



Hinge Neighborhood Project

World of Inquiry School #58

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The World of Inquiry School was founded out of the racial tension in Rochester during July of 1964.





Our school was designed to be a beacon of diversity and inclusion in the Rochester community.





We were created by a task force in the State Education Department called the Cooperative Action in Urban Education.




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EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Knowledge > Skill > Opportunity

Our school opened in 1967 with 120 students and expanded to 275 students in 1973.

Today our school has over 800 students K-12 and is the only K-12 school in the Rochester City School District.





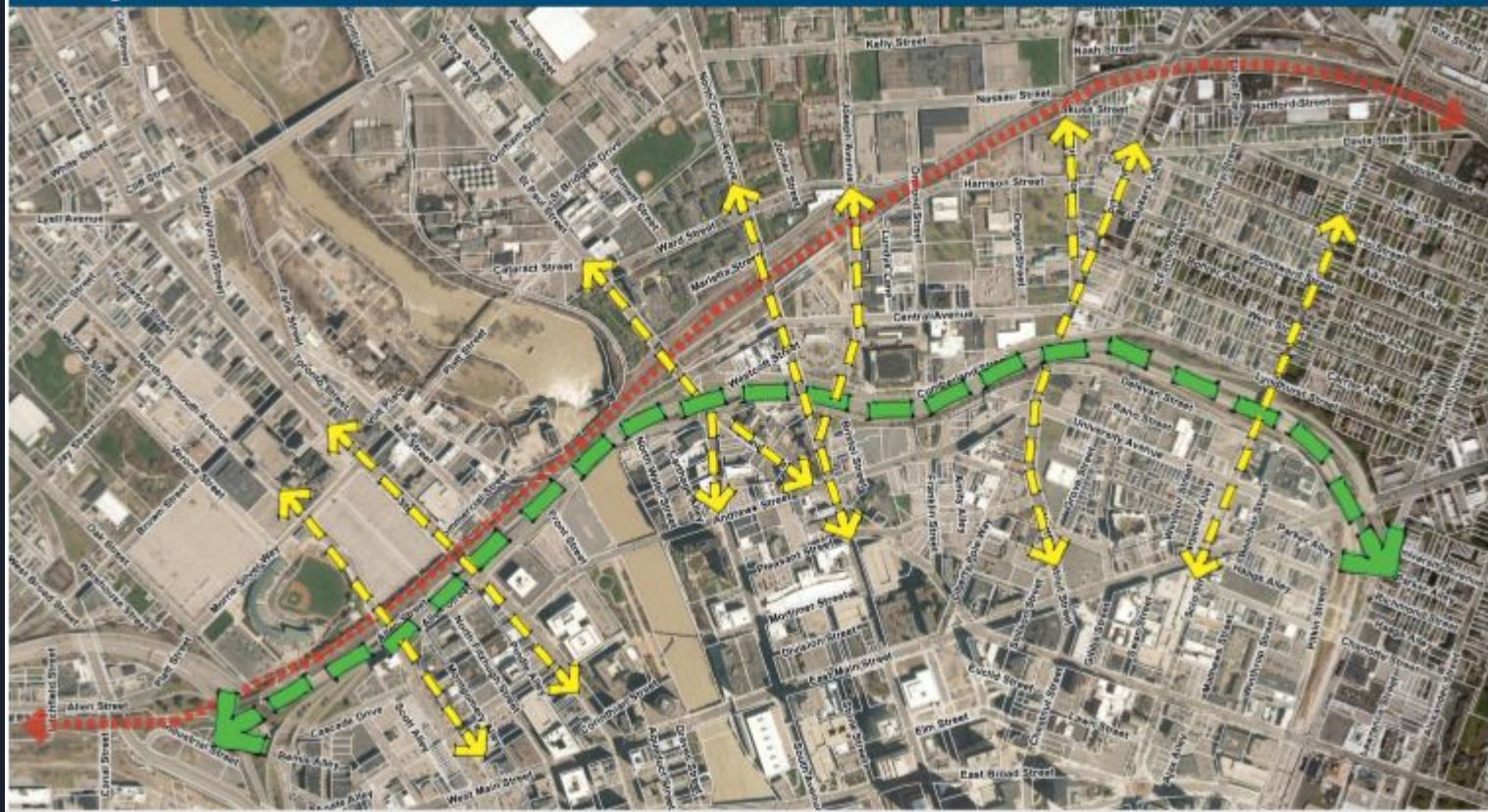
We are an Expeditionary Learning School, which gives us a commitment to learning by doing and engaging in authentic learning experiences like this project here today.



In current events, our 2017 graduate, Ephraim Gebre, just painted the "I am Speaking" John Lewis Mural on State Street.



Project Overview



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- Provide multiple opportunities for diverse public engagement
- Reconnect neighborhoods through multimodal accessibility
- Restore a human scale street grid
- Create engaging open spaces, recreation areas and streetscapes
- Integrate with ROC the Riverway vision
- Create new opportunities for economic development
- Minimize displacement



Inner Loop at
WOI School
Today



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WOI School
**CONCEPT
VISION**





Chill Zone

What we Have:

- At our school we stare at the street or at the walls of the School
- City buildings with no green spaces, no benches, nothing lively
- Only places to “hang out” are on cramped school playgrounds that are shared with the entire K-12 student body

What we Want:

- Garden area with benches for sitting with friends or to read
- Some type of water
- Greenspace to go outside for classes
- Outdoor classroom space
- A place to grow food
- A place to be in the natural World

Examples



Examples Continued





Youth Zone

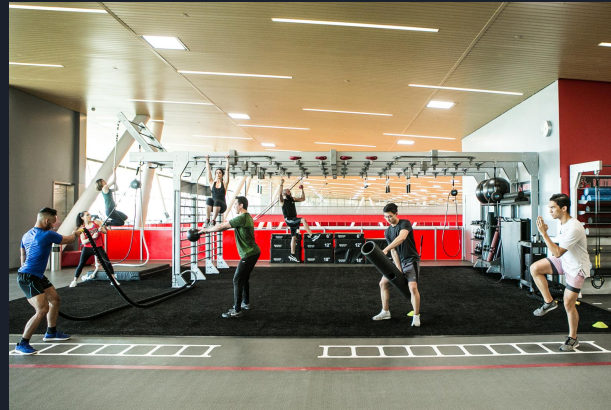
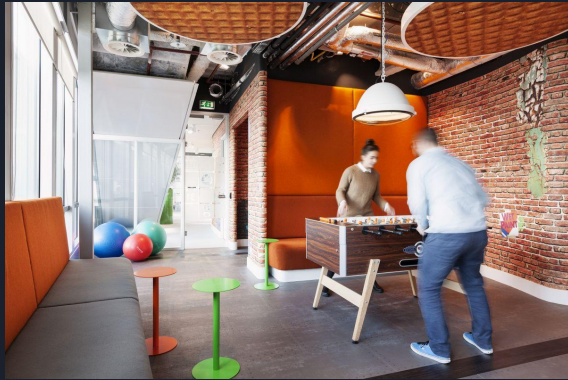
What we Have:

- We have playgrounds for younger kids
- Courtyard but all ages are together
- After-school clubs

What we Need:

- An area for secondary students
- A spot for optional counseling to deal with personal problems
- Computers to use (or WiFi connectivity)
- Rec Center
- Similar to the Teen Center at the Public Library
- Courtyard
- Workout zone

Examples





Youth Zone Ideas

- An open space that is very simple, but innovative
- Spaces that are very welcoming and comforting



Sports Zone

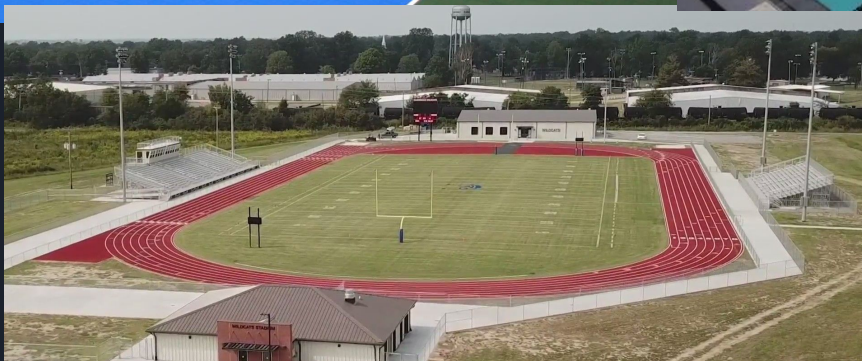
What we Have:

- Go to other school for sports so hard to have school spirit around sports
- Have opportunities for swim, baseball, soccer, track, tennis, basketball, but at different places
- We can't stay after school for after school activities because there aren't any and the teachers all leave so there is no supervision
- Have to wait out in front of the school and wait to be picked up
- Noise from traffic as well as exhaust
- No outdoor learning

What we Need:

- Our own field and clean environment → noise and pollutants
- Intramural sports
- Outdoor area for Physical Education
- Track
- Basketball, soccer, tennis, swimming
- Rec Center (making it a community accessible place)

Examples





Examples

- Franklin High School
- Freddy Thomas
- School 12
- (Little) Wilson
- Northeast Northwest Douglass

Public Green Space





Food Service Zone

What We Have:

- A cafeteria
- A few restaurants
- The capacity for food trucks
- Few multicultural Food

What We Need:

- Healthier food sources
- Area to grow vegetables indoor and outdoors
- After school option to learn to cook
- Healthy food vending machines (also snack machines)
- After school produce growing club

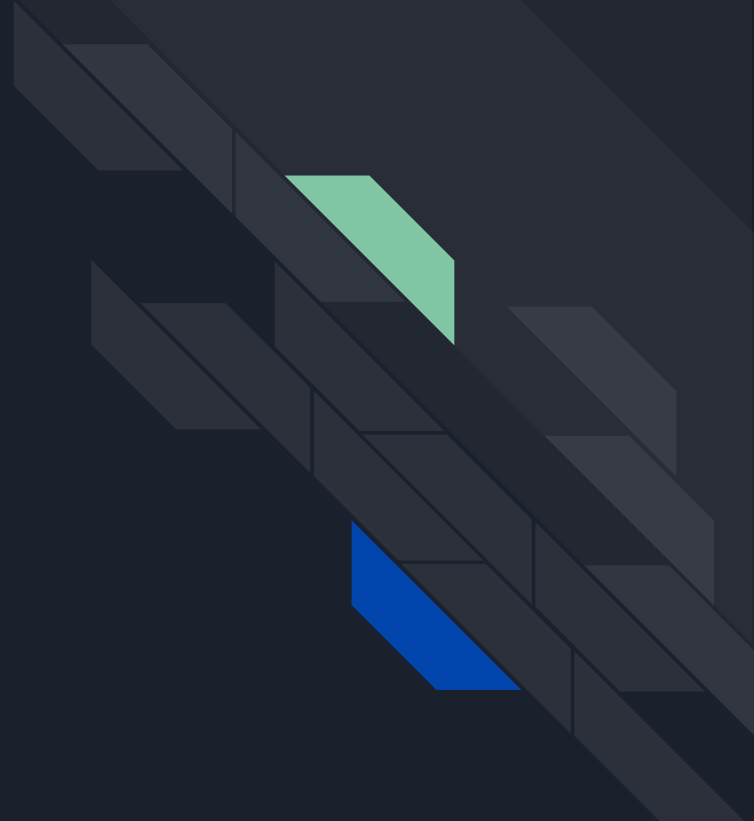
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RYCE (Rochester Youth Culinary Experience) program through East High and Salina's - students were able create a menu and provide a service to the community

Club after school for designing and creating innovative ways to grow food



Things for the Community



Rooftop Gardens



Public Art Gallery/Makerspace



Conservatory/Greenhouse/Botanical Gardens



Local businesses in pedestrian friendly locations





Housing

- We want this to be for Rochestarians, not people who are outsiders with no investment in the greater community
- Multi-Income housing
- We want people living from a diverse cross section of the the Rochester population
- We want people to feel ownership with the project and the community