



# MANUFACTURER & DEALER SELECTION

## *Fall 2023*

OPS Steering Committee - Stacy Bailey, Jody Noble,  
Steve Stierley, Past Operations Director

Tower Pinkster facilitated three Manufacturer/Dealer  
furniture tours and interviews

VS/Great Lakes selected for student furniture  
Haworth/DBI selected for administration furniture

### Selection Metrics

- Durability
- Flexible Learning Environments
- Warranty / Services Provided
- Cost



# DISTRICT WIDE STRATEGY

## ***Priority Order:***

- 1) Three Big Rocks – Chippewa, Cornell, Kinawa
- 2) Bennett Woods, Central Montessori, Hiawatha
- 3) High School

## ***Strategy***

Fall 2025: Kinawa classroom furniture

Fall 2026: New Chippewa furniture

Fall 2026/28: New Cornell furniture

Fall 2030: Other Kinawa furniture needs

Spring 2025: Complete Layout & Budgeting Estimates for other elementaries

TBD: Implementation of classroom furniture for other elementaries

TBD: Determine ability for needs at High School



# Pilot Classroom Program

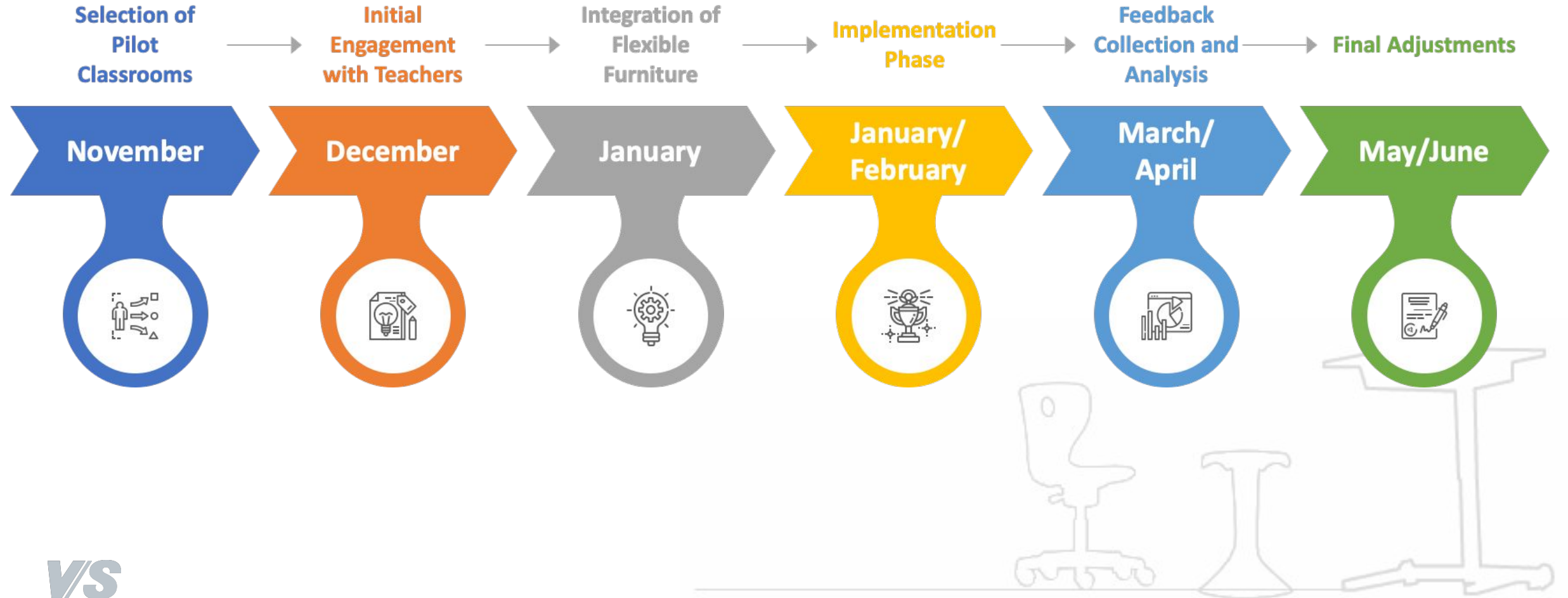
## OKEMOS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2024 Winter/Spring Pilot Program

## The Pilot Classroom Program's Objective:

- Test-drive a wide variety of furniture pieces.
- Inform the *Direction* of OPS's district wide furniture purchases.
- Align flexible furniture solutions with Curriculum and Instruction Delivery.
- Provide pilot teachers with the professional learning opportunities to better use their spaces and furniture.

# PILOT PROCESS



# Pilot Teachers

## **Cornell Elementary School**

Katie Casson - Kindergarten

Andrea Tousignant – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

## **Kinawa 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Middle School**

Jeff Vacha – 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Montessori

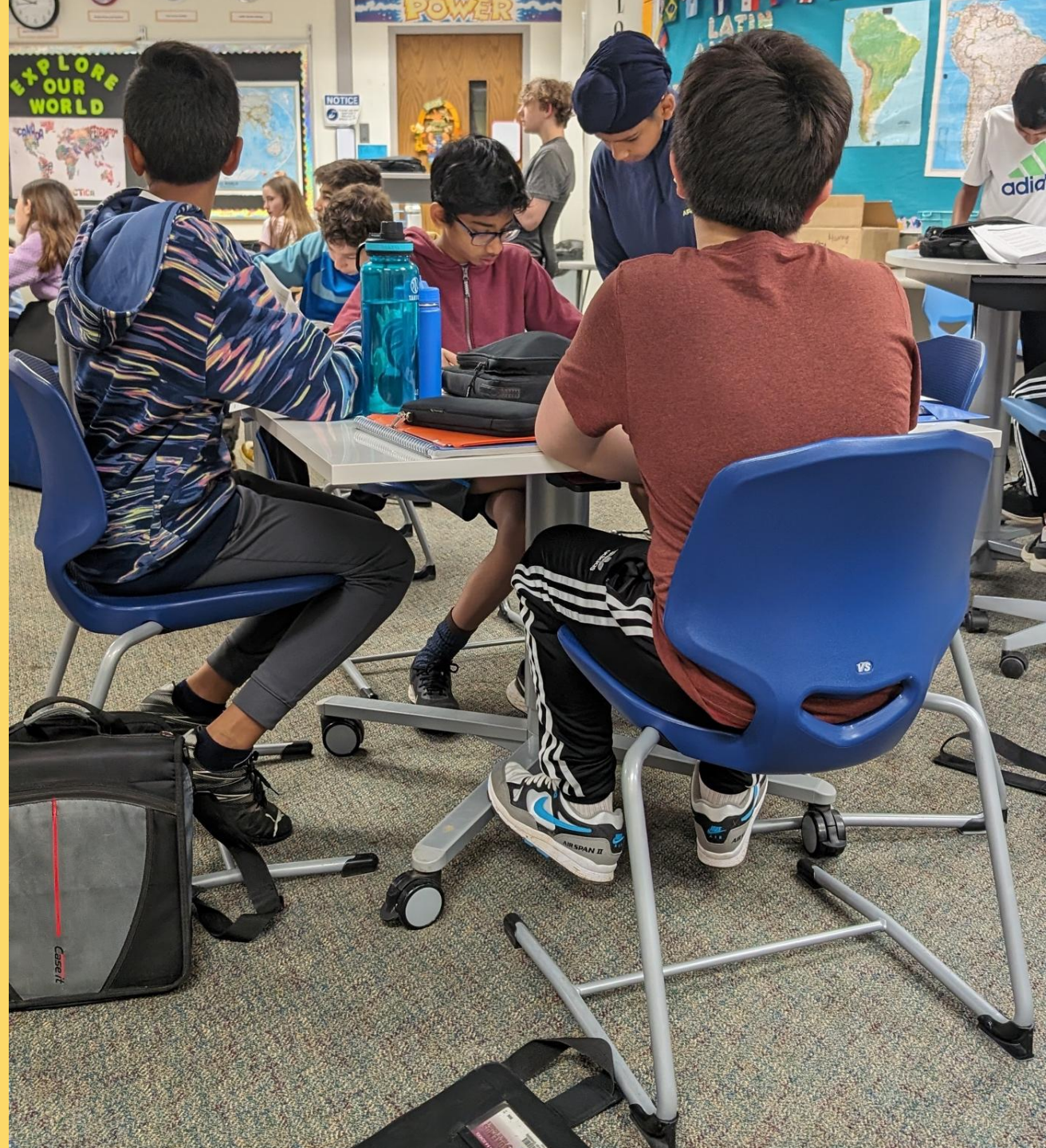
Sheri Gunns – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Math

## **Chippewa 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Middle School**

Jillian McKimmy – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math/Science

Kelly Cesar – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts

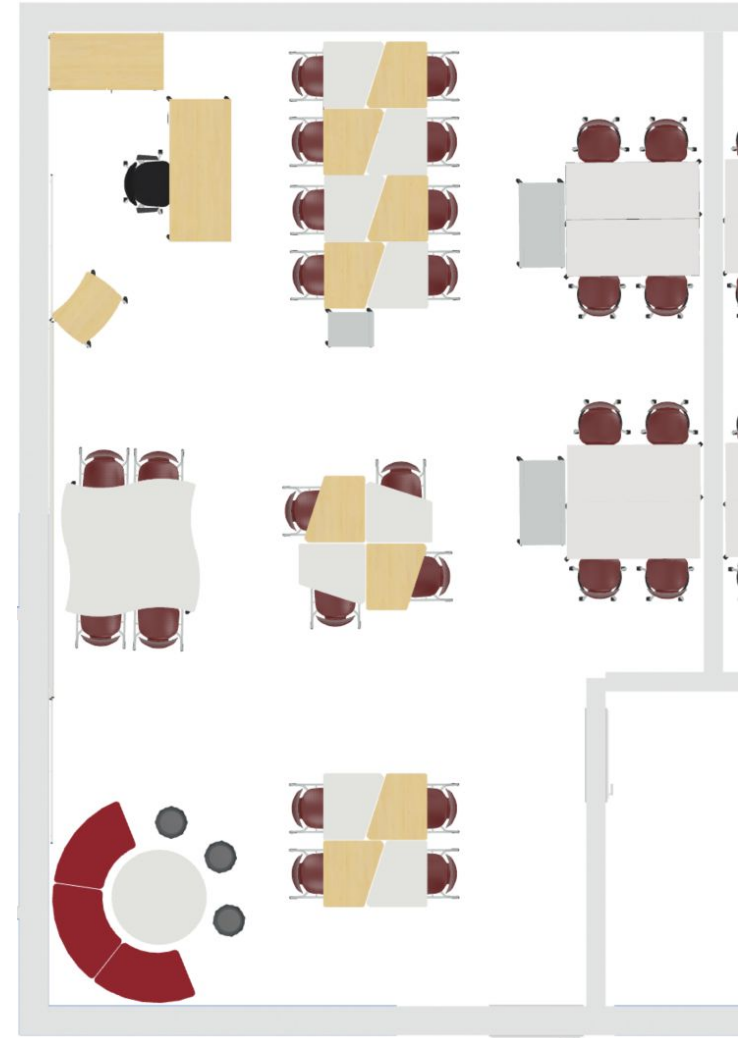
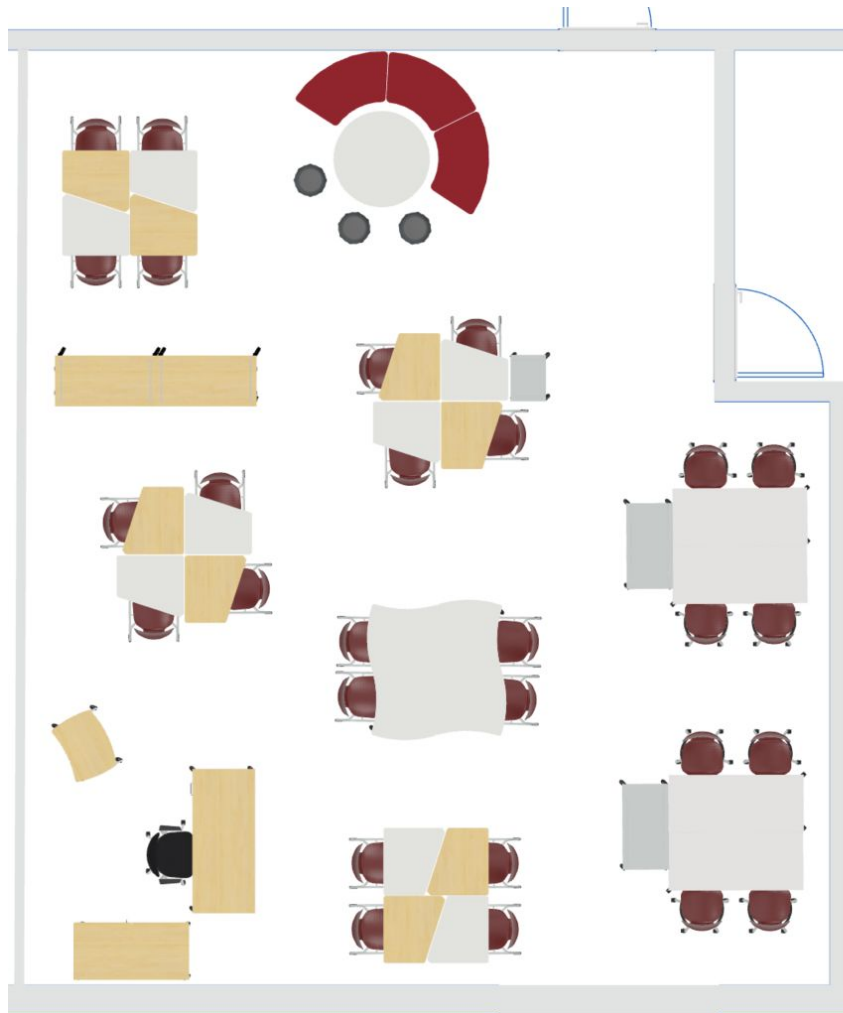
Special Thank You to Principals **Tracy Ojerio**, **Steve Stierley** and **Jody Noble** for their participation and leadership in the Pilot Program Process.



# CLASSROOM FURNITURE SELECTIONS:

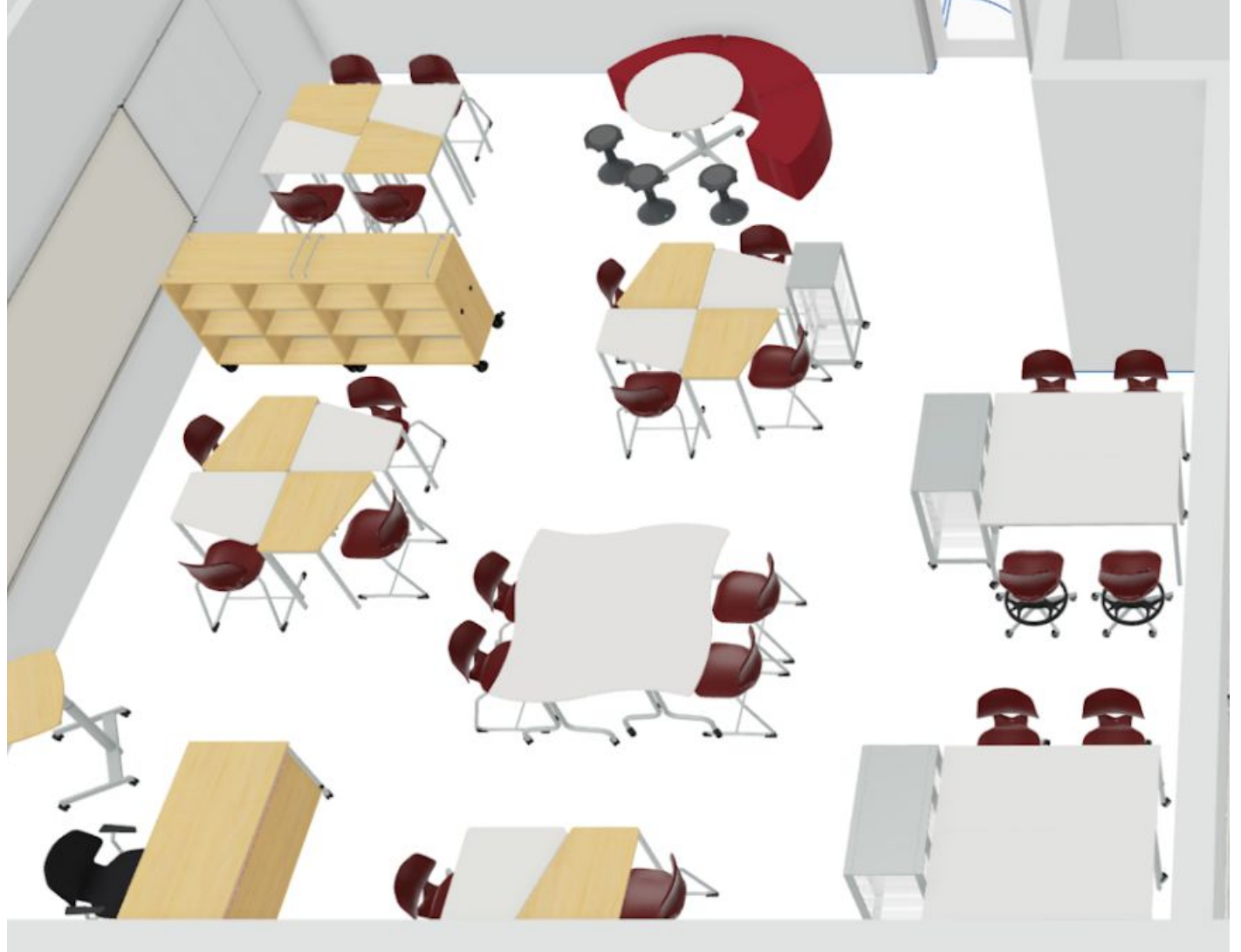
- Final selections were *directionally informed* by students, teachers and school leaders while keeping in mind district budget goals.
- Teacher and student feedback was shared with school leaders and a standards program was developed from this feedback.

# Key Insights from Teachers Driving Furniture Decisions: TABLES AND SURFACES





# Key Insights from Teachers Driving Furniture Decisions: CHAIRS AND SEATING



# Key Insights from Teachers Driving Furniture

Decisions:  
**STORAGE**





## Teacher Observations on Furniture Types

"The Tano tables have really changed how we do group work. **It's easier for students to see and interact with each other,**" Jillian observed, highlighting the **positive impact on group dynamics and content collaboration.**

"The shelves have been a game-changer for our classroom library, making it **easy to organize and access books,**" another teacher shared, demonstrating the functional use of space.

"Students **love the variety**—especially the Hokki stools and chairs on casters. It seems like there's **something for everyone,**" noted a teacher, appreciating the accommodation of different learning preferences.

"Being able to rearrange the puzzle tables for different activities has been invaluable. **It supports everything from lectures to projects,**" a teacher mentioned, emphasizing the versatility of the furniture.

# STUDENT FEEDBACK:

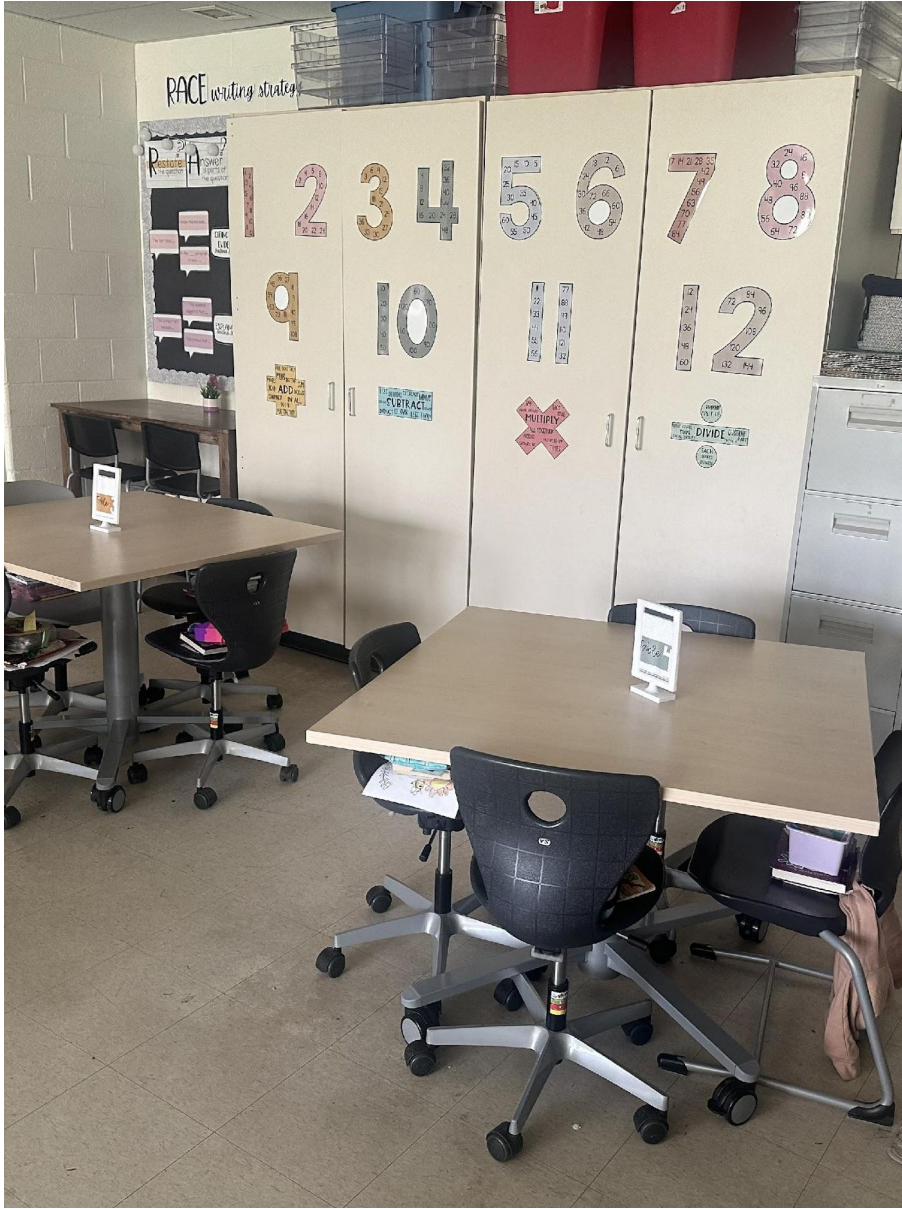
*I like how some of the **chairs can move around and rock**, it makes them **more comfortable**, and makes it **less distracting**. – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Student*

*They helped me move around to my friends so we could **engage in conversations involving our work** and complete our work together. - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Student*

*With the new furniture, I can sit at a small table with my friends and we can **easily talk to the teacher** who is right next to us and can help provide insight when we are confused about the work. – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Student*

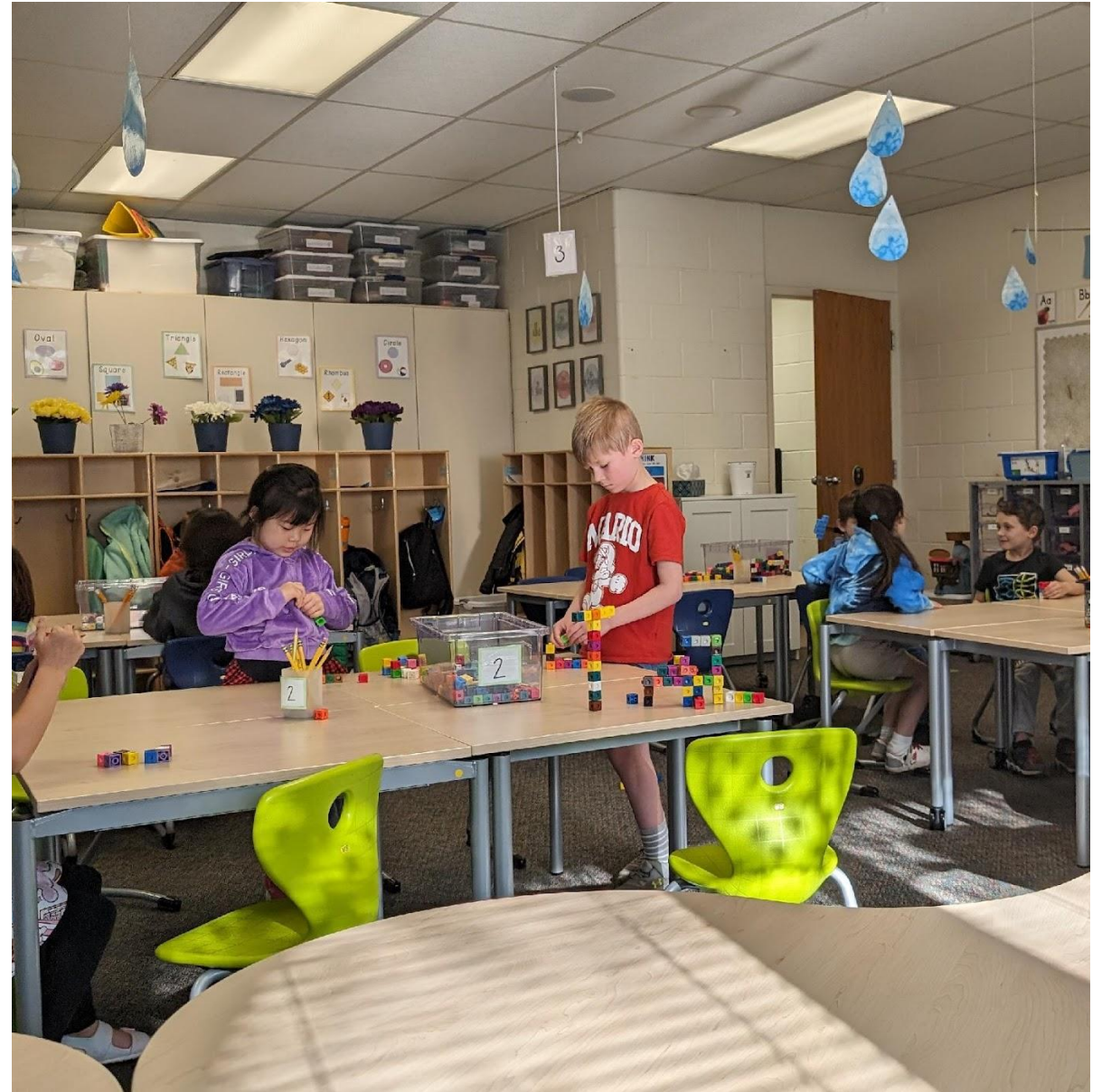
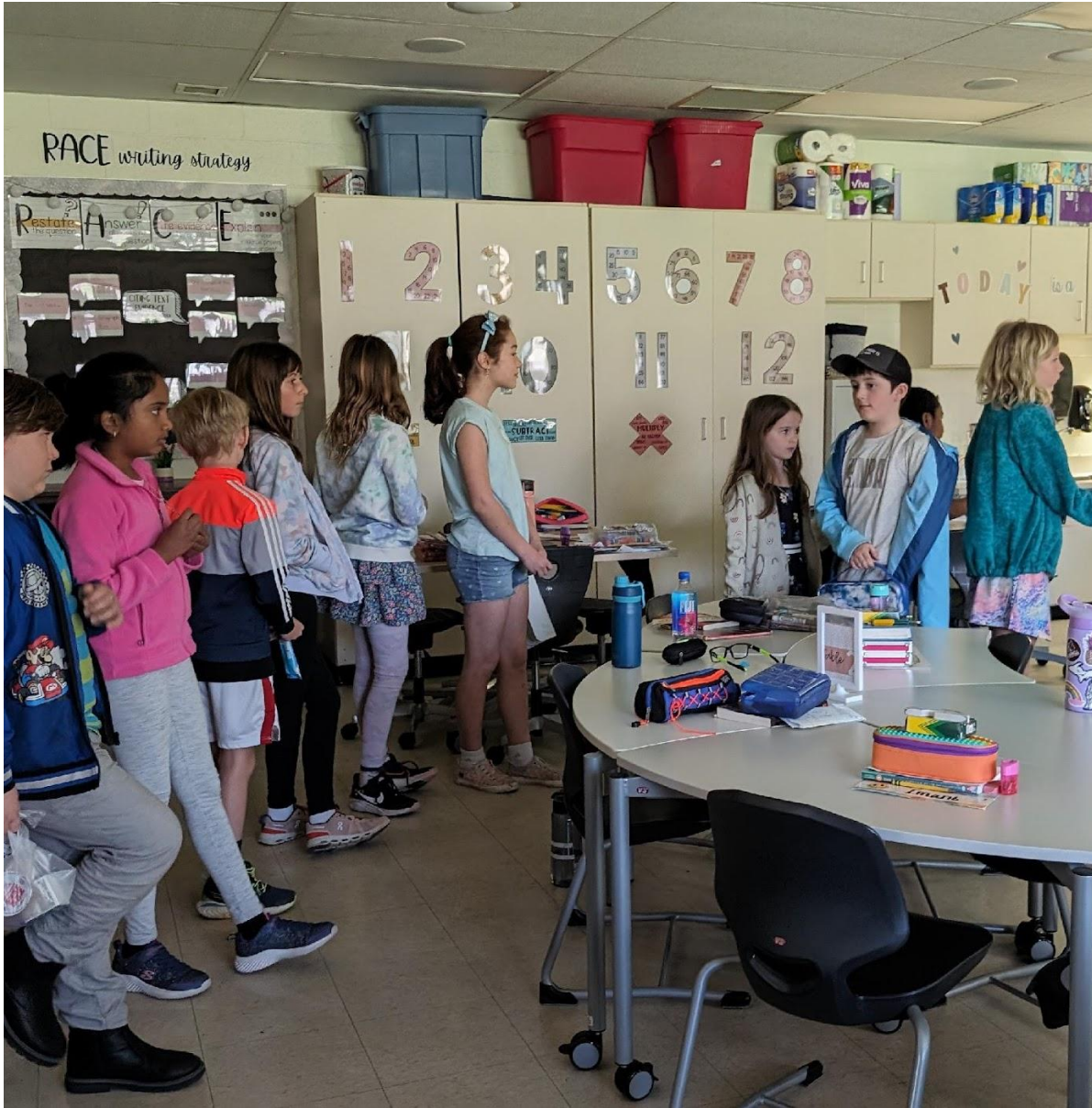
*The tables are placed in a way that **we can all participate well**. – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Student*

*It is easier to relax and it's **really comfortable**, so I can **learn better**. – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Student*





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# Furniture Pieces Chosen



# JUMPER Collection



V/S

# HOKKI STOOL



The original wobble stool

100% recyclable plastic

Allows easy and safe  
Light and easy to carry



This present:  
use or replica

# Shift+



## Shift+ Fusion

Group table (freeform)  
(wxd) = 55 1/2 x 31



## Shift+ FusionFlip

Group table (freeform)  
(wxd) = 55 1/2 x 31



## Shift+ Interact

Teacher lectern  
(wxd) = 26 3/8 x 20  
(height adjustable) = 28-45 1/4



## Shift+ Landscape

Soft seating element  
(60° wxd) = 43 3/8 x 20 3/4  
(Straight wxd) = 41 5/8 x 20 3/4  
(Angled wxd) = 55 1/2 x 28 5/8  
(Square wxd) = 20 3/4 x 20 3/4



Storage element\*  
(60° wxd) = 43 3/8 x 20 3/4  
(Straight wxd) = 41 5/8 x 20 3/4

\*Storage elements only available in 16 5/8 height

# RONDO LIFT

Fully-adjustable pneumatic table  
in **multiple shapes and sizes**

Locking casters

Optional tilt mechanism with  
**writable surface**

Great option for students and  
teacher workstation



# TANO

Trapezoid top offers many configurations



Plastic Bins



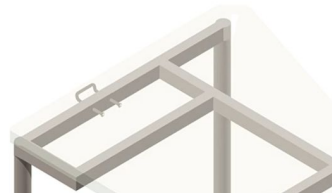
Stacking



Castors



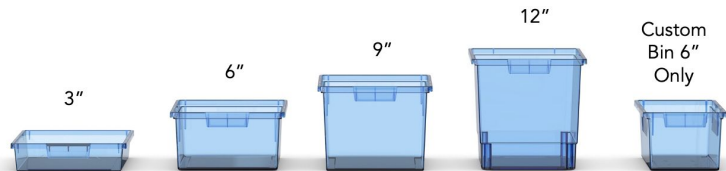
Backpack Hook



# SPACE Storage

Mobile and fixed bin storage system

Fully-welded steel frame





## Used Furniture

- Partner with The Reuse Network
- Goal is to keep usable furniture out of landfills
- Match inventory of usable used furniture with communities in need in US & Worldwide
- Damaged/unusable furniture would be recycled
- Manage the process from start to finish

## Next Steps

- December 9 BOE Action Not to Exceed \$1,900,000 for Kinawa classroom furniture
- Spring 2025 Professional learning “Moving out to Move In”
- Fall 2025 Professional learning on new furniture and how to best to use