



IMAGINE: OPRF

Delivering a MasterPlan that is
Student-Centered, Needs-Driven,
and Equity-Focused

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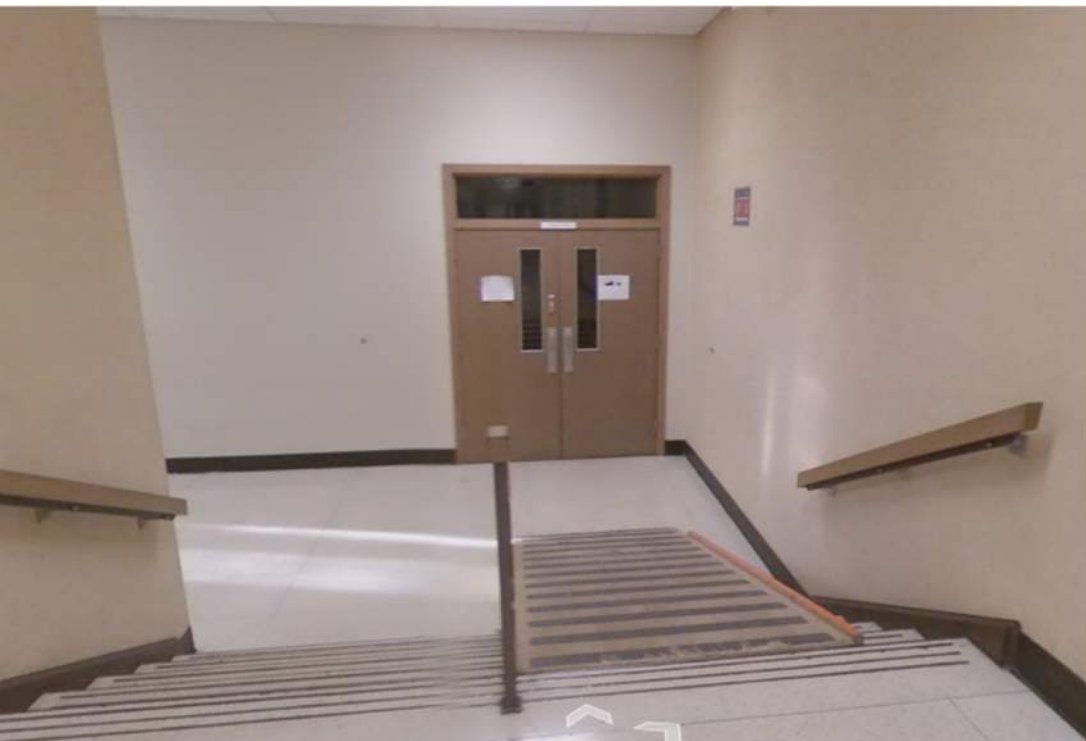
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Oak Park and River Forest High School District 200

- **History and Culture**
 - Oak Park & River Forest Communities
 - OPRF
- **Values and Priorities**
 - Equity & Accessibility
 - Sustainability
 - Learning Environments





Configuration Issues

Capacity Issues

Condition Issues

The Realities of a 100+ Year Old Building



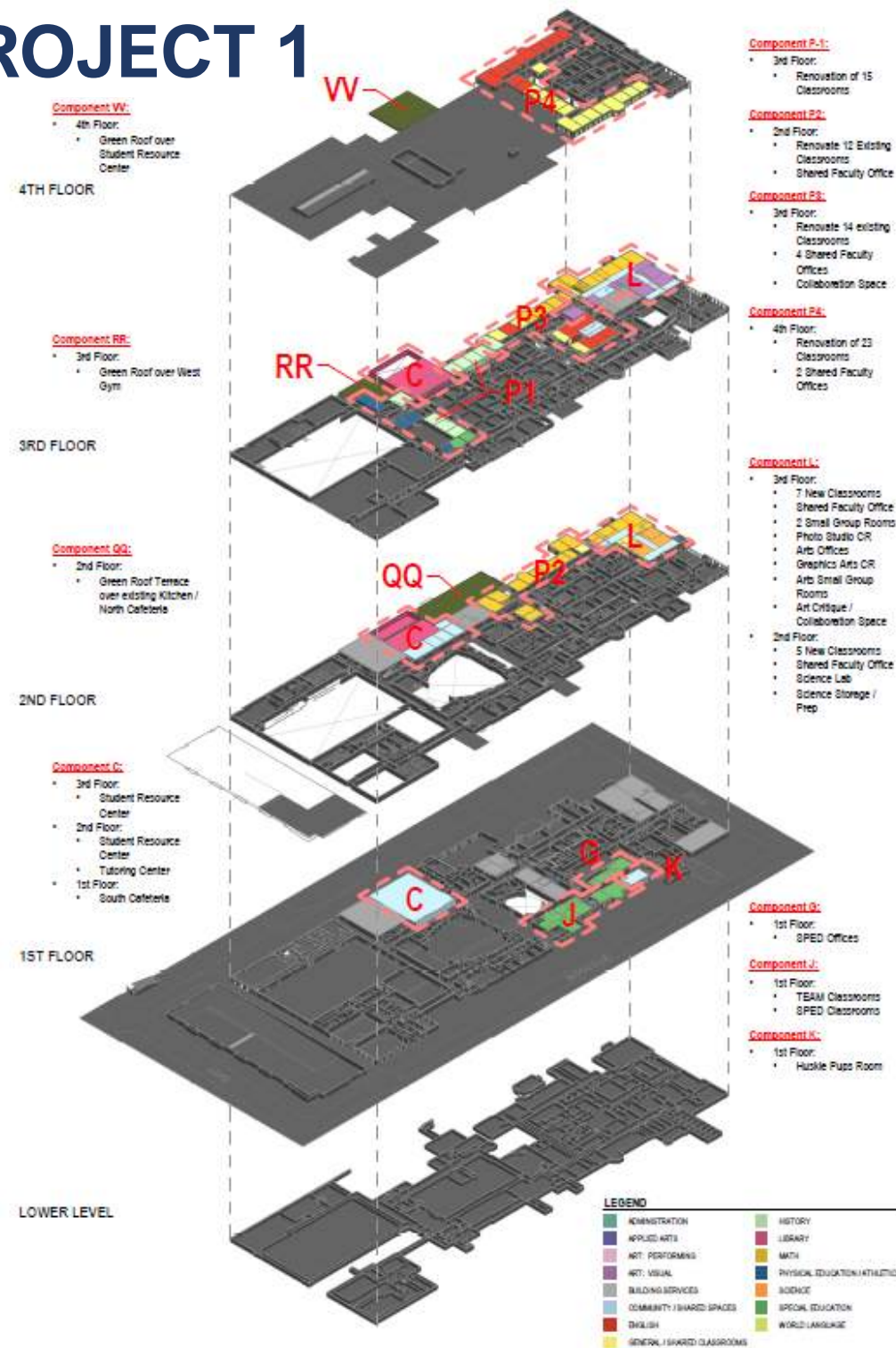
IMAGINE OPRF – The Origins

- **The Political Landscape**
 - Community Perceptions
 - Failed Referendum
- **Development of the IMAGINE Plan**
 - Strategy - A Team of Rivals
 - Process - Community Engagement
 - Outcome - Built-In Advocacy Group

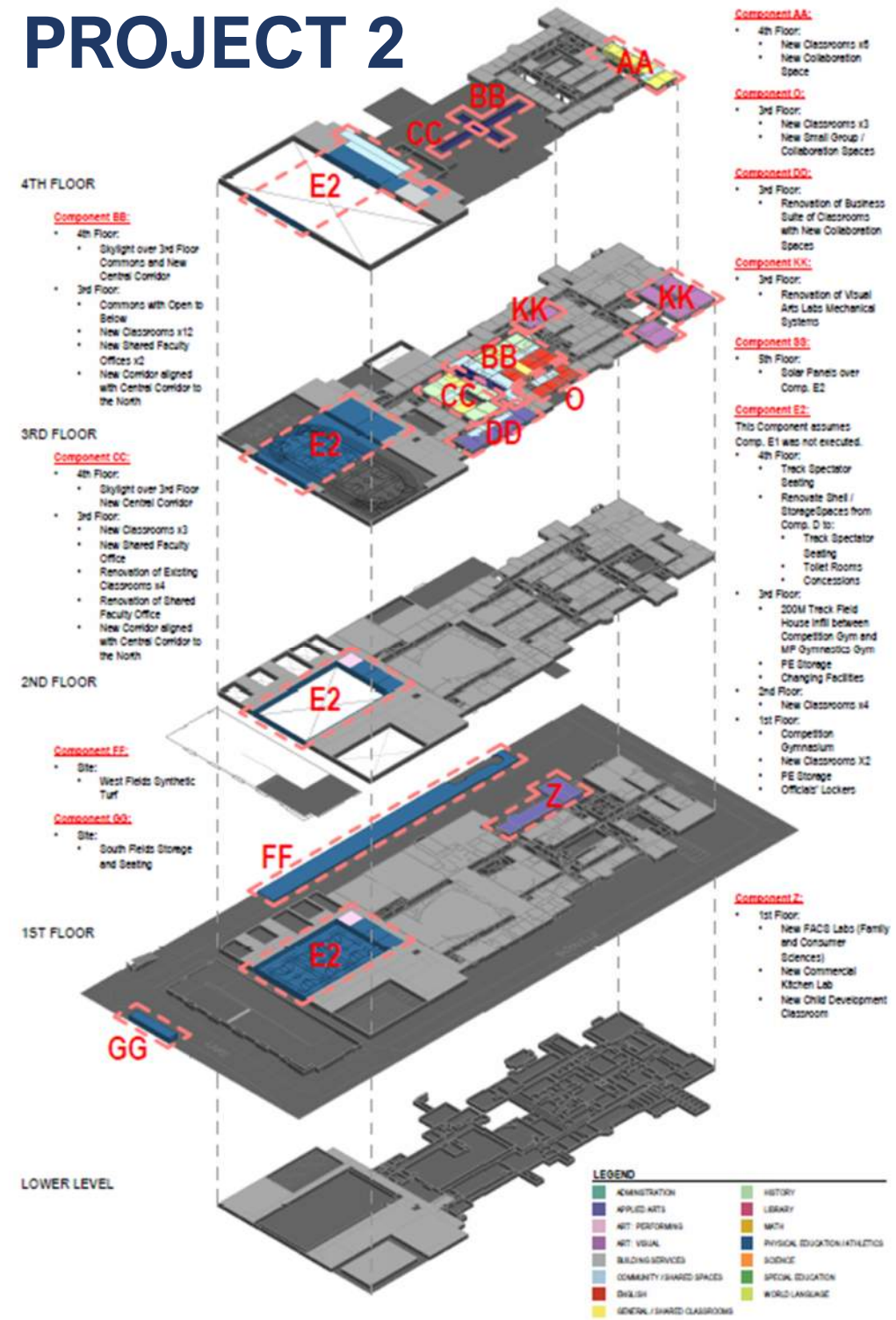


IMAGINE OPRF Projects

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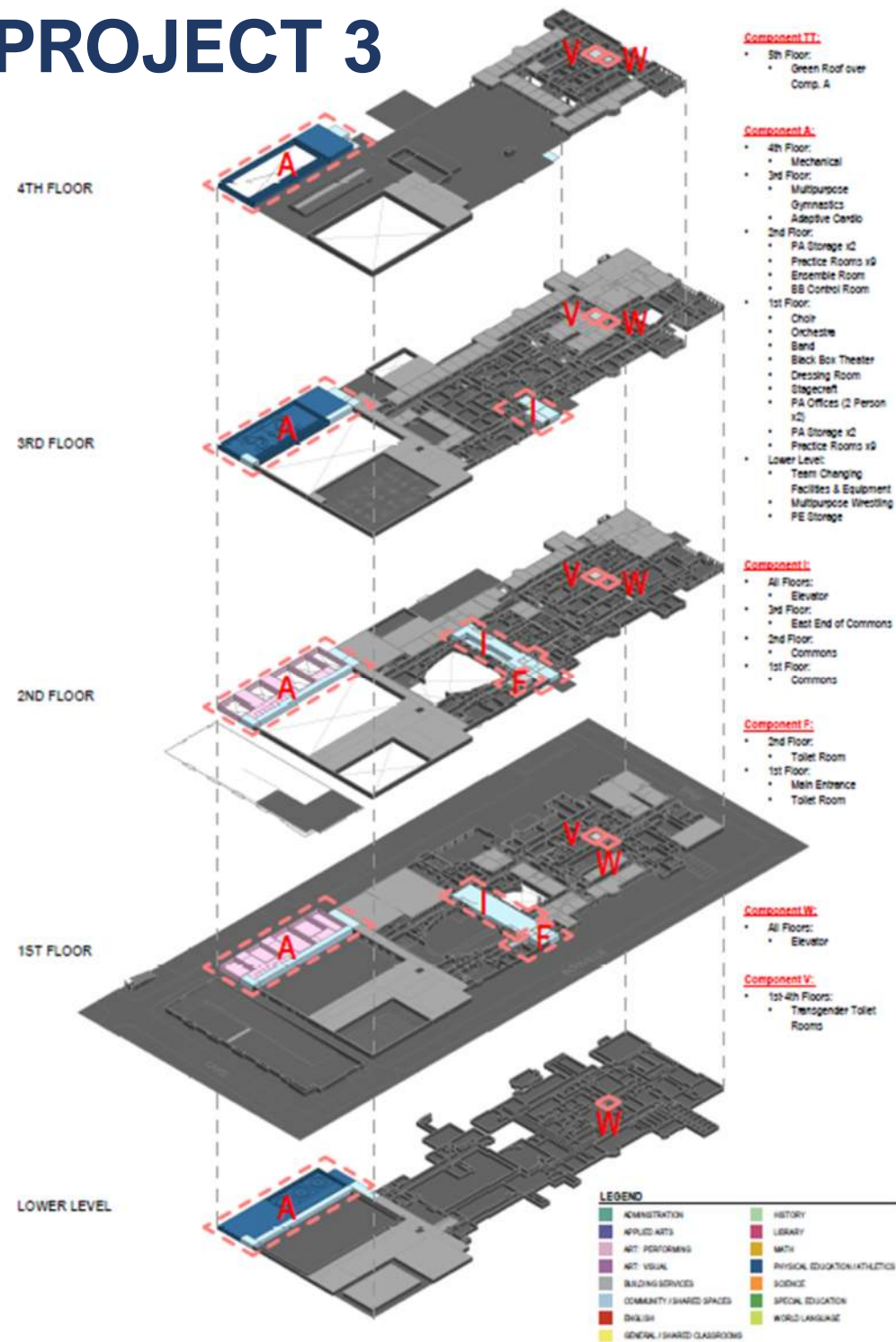


PROJECT 2

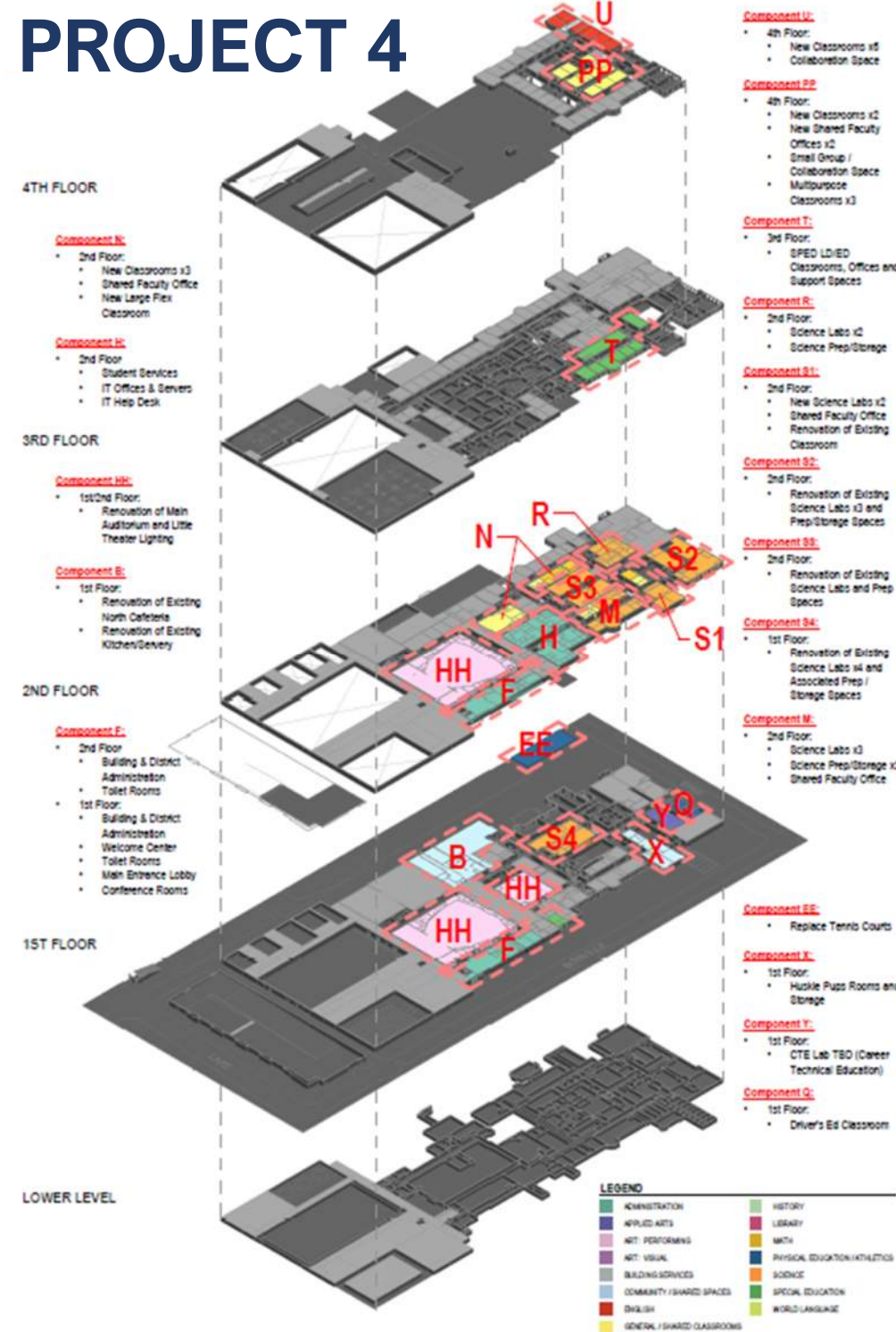


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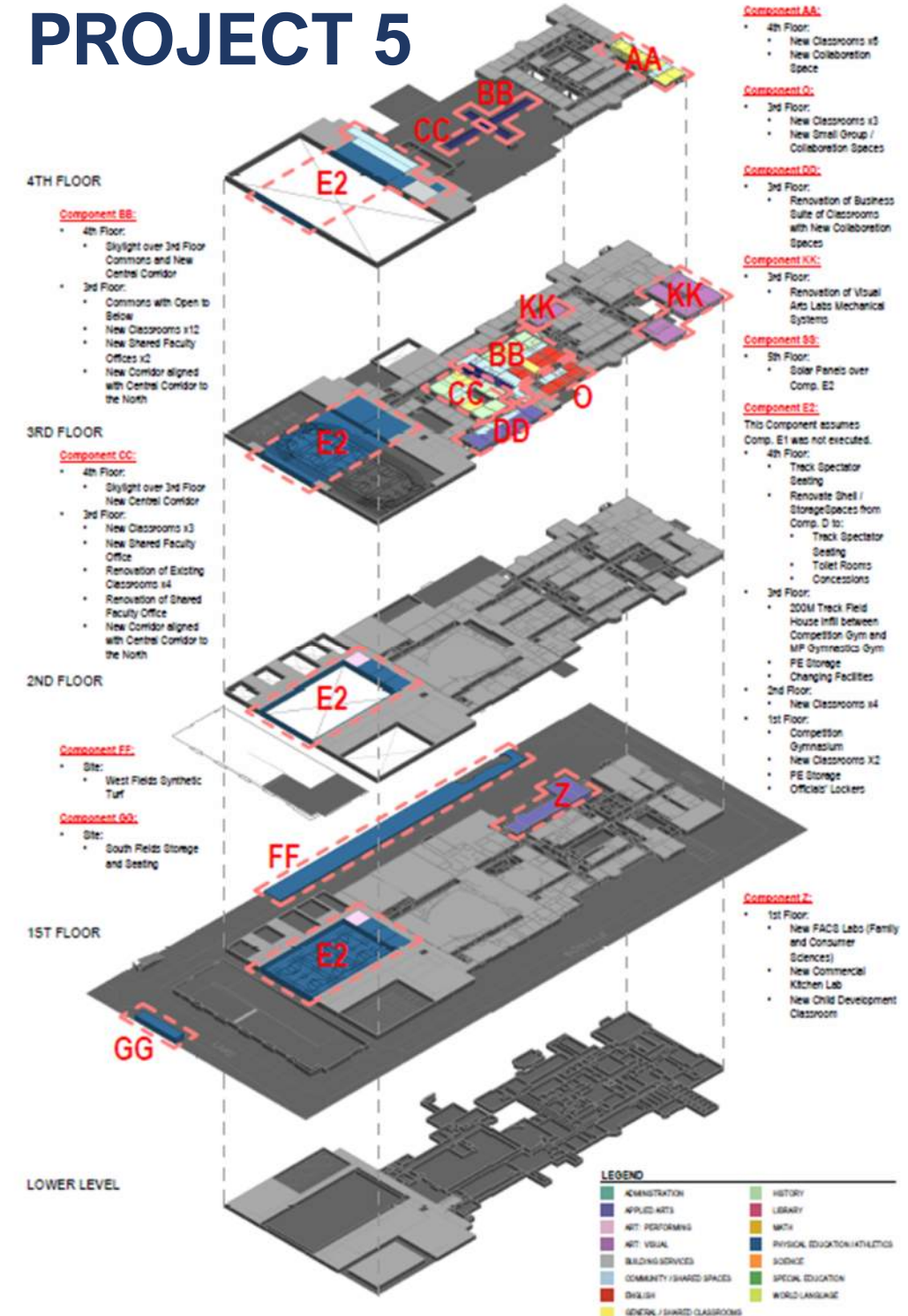
PROJECT 3



PROJECT 4

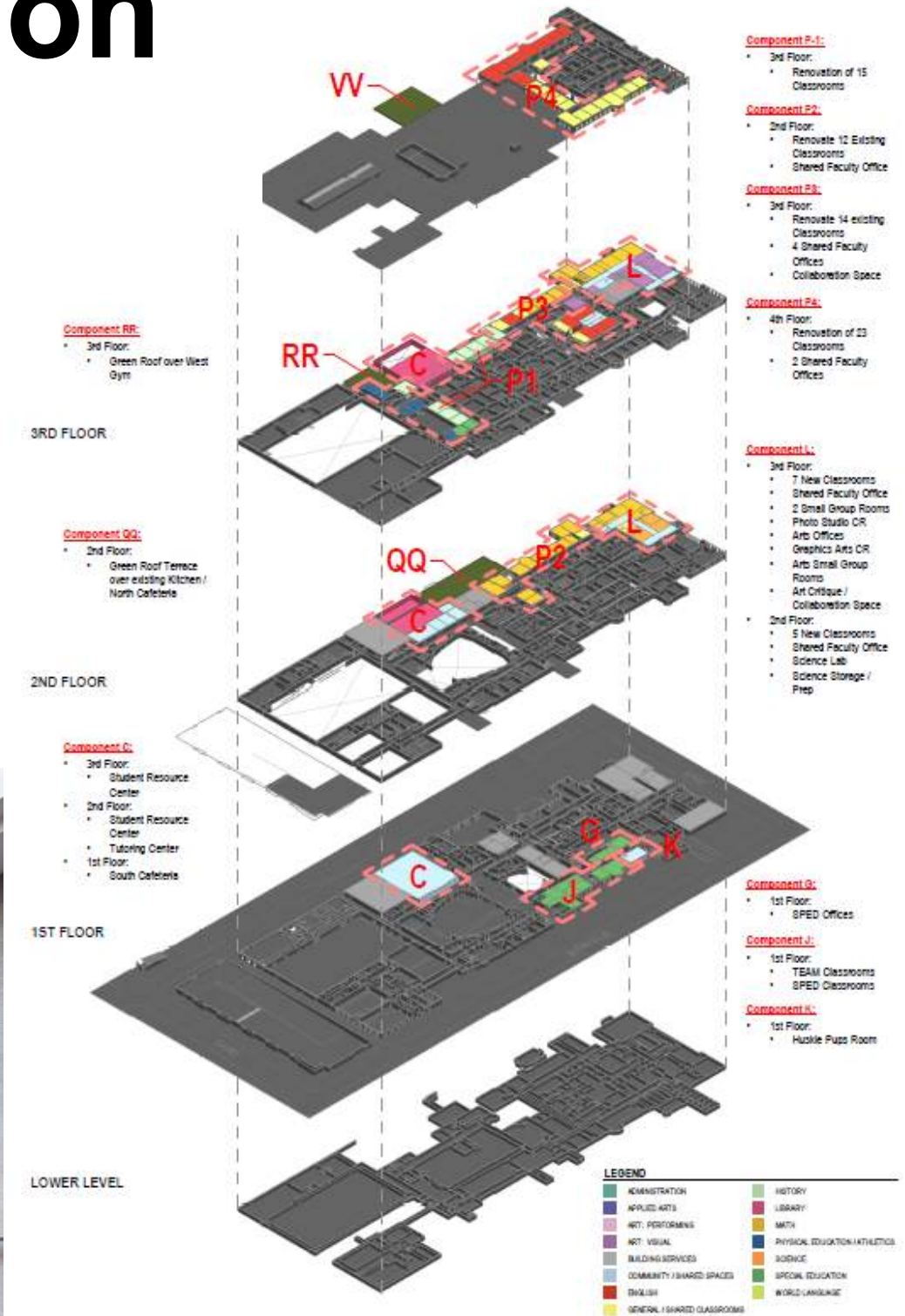


PROJECT 5



IMAGINE OPRF - Implementation

- **Project 1**
 - Reasons for Prioritization of Scope
 - How It Achieved IMAGINE Goals
 - Generating Support for Project 2



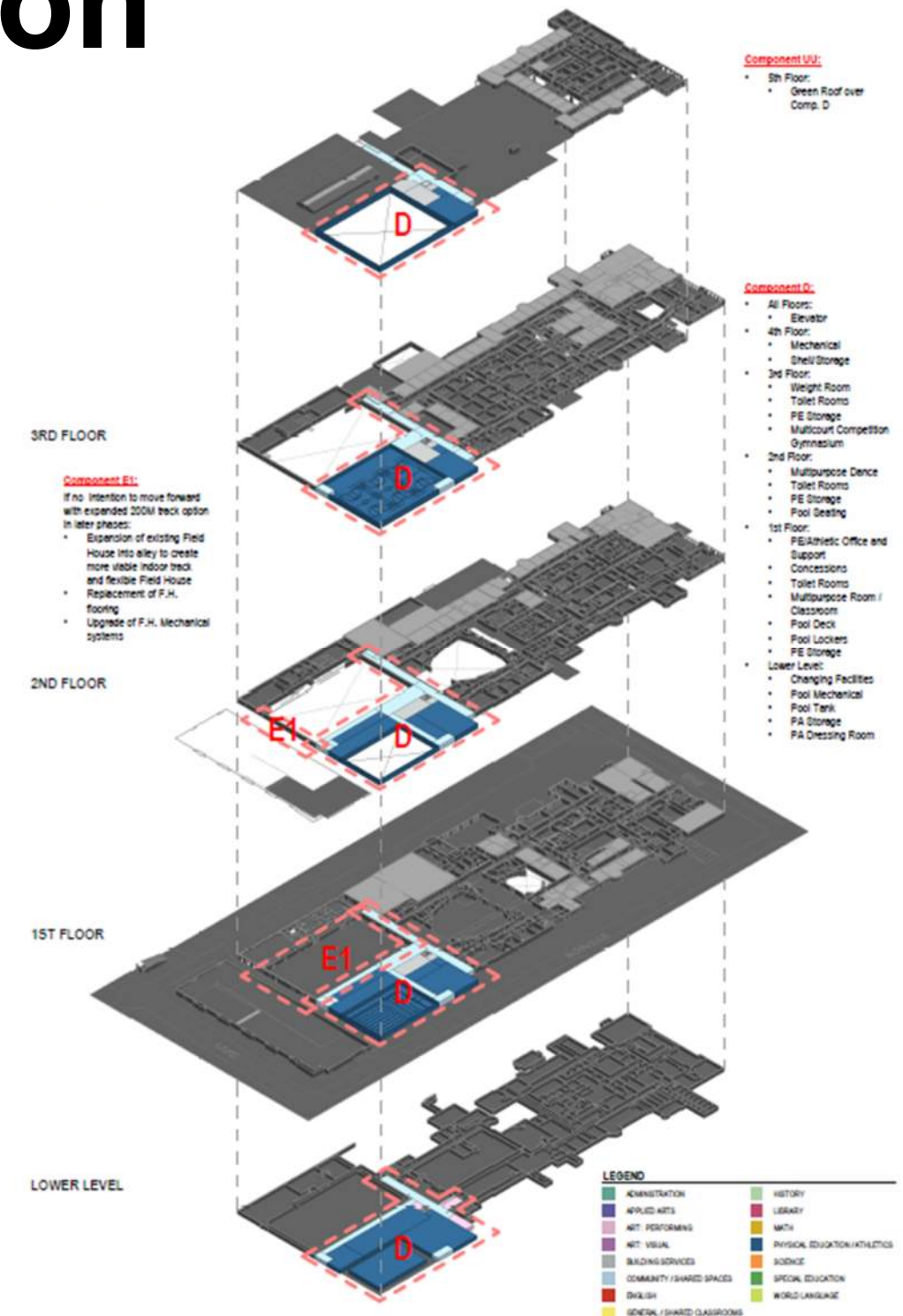


OPRF Project 1



IMAGINE OPRF - Implementation

- **Project 2**
 - Scope and Complicating Factors
 - What Project 2 Did to Achieve IMAGINE Goals
 - Keeping Focus On Future Work





OPRF Project 2



IMAGINE OPRF - Implementation

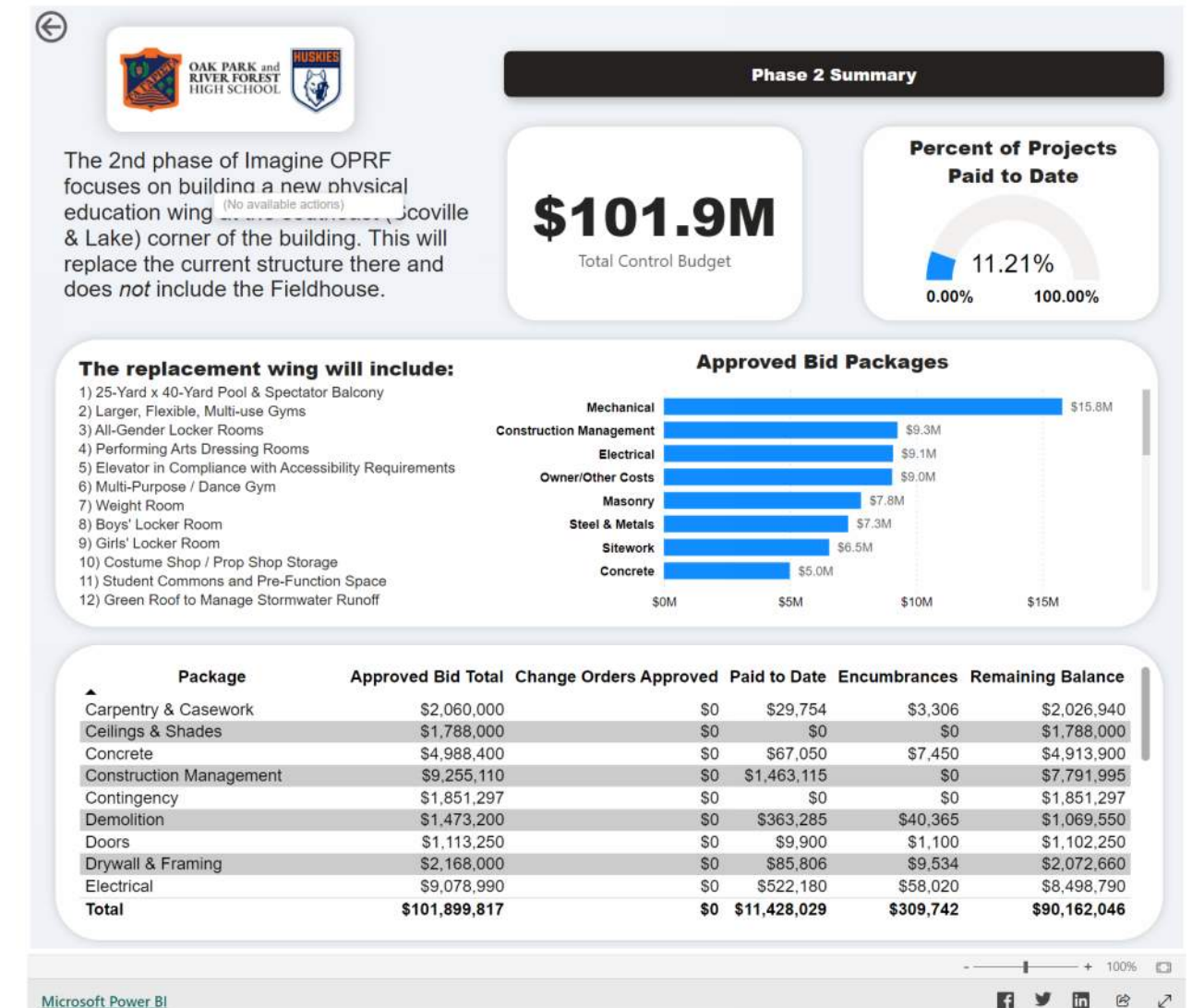
- **Bidding Complexity**
 - Multiple Bid Periods
 - Mixing Capital Projects & Capital Improvements Work
- **Flexibility & A Holistic Approach**
 - One Thought Process - CIP & Capital Projects
 - Respond to the Unexpected – Track & Field Work
 - District Sustainability Goals



IMAGINE OPRF – Lessons

- **Communication & Relationships**
 - The Importance of Transparency
 - Community Dashboard
 - Clarity of Reporting
 - Internal Communication & Organization
 - Being On the Same Page
 - The Importance of Working Together
 - Investing In Neighborhood Relationships

Project 2 Dashboard



IMAGINE OPRF – Funding

- **Educating the Community**
 - Navigating Politics & Framing the Discussion
- Weighing the Pros & Cons of Funding Options
- Post-Approval

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IMAGINE OPRF – Take Aways

- **Collaboration**
- **Communication**
- **Flexibility**
- **Funding**





Questions?