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Perkins Local School District pilots project to redesign learning spaces

Perkins Township – The Perkins Local School District has initiated a process to redesign learning spaces with a goal of supporting new teaching and learning experiences for both staff and students. David Jakes, Founder and Chief Design Officer of David Jakes Designs LLC, is facilitating this process, including the study of new spatial designs at all of our schools to better understand the impact of space on learning.

Through this project, the district seeks to shift student and staff experience to promote active teaching and learning. Early stages of this process identified our current spaces as traditional and limiting, supporting the quest for new spatial design to support this creative instructional approach.

This week, targeted staff attended presentations by design solution vendors to explore options for new configurations and potential impact on student learning.

“We invited four vendors to come in to shape our thinking about how their products can transform student learning,” said Rena McClellan, the district’s Director of Innovation in Teaching and Learning. “Seeing actual products was beneficial and will help us as we formulate configurations and overall design goals.”

Redesign will focus on classrooms at Perkins High and Briar Middle Schools, components of the libraries at Furry Elementary and Meadowlawn Intermediate Schools, the activation of a STEM lab and possible creation of a “prototyping lab.”

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Perkins Local School District pilots educational projects and re-evaluates our teaching and learning approaches as we seek to fulfill our Perkins Promise to empower students to pursue their dreams and achieve success.