

Davidson School - Visioning Session

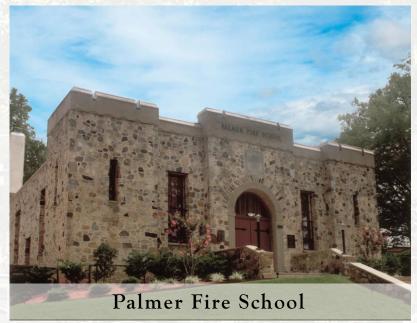
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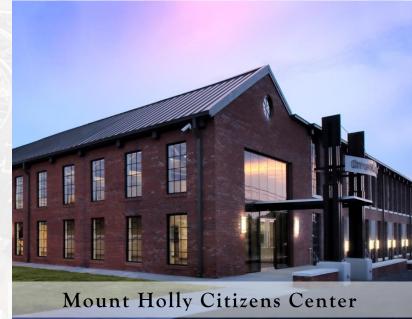
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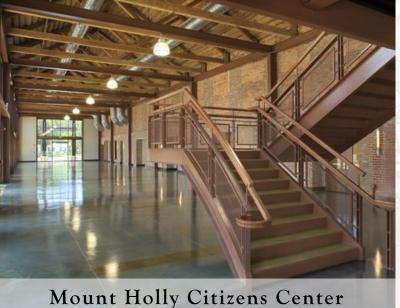
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Fort Monroe Visitor Center

Visioning Discussion

The primary goal of this exercise is to develop an understanding of the expectations for the Board and staff for the scope of work that defines the conceptual design

• What are some design drivers that will guide the vision of this adaptive reuse for the Davidson School?

• What are the expectations for the imprint of the new design on the existing building?

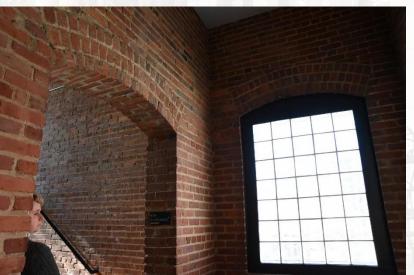
• What are some relevant examples of similar facilities that can provide physical examples and context for your project?













Minimal renovations phased over time





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6 out of 6 responded "NO"

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Extensive renovations with upgraded finishes





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Does this precedent represent a middle ground between Carrboro and Oxford?

What is Mill Vernacular









DESIGN AESTHETIC

- Exposed brick interior walls
- Stained concrete floors
- Exposed structure

- Exposed wood ceilings
- Exposed mechanical ductwork
- Contiguous tall open spaces

The Davidson School has its own inherent different kind of cool

What is the Davidson School Vernacular









DESIGN AESTHETIC

- Concrete stairwells
- Portal Doors
- Main corridor subway tile wainscot and terrazzo floors
- Corridor transom windows
- Original wooden refrigerator
- Radiator built ins along window walls
- Stage area







The Davidson School aesthetic has finished surfaces throughout the building



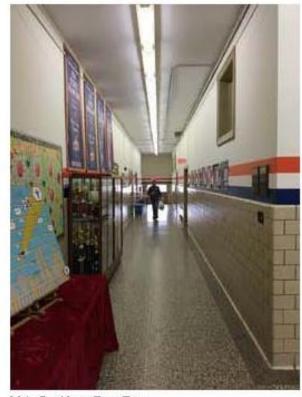
BUILDING HISTORY

Designed by Louis Asbury in 1948

- First NC Member of the AIA
- Worked for Cram, Goodhue & Ferguson 1903-1908
- Operated his Own Practice 1908 1956

Building was the result of a Fire, which burned the previous structure which dated from 1893. Intent of the new building was to be fireproof construction, which defined construction materials selected.

The building is significant as an intact example of Modernist architecture and for it's association with Louis Asbury, architect.



Main Corridor at Front Entry



Typical Stairwell

KEY EXTERIOR HISTORIC FEATURES

Horizontal bands and metal sash windows: "Ribbon windows"

Pre-cast exterior detailing – particularly front façade

Brickwork – Common Bond with Flemish Header Course

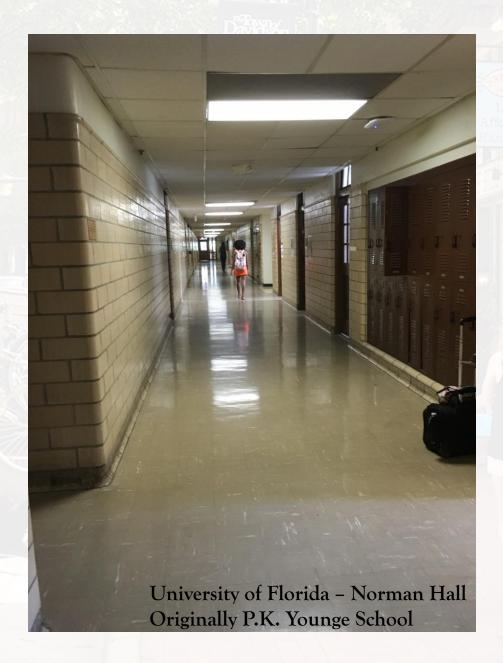
Triple hung auditorium windows

KEY INTERIOR HISTORIC FEATURES

School elements - Built-ins; Interior Doors/Transoms

Interior Terra Cotta wainscot in hallways

Tall interior ceilings





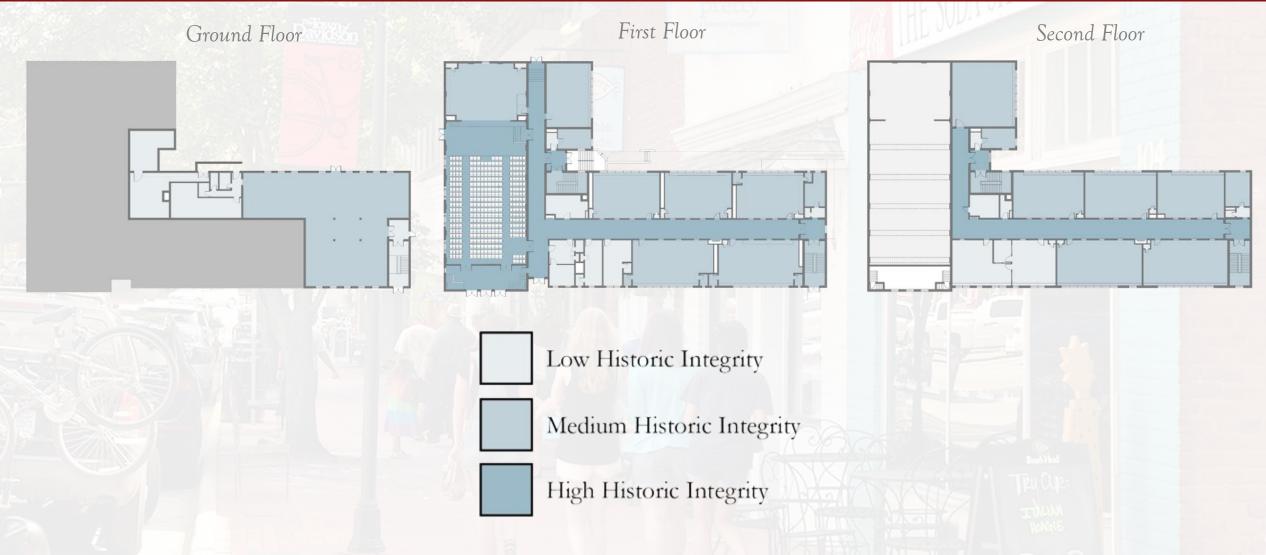


TYPICAL PRESERVATION APPROACHES

- Focus work for new infrastructure to areas that have been previously modified
- Exterior modifications or expansion should not diminish or overwhelm the existing structure and the elements that are character defining
- Additions, if required, should preferably be to the rear or sides of the existing structure
- Interior modifications should be reversible to the extent feasible
- Core public spaces have a higher degree of importance than private or support spaces
- Areas of public safety and accessibility are common provisions which allow for some sensitive modifications to historic elements.

These approaches are one aspect to consider when creating a functional adaptive reuse

Historic Integrity Diagrams



Proposed modifications in the high integrity areas can integrate pieces of the original design

Lower Level Community Space



- Subway tile wainscot to remain
- New lighting fixtures, flooring, and paint
- Remove frosting from windows for daylight
- Multiple smaller meetings simultaneously
- Adequate acoustical separation
- *Flexible furniture*



OPERABLE WALL SYSTEMS



Providing a Functional Building



BUILDING SYSTEMS RECOMMENDATIONS

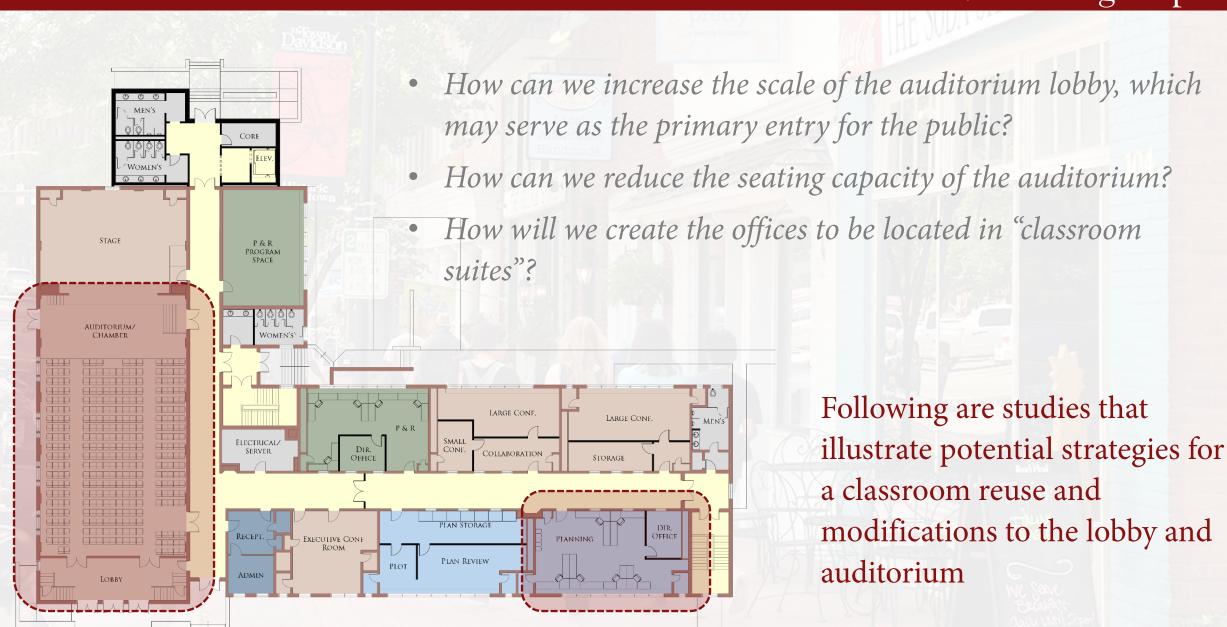
- New restroom addition adjacent to building
- New elevator serving all 3 floors
- Window repair or replacement
- New accessible points of entry

- New mechanical system
- New backflow preventer
- New plumbing systems
- New electrical service and panels

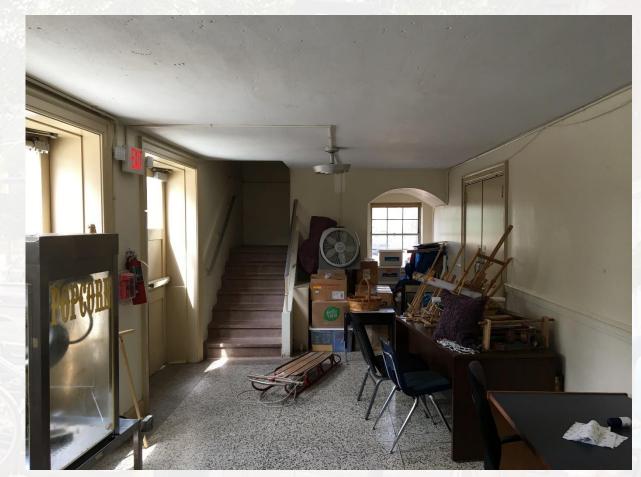


There is substantial work required that is "behind the scenes" in order to restore the building systems for the next 50 years of use and provide an accessible facility for all citizens

Visioning Topics



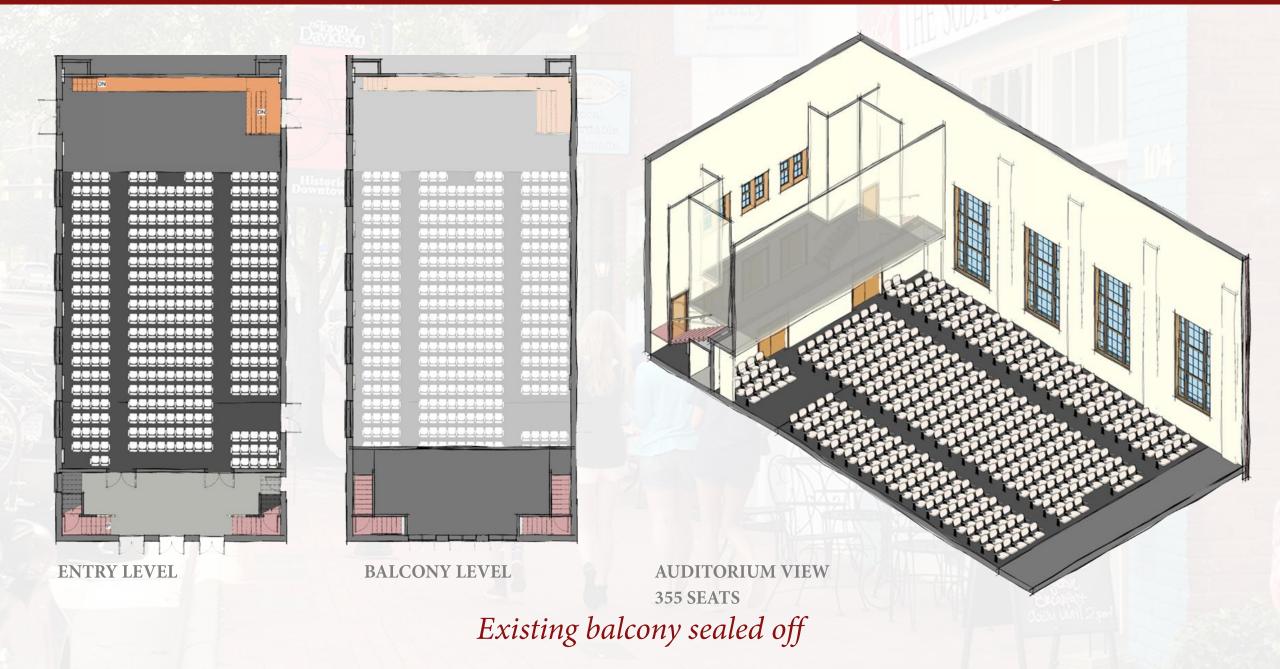
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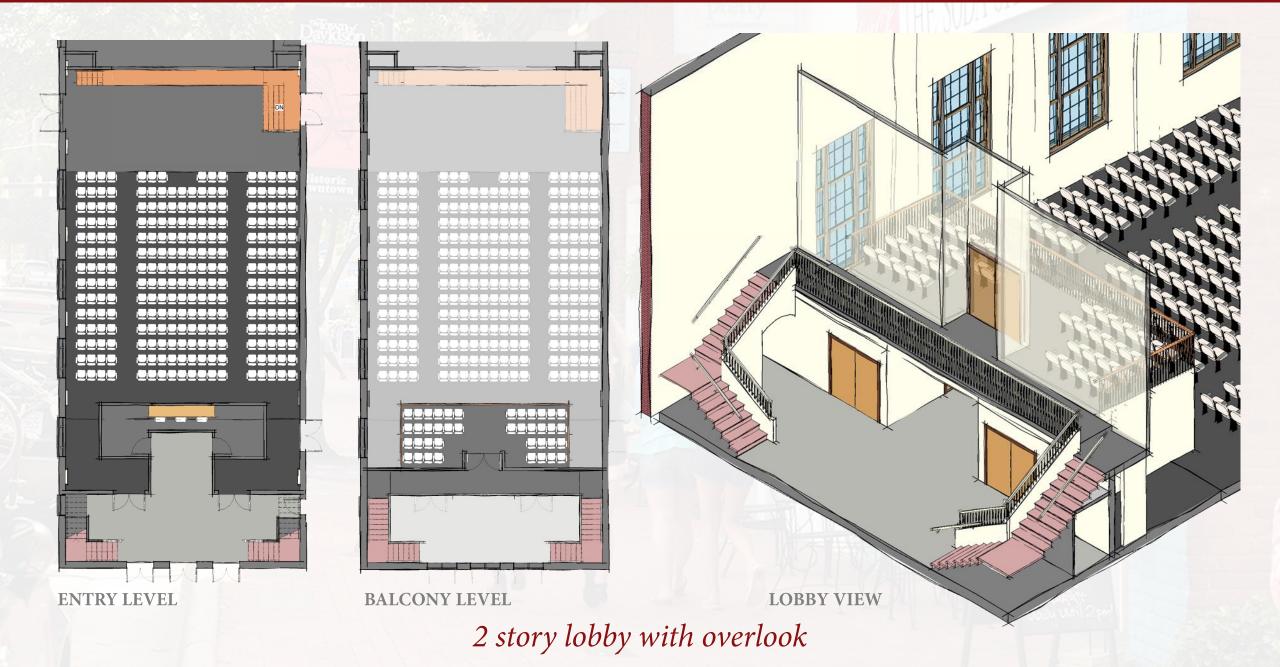


Single story lobby with unused balcony

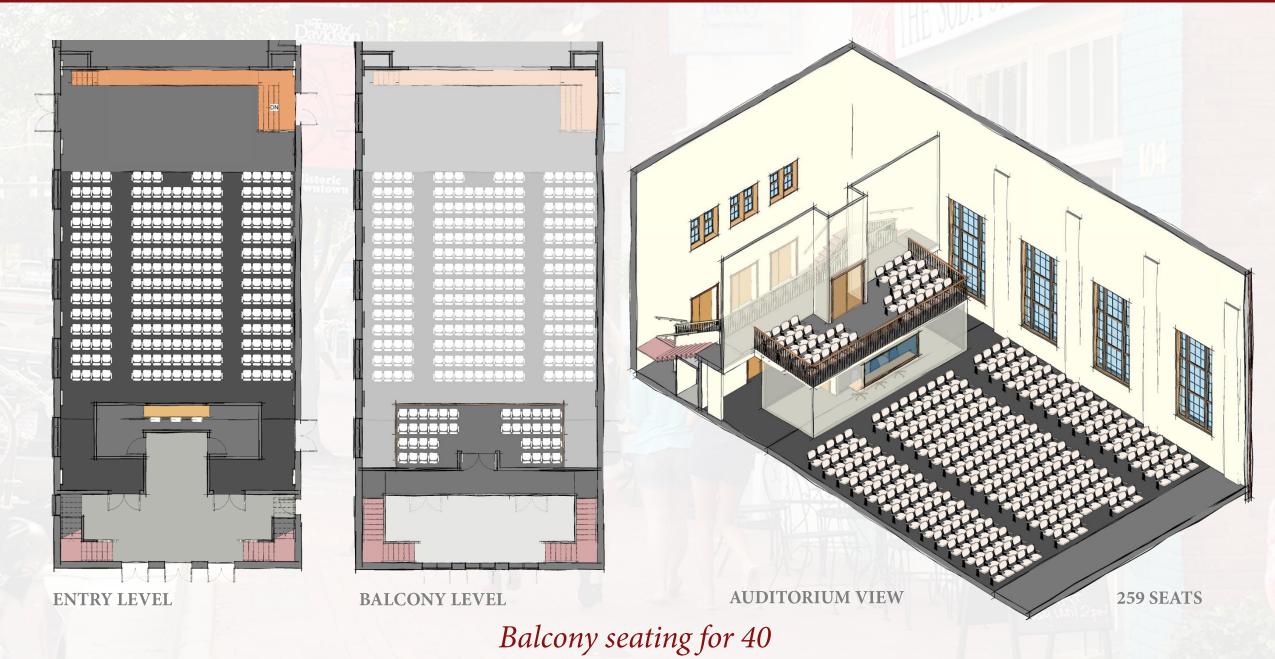
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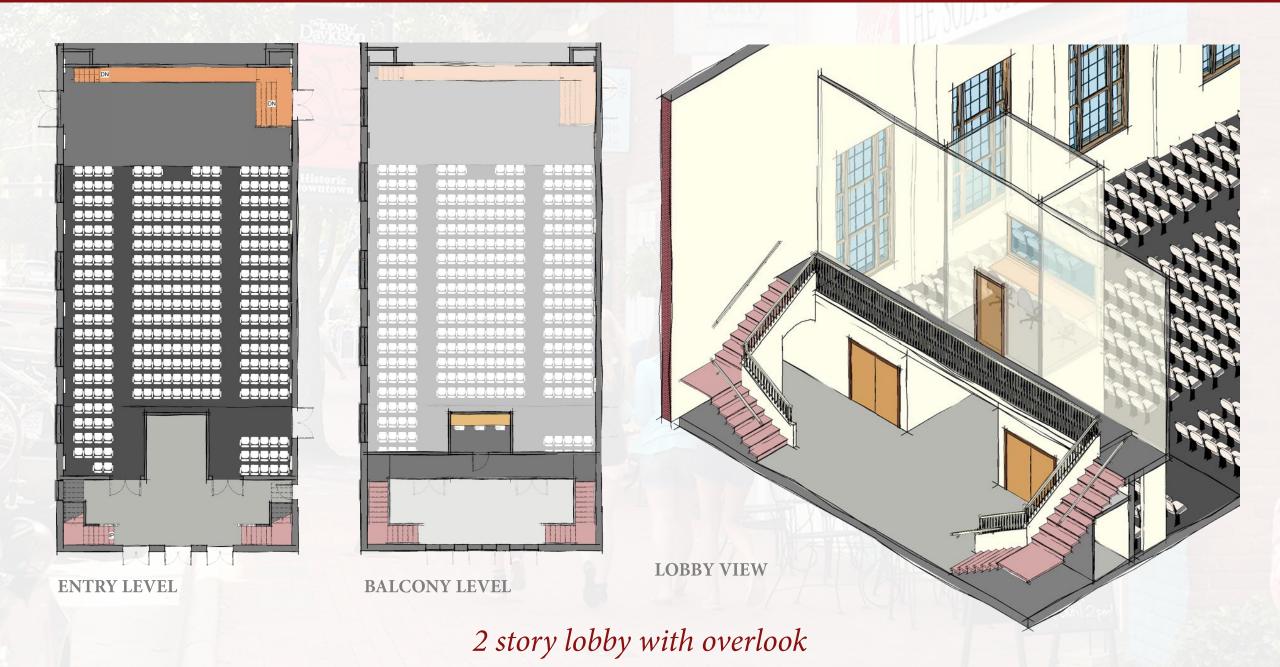
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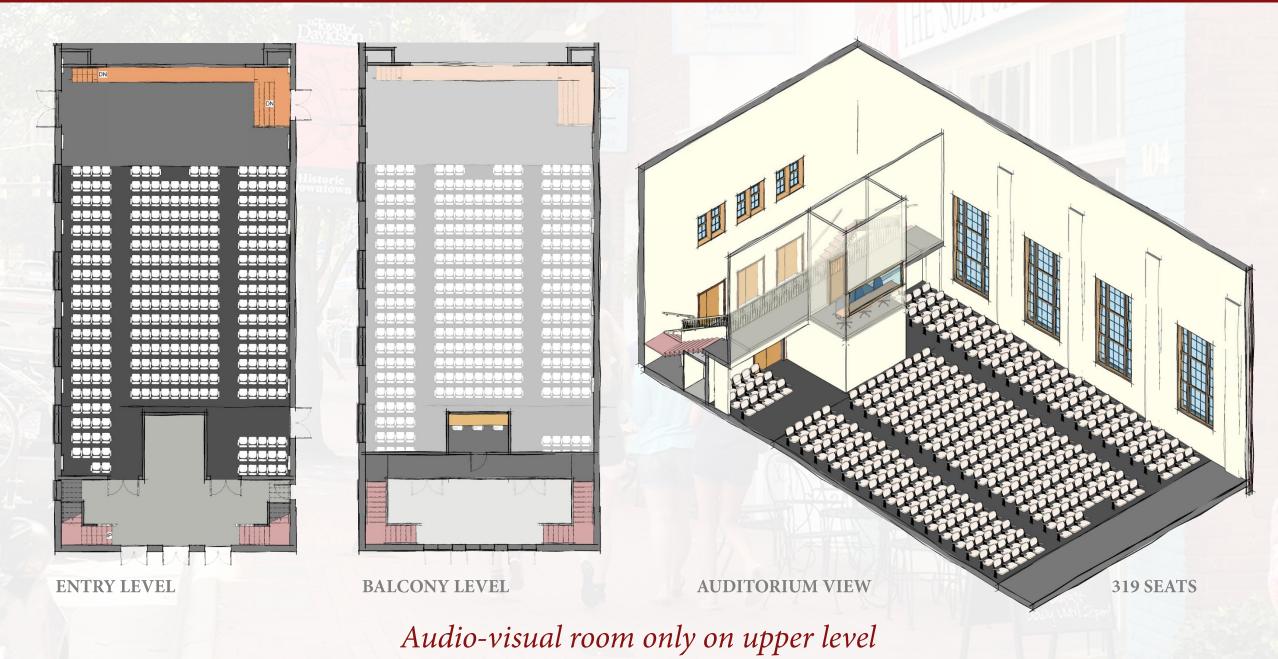
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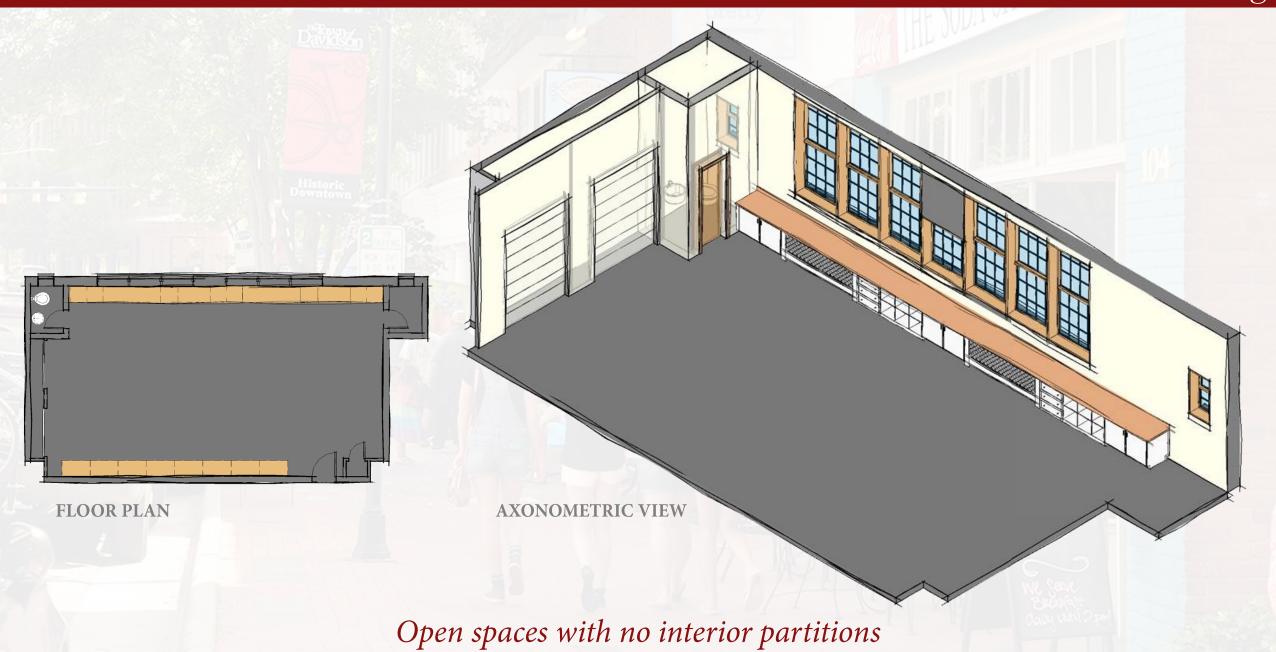
Auditorium: Option B



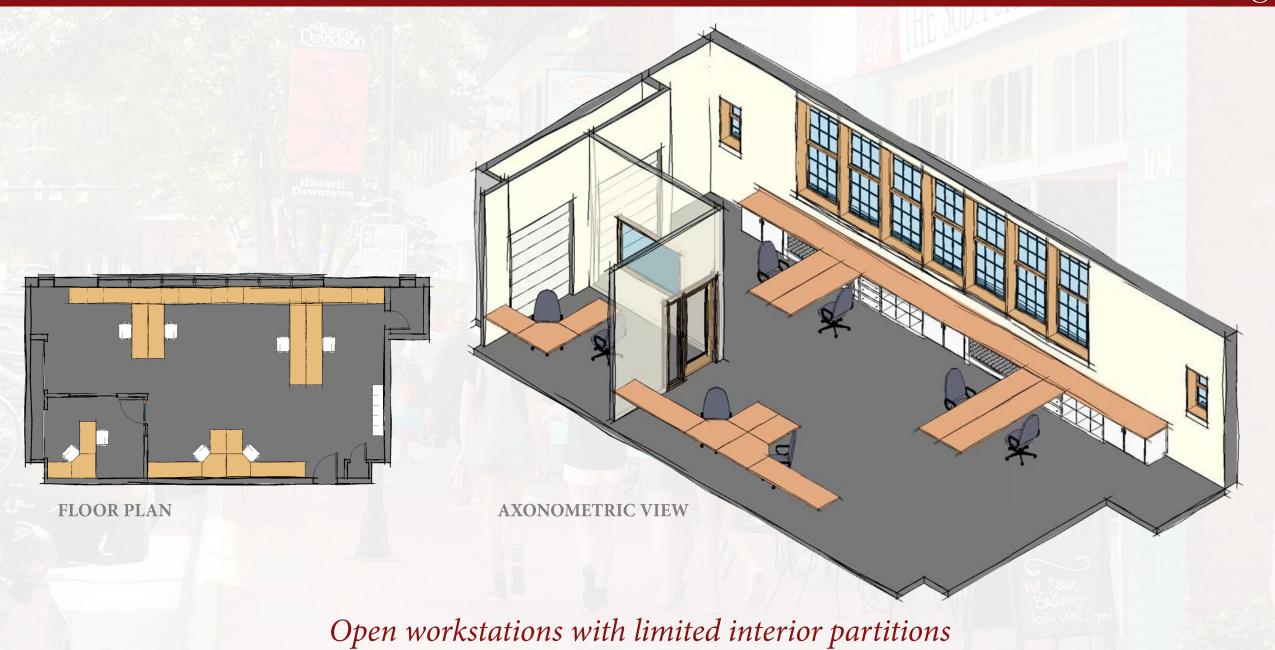
Auditorium: Option B



Classroom: Existing



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- May 28, 2019 Creech/Edifice present early preliminary cost estimate for renovation of IB School and
 - renovation of existing town hall.
 - June 11, 2019 Creech/Edifice present final cost estimate for renovation of IB School and renovation of existing town hall.