

Augusta Schools Education Visioning

Beginning Tuesday May 4th the Augusta School Department will be holding four virtual public forums focused on two topics; Trends in School Design, and Role Model Schools. Each topic will be scheduled twice to allow more participation from the public. The schedule for the forums and a summary of the process are below and will be posted on the School Department's website and Facebook page. The Zoom link below is for all forums. It is also posted on the School Department's website, Facebook page and CTV7's website.

Zoom Link:

<https://zoom.us/j/95613896342?pwd=WkFXdDJRVWpKa0RXyXByWW5MOWt5QT09>



Be Part of the Augusta Elementary Schools *Vision for the Future*

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Community Forum on Trends in School Design
Forum 1 - May 4, 2021 at 7pm
Forum 2 - May 6, 2021 at 6pm
via ZOOM

Community Forum on Role Model Schools
Forum 1 - May 10, 2021 at 7pm
Forum 2 - To Be Announced
via ZOOM

The graphic features several circular images of school interiors: a yellow circle at the top, a red circle with a colorful mural, a blue circle with a large window, and a yellow circle with a hallway view. There are also several empty circles in yellow, green, and blue.

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WHAT IS VISIONING

Public education is in a period of rapid change, shifting constantly with new learning objectives and methods of educational delivery. Ideas about education delivery were shifting and evolving rapidly before the pandemic and are evolving even more now.

School buildings have been considered, for some time, contributors to student learning because they are essential in creating appropriate spaces and relationships. During the pandemic we have looked to buildings to provide significant spatial flexibility for learning. Now we might be looking to school buildings to provide varieties of spaces to accommodate traditional in-classroom learning as well as the ability to bring forward some of the lessons considered valuable from remote or hybrid learning.

Educational Visioning allows your team to be future oriented, explore trends in education design, explore effective learning and student success, research role model schools, document your aspirations and strategies, even examine the roles of teachers and students in learning spaces.

FORUM #1: Trends in School Design

CHA Architecture will present some of the big ideas we are currently designing for new schools and discuss the thinking and data behind the importance of incorporating these concepts.

- Flexibility
- Student centered learning
- Student centered furniture (brain-based furniture)
- Team teaching / collegiality
- Maker labs / tinker labs
- Learning commons
- Active learning classrooms and student agency
- Biophilic design (daylight, views to nature, incorporation of nature in the building design)

We will ask for participation from the audience to provide feedback on the ideas that we present. This will help us to understand participants' priorities, concerns, and aspirations.

FORUM #2: Role Model Schools

CHA Architecture will present images and plans of different schools from across the country to demonstrate various ideas about organization of educational spaces in a building, biophilic design, functionality of different spaces in schools, and integration of concepts from Forum #1.

We will ask for participation from the audience to provide feedback on the different schools and concepts we present.

