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## **Learning space redesign enters pilot testing stage**

**Perkins Township** – The Perkins Local School District, which initiated a process to redesign learning spaces with David Jakes Designs LLC in January, has entered the pilot testing stage. Mr. Jakes facilitated professional development meetings with teachers to design classroom setups in order to determine how space impacts student achievement.

Redesign is focusing on classrooms at Perkins High and Briar Middle Schools, components of the libraries at Furry Elementary and Meadowlawn Intermediate Schools. Some prototype classrooms were furnished during spring break, and final deliveries and set up should be complete this week for the remainder.

While traditional classrooms may limit collaboration time due to the need to reconfigure room space prior to beginning each critical thinking group session, new design will facilitate and enable the process to begin immediately. Teachers will analyze this process, performing pre and post assessments during a six-week period to test the impact on student achievement. This data will aid us in evaluating new spatial design and its effect on this creative instructional approach.

Ultimately, the district seeks to shift student and staff experience to promote active teaching and learning and a more progressive educational mindset for the benefit of our students. Personalizing education and encouraging students to pace their instruction will enable them to take ownership of their progress.

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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.*