









New Blaine Elementary School Project Narrative

Elementary Schools Project Details

New Elementary School (City of Blaine)

- Location: Lever Street NE, Blaine, Minnesota
- Site Size: 38 acres
- New Building Area: Approximately 136,000 square feet
- 44 classrooms serving 1000 students
- Construction Begin: Spring 2018 / Construction Completion: July 2019
- Building Occupancy: September 2019
- Summary:
 - The Blaine land was purchased in January 2017 with District general unassigned fund balance outside of the bond referendum.
 - The design of the school will be a modified prototype of the District's existing Oxbow Creek Elementary School. Modifications will be made to the design to support new learning models, early childhood classrooms, other minor modifications, energy efficiency components, and updated code compliance.
 - o The construction timeframe for the new elementary school will be 15 to 16 months.

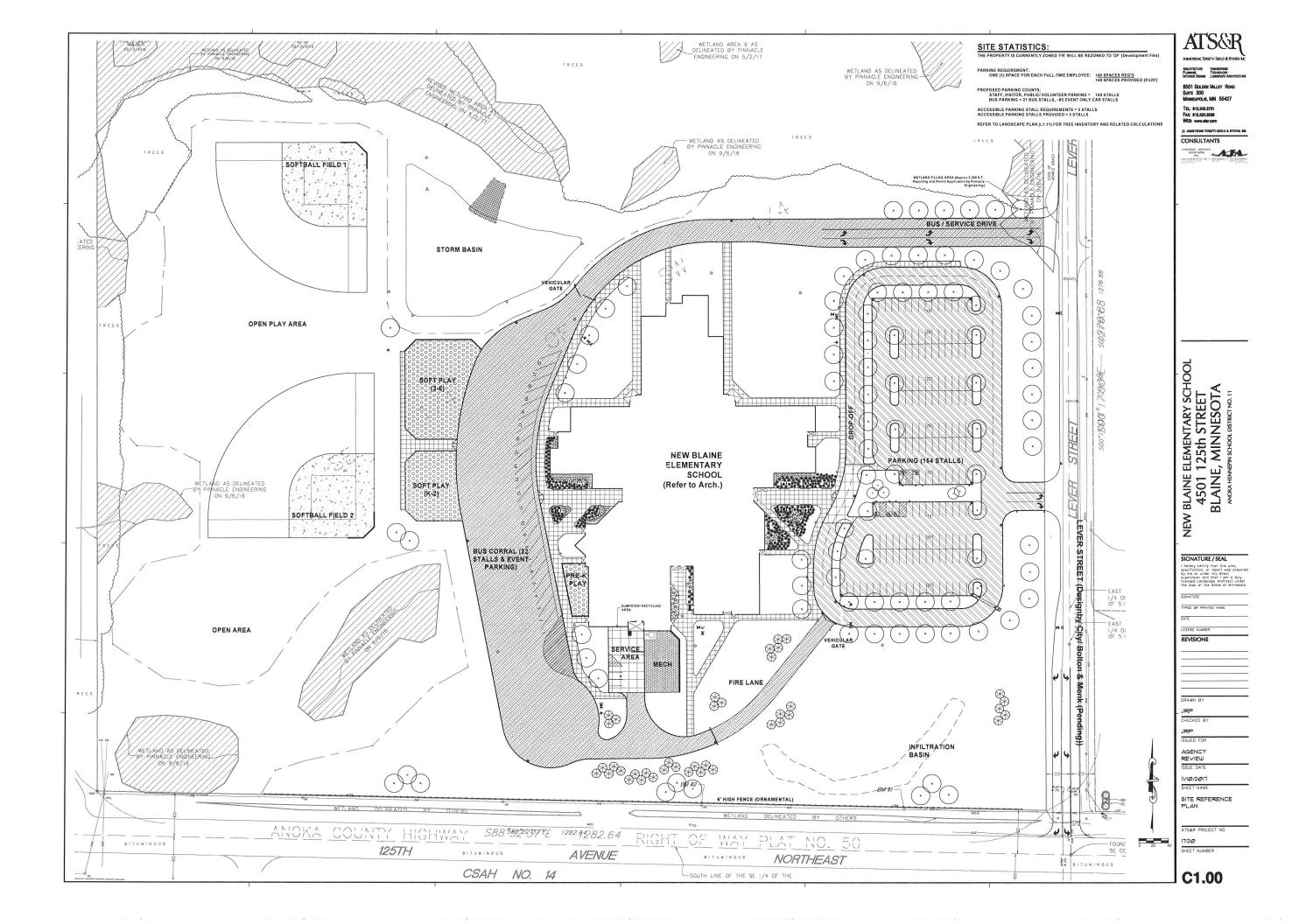
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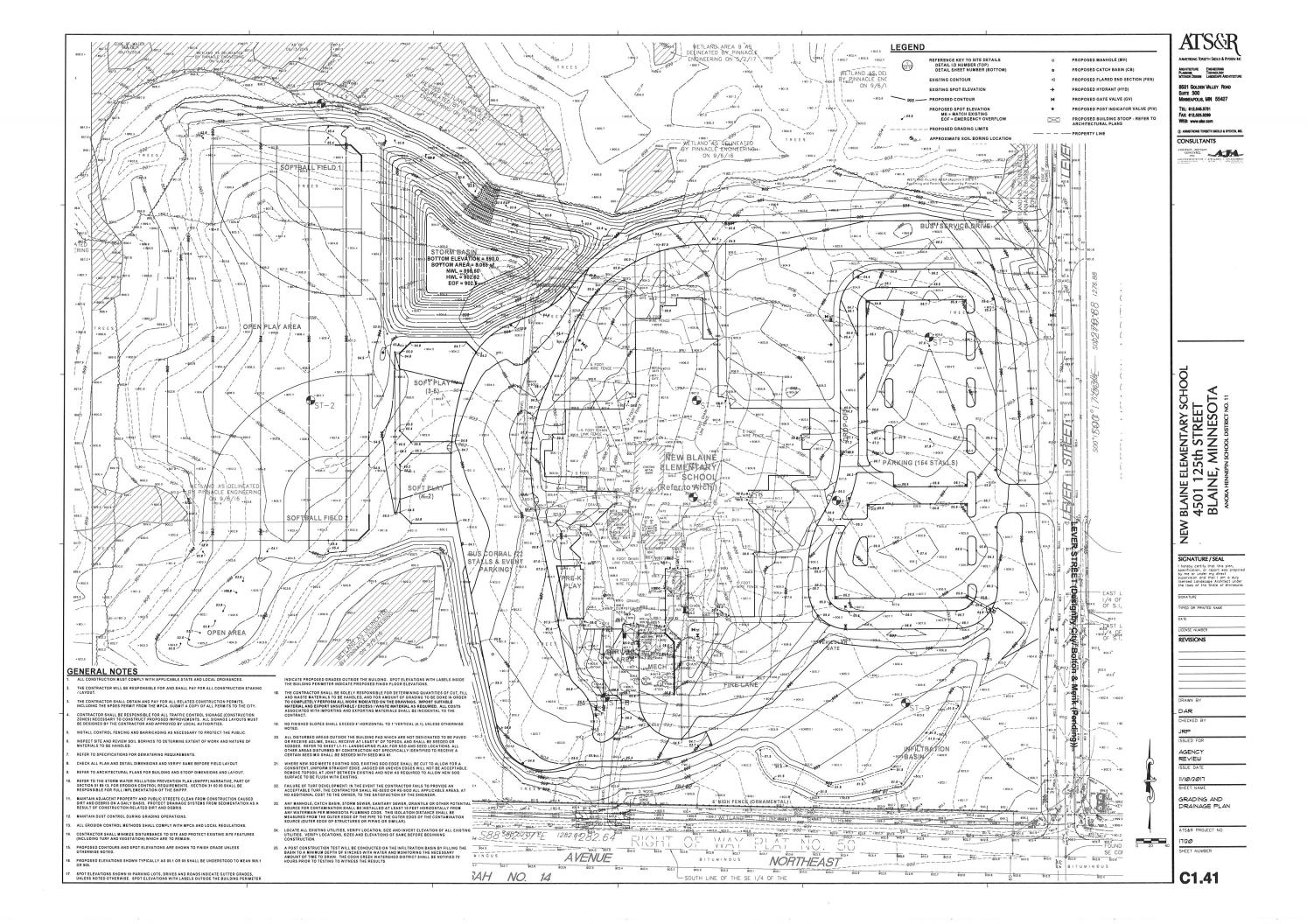
The following deficiencies have been identified at the elementary grade levels that justify the need for constructing two new elementary schools:

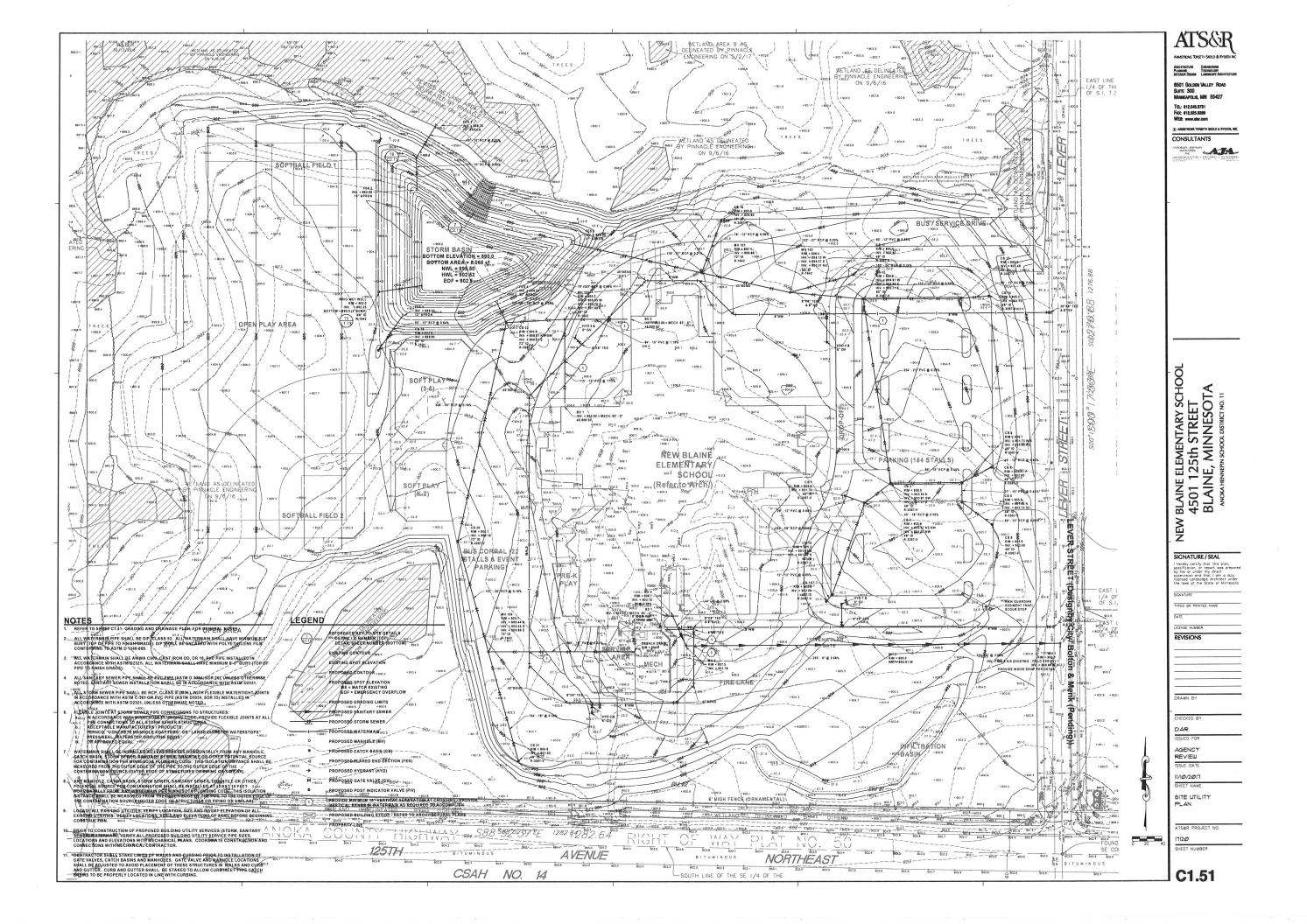
- The District is experiencing/forecasting enrollment growth in the Ramsey and Blaine communities. Many students are currently bussed to areas outside these communities to other elementary schools in the District, which increases class sizes in those respective locations.
- The District has a need for providing/expanding the early childhood programs throughout. At this moment, space is limited at existing elementary schools to fulfill this objective.
- In determining this proposed solution, numerous neighborhood meetings were conducted with parents and user-groups to receive input/feedback for needed space and scope. The 'Fit for the Future' Task Force weighed the information gathered from meetings for consideration towards a district-wide solution.

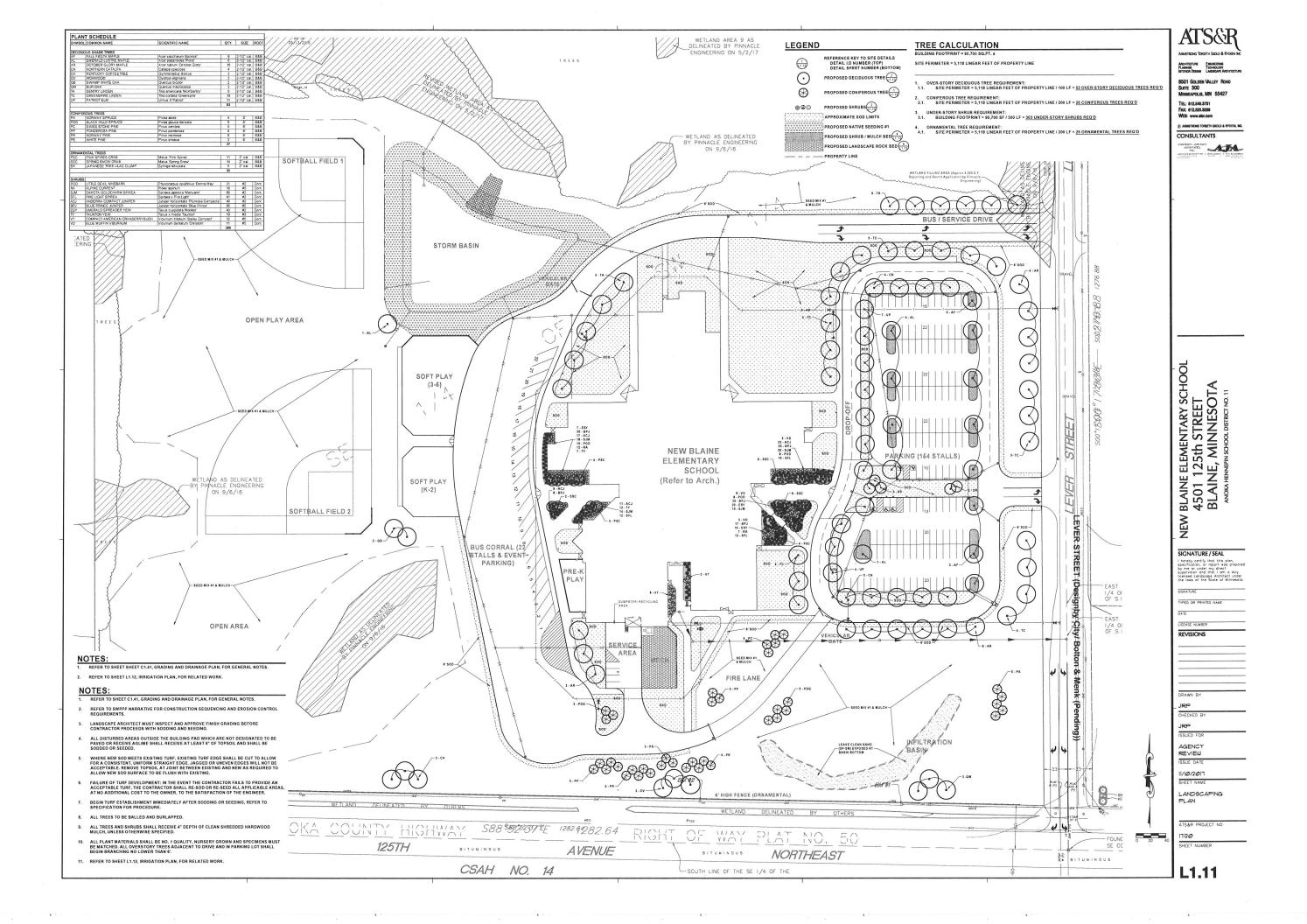
The District proposes addressing deficiencies with two new elementary schools (in the Blaine and Ramsey communities). The scope of work and resulting benefits include:

- With this plan, the new elementary schools will provide space for students in the Ramsey and Blaine elementary enrollment growth areas and allow for forecasted future growth. Attendance boundaries will be adjusted to direct elementary students to the new elementary schools.
- The location of the new schools will provide the affected communities with community spaces including gym areas, large group meeting spaces, after/before-school programs, and playground space.
- The new schools will open-up classrooms in existing elementary schools for strategically inserting and expanding early childhood learning spaces into their neighborhoods.
- This proposal will benefit teachers as planning spaces will be provided at the new schools and at the selected existing elementary schools where spaces open-up.

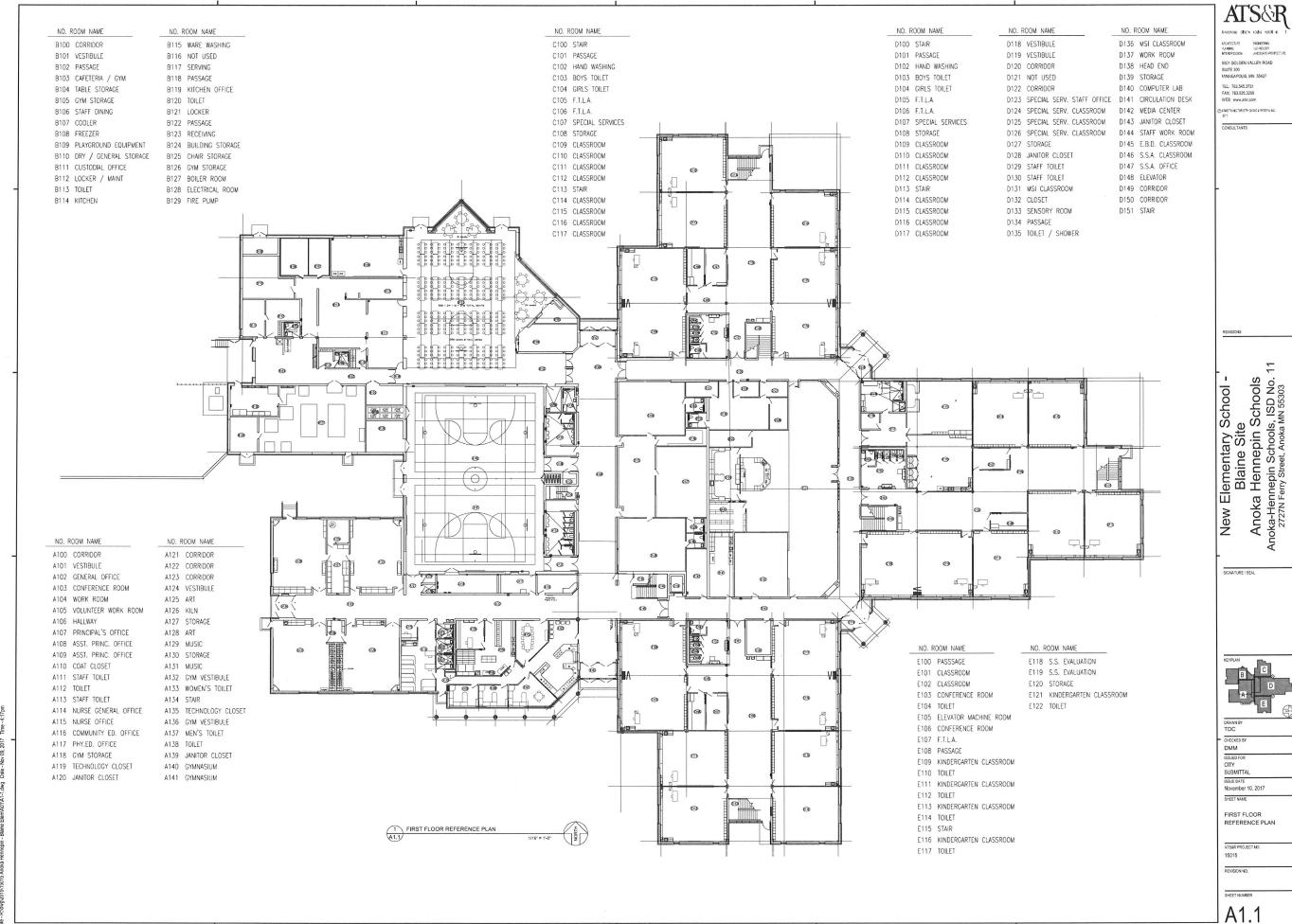












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