an array of activities permitted within the settings;

low levels of adult guidance, supervision, and considerable freedom for what students accomplish and how they accomplish it (Tharp & Gallimore, 1997).

# GUIDELINES for Creating an Integrated Learning Environment



- Privacy
- Personal Space
- Access to Resources
- Manage Interactions
- Flexibility
- Prospect & Refuge
- Flow
- Place identity



# GUIDELINES for Creating an Integrated Learning Environment



**Privacy** examines the zone(s) in the physical environment that provide the student(s) the capacity to focus on the project at hand.

**Personal Space** of work zone(s) affords administration, teachers, and students a space where the identity of the individual may emerge.



**Access to Resources** involves individuals being able to obtain, retain and use the variety of the tools in the learning environment to solve the problems at hand.

# GUIDELINES for Creating an Integrated Learning Environment



Ability to manage interactions of group explores the ease to participate with others in the group

Flexibility is the ability of the learner and the learning environment to meet changing demands of the group process.



Prospect and Refuge:

Prospect are places with unimpeded opportunity to see;

Refuge are places of concealment



# GUIDELINES for Creating an Integrated Learning Environment



Flow between time and movement, fifth dimension, realm of experiential relationship between spaces, transaction.

Place Identity is a collaborative practice in which the learning environment builds together in the course of social activities. Place identity is the creation and institutionalization of the Community and includes the numerous Communities of Practice inside and outside of the learning environment.



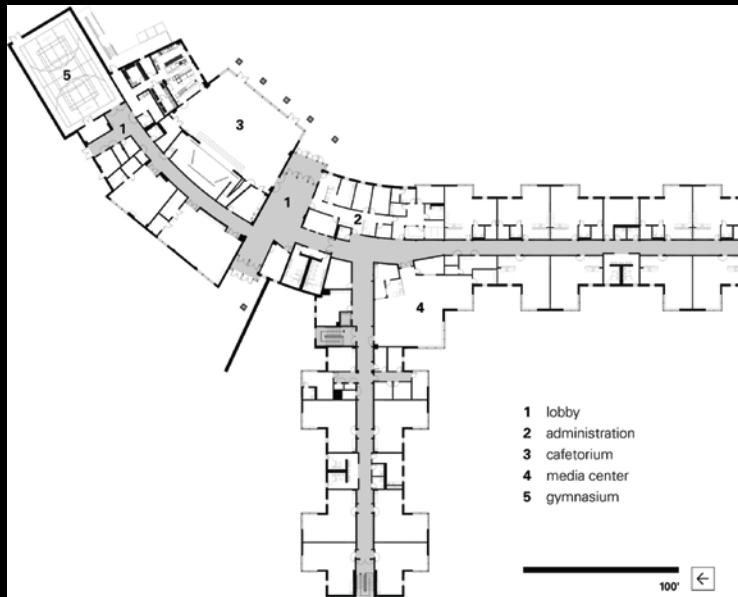
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- Prospect & Refuge
- Managing Interactions

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Chicago, Illinois – 2005

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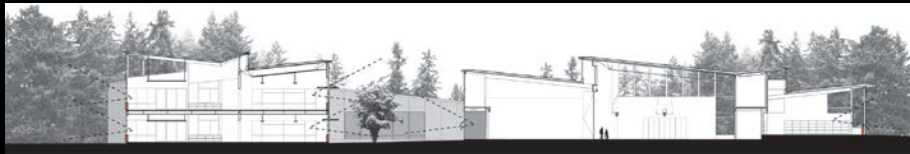
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**Rachel Carson Elementary School**  
Lake Washington School District—2009  
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Washington  
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- Managing Interactions
- Place Identity

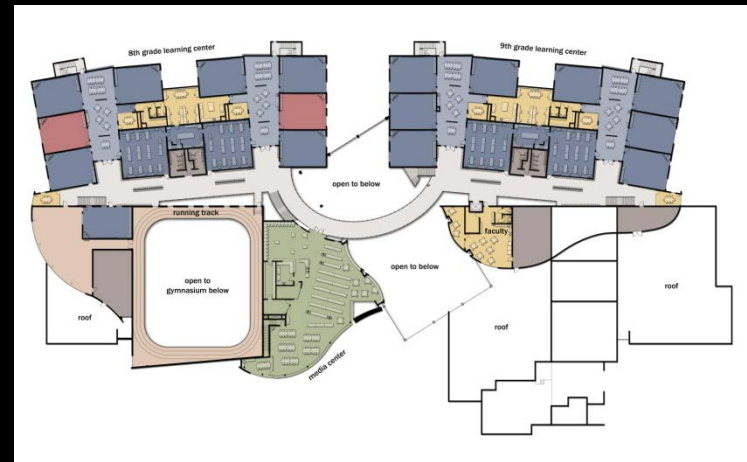




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# Bioscience High School

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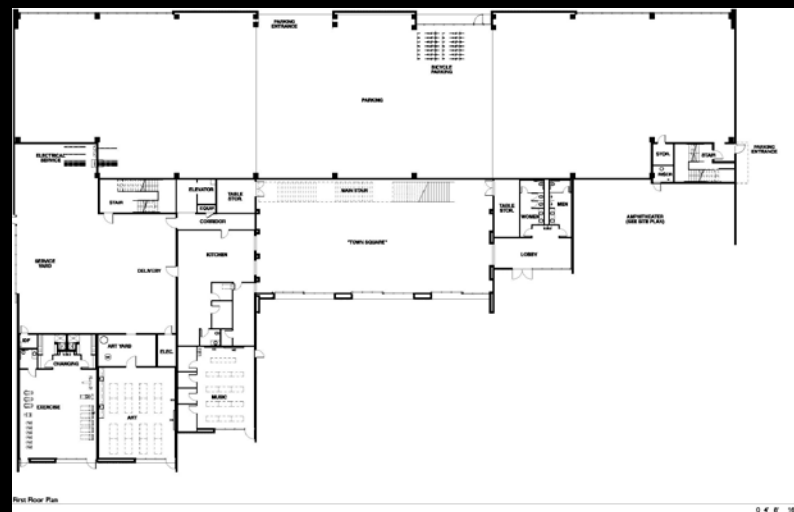
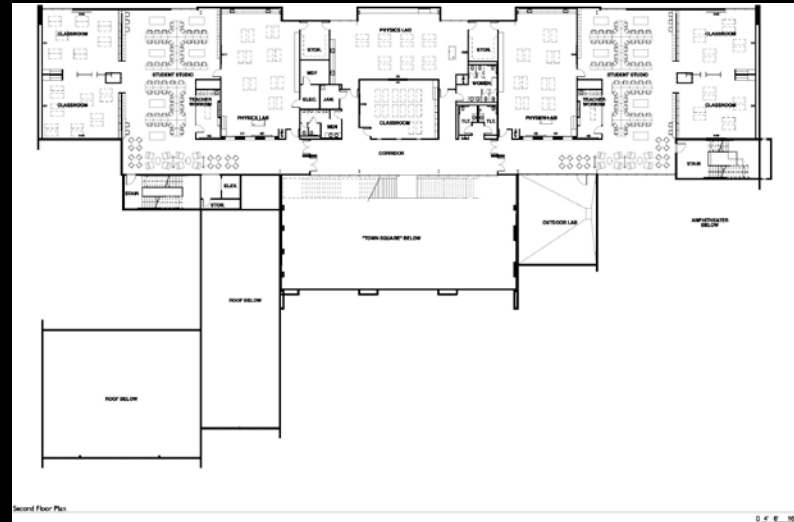
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- Flow
- Managing Interactions



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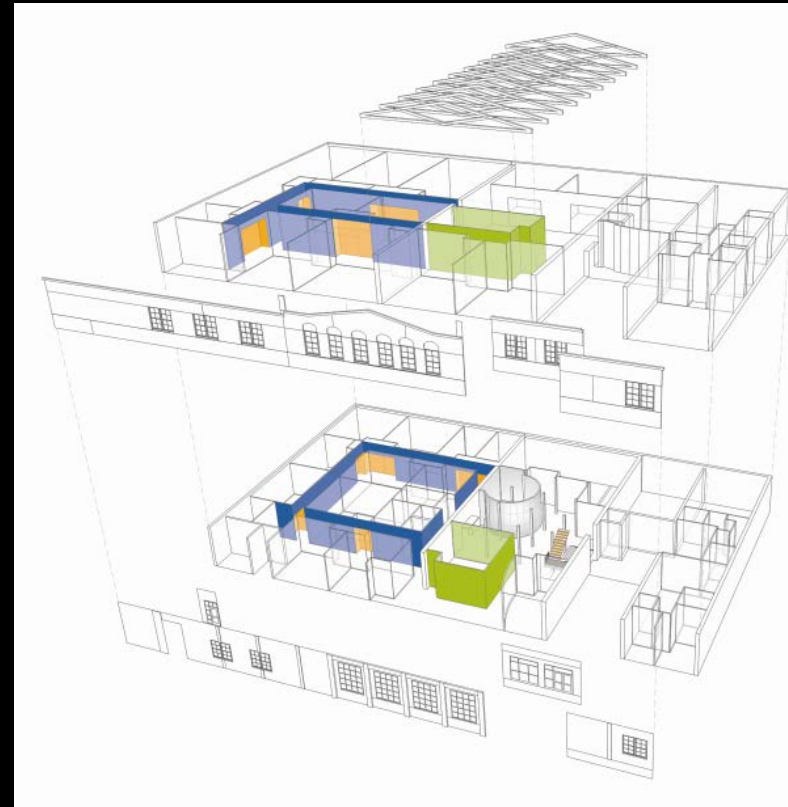
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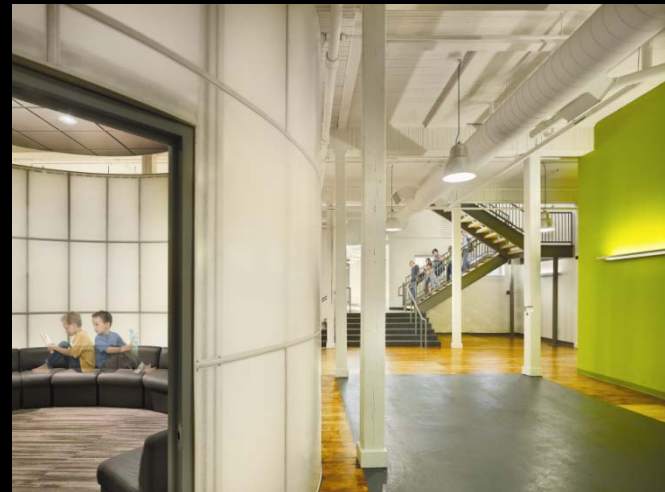


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New Jersey Community Development Corporation –2008  
Paterson, New Jersey Designed by: Design Ideas Group, New Brunswick, NJ  
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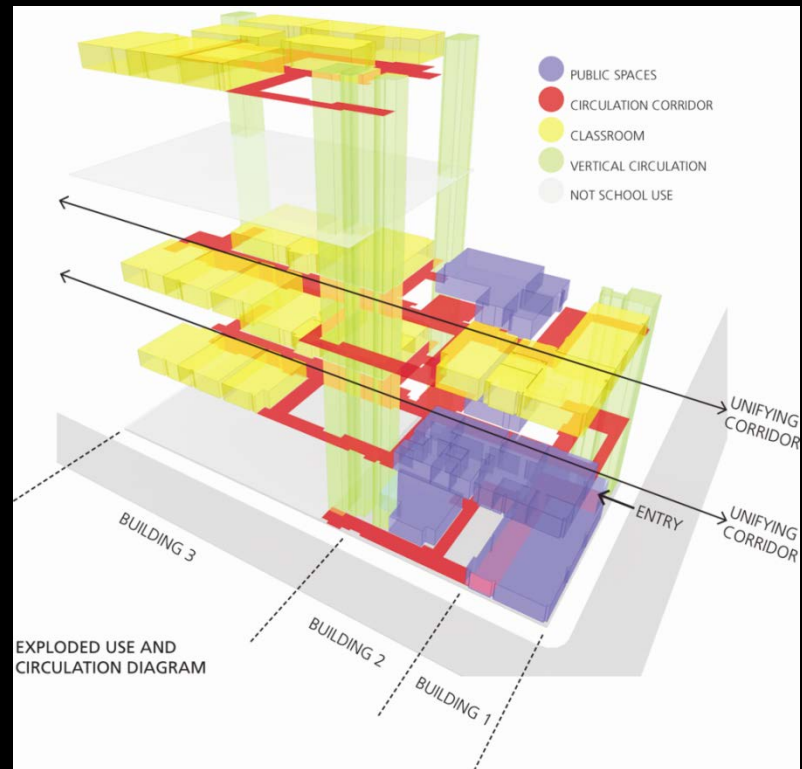
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- Privacy
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# The New Settlement Community Campus

Bronx, New York – 2012

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- Place Identity
- Flow



# Swampscott High School & Senior Community Center

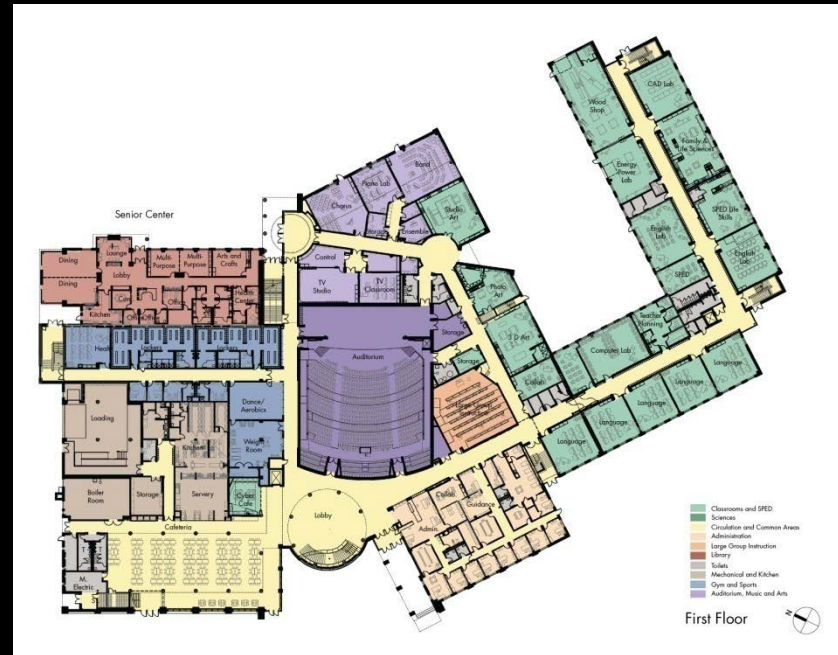
Swampscott, Massachusetts – 2007

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- Personal Identity
- Flexibility



# INTEGRATION OF TECHNOLOGY: Creating Active Learning Environments at the University



School of ONE I: 1.0



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Chemistry Learning Lab at the University Melbourne

Designed by: Associate Professor Peter Jamieson with Bloomquist & Wark Architects

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Engineering School Classroom at the University of Melbourne  
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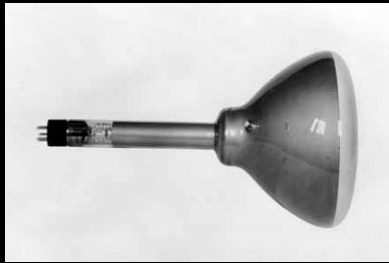
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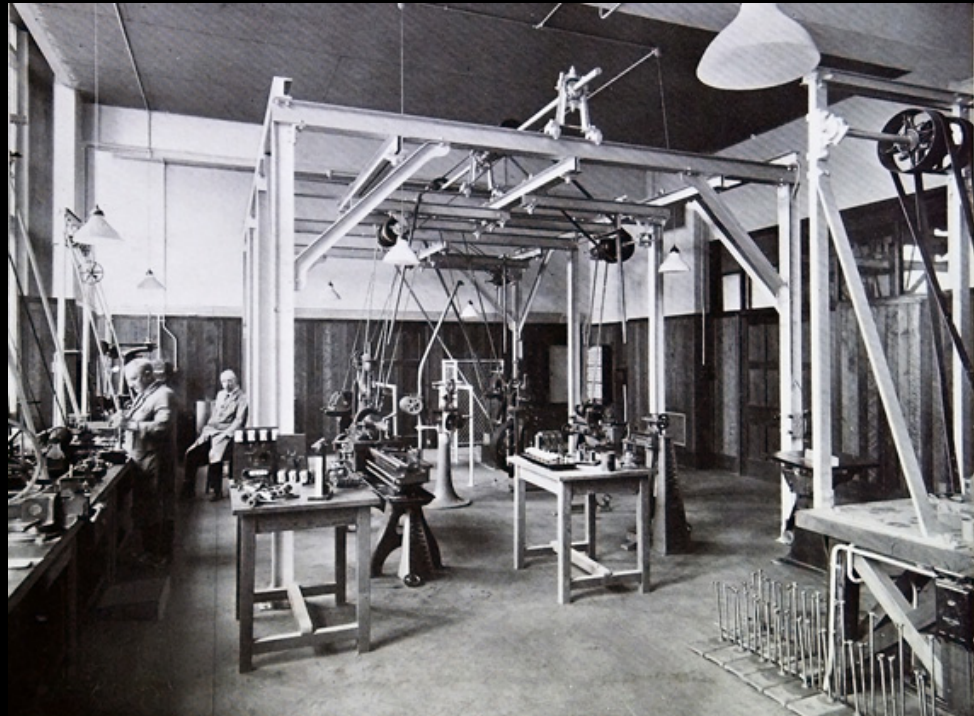
Graduate School of Journalism of the City University of New York  
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# CONCLUSION

## General Electric 1927: Worker Efficiency



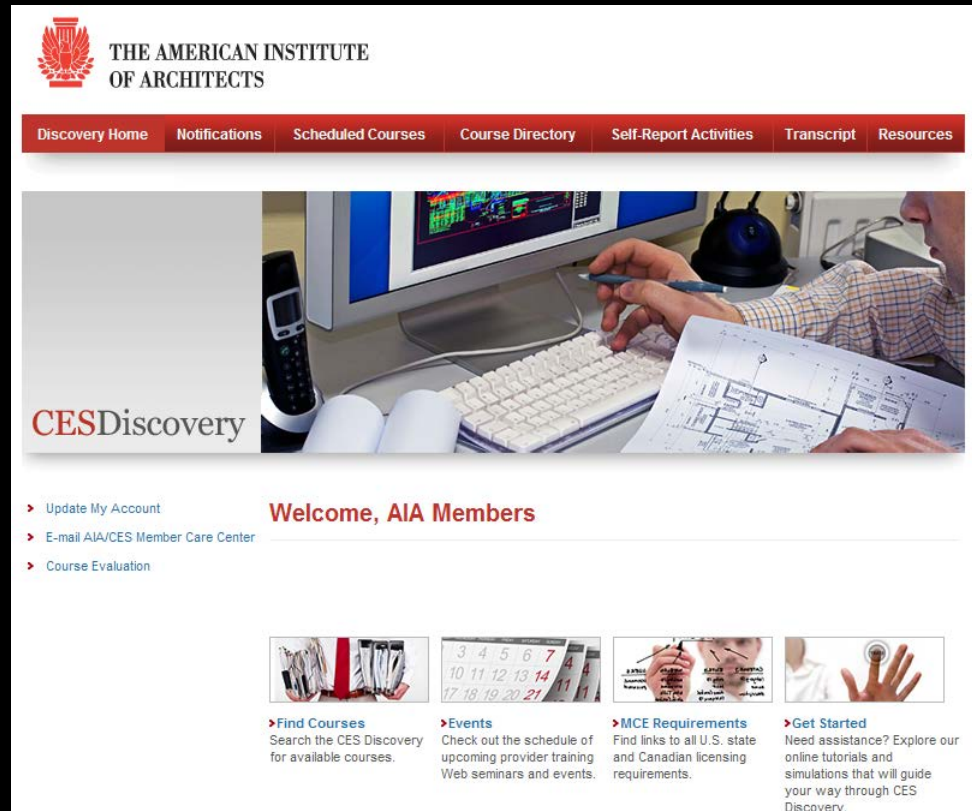
Research Question:  
Will higher light levels  
promote worker  
productivity?








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