



# Washington Christian Academy



*Flagship Building & Gymnasium*

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## Presentation Outline

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### Flagship Building

- School serves 300 K-12 students
- 3 stories; 67,600 SF
- Cost: 20.7 M (site & construction)

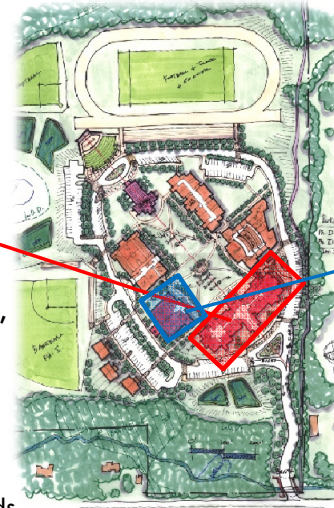


## Project Introduction

□ Washington Christian Academy (WCA) phased construction project

□ Location: 16227 Batchelors Forest Road, Olney, MD

- Campus to include:
- elementary, middle, and high schools
  - performing arts spaces
  - athletic facilities
  - chapel
  - outdoor sports fields

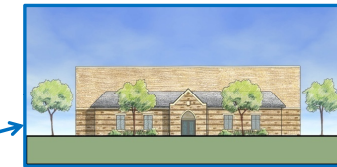


□ Construction Schedule: January 2007-August 2008

□ Construction Manager: Forrester Construction

□ Architect: Grimm+Parker Architects

□ Owner: Washington Christian Academy



### Gymnasium

- Separate building
- 1 story; 10,700 SF



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**Priorities:**

1. Schedule
2. Cost & Quality

**Project Delivery Method:**  
Design-Build

**Contract Types:**

- Single Prime Contract: Neg. GMP
- ↳ Subcontractors: Lump Sum



# Project Overview

- Construction
  - Priorities
  - Project Delivery Method
  - Contract Types
- Structure
  - Envelope
  - Foundation
  - Superstructure
- Mechanical System
- Electrical System
- Emergency
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**Structure**



- Envelope: Standard Cavity Wall with Built-Up Roof
- Foundation: Continuous Cast-in-Place Wall Footings with 5" SOG
- Superstructure: CMU Load Bearing Walls with Steel Joists





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### Mechanical System

- 16 rooftop units; above average exhaust fans & condensing units for kitchen
- Supply: VAV fan powered terminal units, electric heat
- Ductwork: Insulated Sheet Metal

### Electrical System

- Power connection on other side of Batchellors Forest Rd.
- Classroom lighting fluorescent recessed luminaires

### Emergency System

- Annunciator panels & audio/visual smoke detectors
- Standard wet sprinkler system



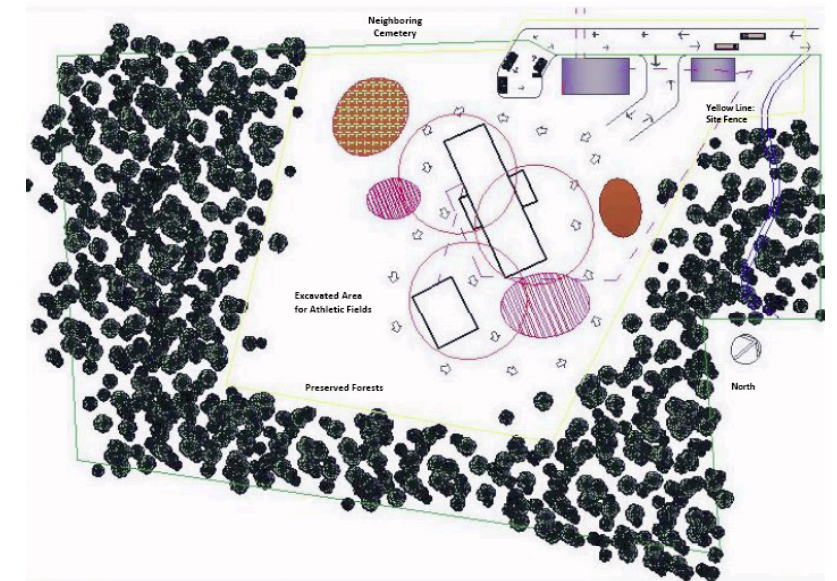
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## Analyses Introduction



### Construction Management Critical Industry Research Issue

- English-Spanish language barrier in the construction industry today
- Inspired by the Partnership for Achieving Construction Excellence (PACE) Roundtable Event

### Technical Analyses

- Owner priority: Add value
- Pennsylvania Governor's Green Government Council
  - Utilization of Natural Light
  - Improved Acoustics
  - Improved Indoor Air Quality

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## Analysis 1



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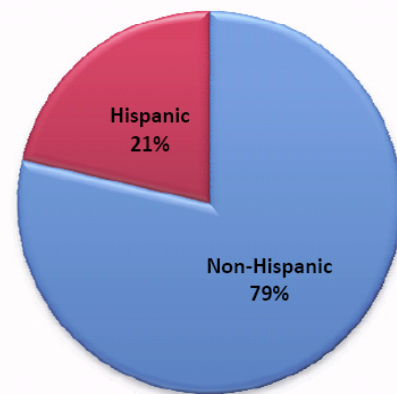
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Research from the U.S. Census Bureau

### Hispanic Workforce in the Construction Industry



Data from 2004  
Construction second only to agriculture



## Analysis 1

Consequences of the English-Spanish Language Barrier in the Construction Industry

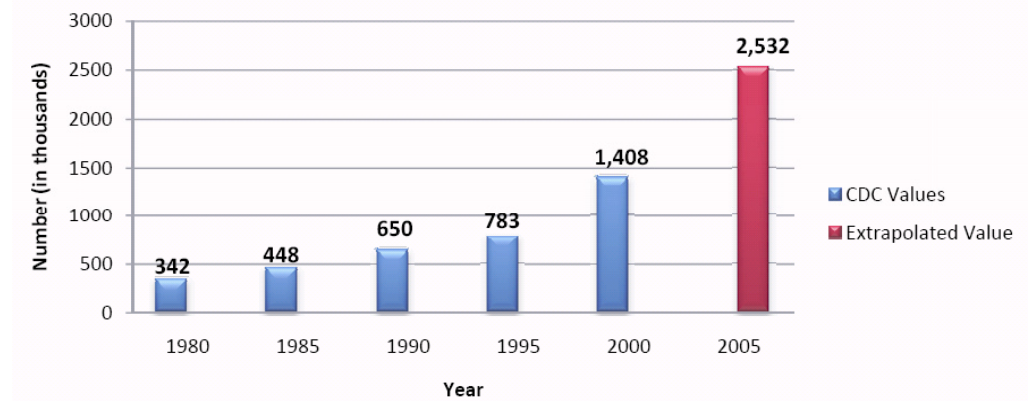
- Problem
  - The English-Spanish language barrier between general contractors, subcontractors, and laborers in the construction industry creates problems with efficiency, safety, and a general level of respect.
- Goals
  - Determine status of barrier today according to research and industry member's opinions
  - Identify the five leading consequences the language barrier creates
  - Explore viable solutions to remedy the leading problems

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### Number of Hispanic Employees in Construction, selected years 1980-2000



Hispanic influence on construction is growing fast





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Question Summary	Answer	Result (people)	Result (percent)
Does English-Spanish Language Barrier exist?	Yes	62	95.4%
	No	3	4.6%
Is it getting better or worse?	Better	21	35.0%
	Worse	39	65.0%
Are jobsite signs bilingual?	Yes	51	78.5%
	No	14	21.5%
Have you attempted to speak Spanish?	Yes	32	50.0%
	No	32	50.0%
Encounters with Spanish speaking industry members.	Never	2	3.1%
	Monthly	1	1.6%
	Weekly	6	9.4%
	Daily	55	85.9%



# Analysis 1

## Consequences of the English-Spanish Language Barrier in the Construction Industry

- Survey Participants
  - Requirements
    - 3 years experience
    - currently working in the NE/Mid-Atlantic U.S.
    - result: 65 qualified response participants

Job Title	Number of Participants	Percentage of Participants	Average Years Worked in Construction Industry
Superintendent & Asst. Superintendent	16	24.6%	21
PM, Asst. PM, Executive, VP	32	49.2%	15
Field/Project Engineer	12	18.5%	4
Other: estimator, drywall foreman, structural engineer	5	7.7%	10

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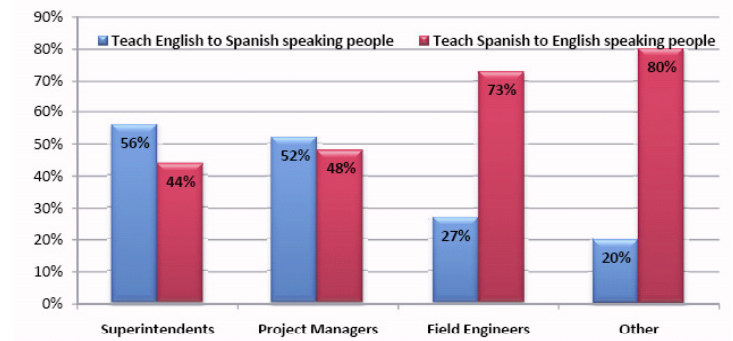
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Which do you think is more likely to happen?



Answer	Total (all participants)		Per Participant Category			
	Results (ppl.)	Results (%)	Super (%)	PM (%)	F/P Eng. (%)	Other (%)
Teach English to Spanish speaking people	29	46%	56%	52%	27%	20%
Teach Spanish to English speaking people	34	54%	44%	48%	73%	80%

Result Summary per Participant Category





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# Analysis 1

Consequences of the English-Spanish Language Barrier in the Construction Industry



## Top 5 Consequences

1. **Difficulty in Giving Instructions**
  2. **Greater Safety Risks**
  3. **Loss of Productivity/Efficiency**
  4. **Lack of Respect/Team Atmosphere**
  5. **Other**
- Discrimination between English and Spanish workers is a real and damaging problem. Managers have encountered slurs on the job site.

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### Teach English to Spanish Speaking Industry Members

*Sed de Saber* (Thirst for Knowledge)

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## Analysis 1

Consequences of the English-Spanish Language Barrier in the Construction Industry

## Solutions

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### Teach Spanish to English Speaking Industry Members



Dozens of answers...

Construction Companies offer Spanish Classes & Manuals

Virginia Tech Building Construction Department

*InterLingo*

- Internet video conferencing with native speaking instructor from Columbia.
- Dual teaching strategy of group presentations and personal one-on-one review.
- 3 hrs/week for 6 weeks



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The English-Spanish language barrier does exist and it affects the progress and success of a project.

- ❑ 95% participants agree
- ❑ U.S. Census Bureau



## Analysis 1

Consequences of the English-Spanish Language Barrier in the Construction Industry

# Conclusions

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My Opinion:

Regardless of what people would *like* to happen, teaching Spanish to English speaking people is the

- ❑ path of least resistance,
- ❑ most cost efficient, and
- ❑ most likely to succeed.

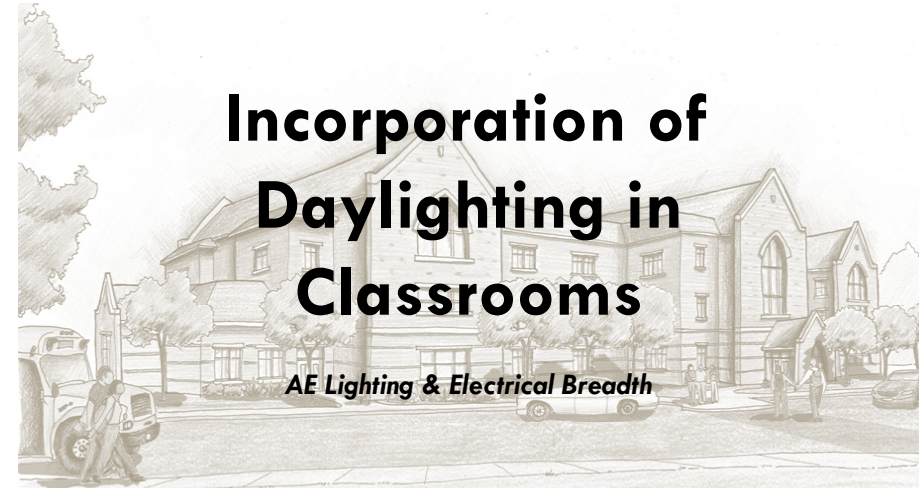
Company offered classes are not enough, management students should be taught in college when they are already in a learning-conducive environment.



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## Analysis 2



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## Analysis 2

### Incorporation of Daylighting in Classrooms

- **Problem**  
The current classroom lighting is intended to be on all day,  
which is costly and reduces the benefits of the entering natural  
light.
- **Goals**
  - Determine if daylighting is possible when the row of lights  
nearest to the windows is turned off.
  - If inadequate, redesign space so that it is adequate.
  - Address energy and cost savings.





## Advantages of Daylighting in Classrooms

- Energy Savings
- Improved productivity and health of students



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Incorporation of Daylighting in Classrooms

### What is daylighting?

The practice of using windows, skylights, or clerestories to allow penetration of natural light so that there are effective illumination levels in a given space.

### How does it save energy?

- Reduced use of electrical lighting
- Daylight photosensors automatically dim or switch lamps off when an adequate level of illuminance is reached



## Why is this a good idea for the WCA?

- Saves owner money from electrical savings
- Environmentally friendly
- Students can progress up to 20% faster than students in rooms with smaller window areas.

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# Daylighting Sensors

## Daylighting Sensors

- Light level sensors that trigger certain lamps to turn off or dim when a preset illuminance level is met.

## Switch or Dim?



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### Resources

- AutoCAD 2008
- AGi32

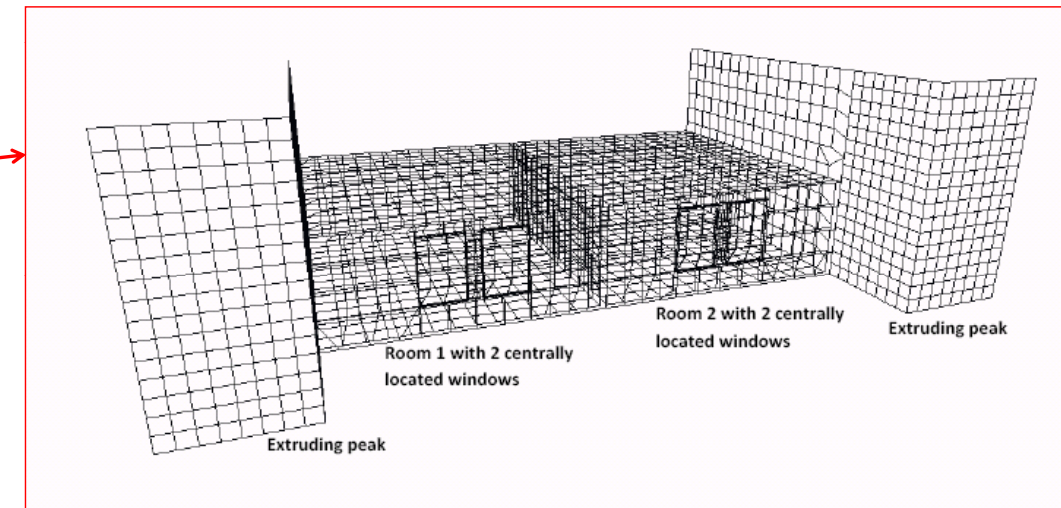
### Calculations

- Daylight Factor**
  - 2% in over 75% of the room area (LEED Rating)
- Illuminance**
  - 50 footcandles for classroom +/- 10%



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Current Room Design



## Analysis 2

Incorporation of Daylighting in Classrooms

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New Room Design

Lamp Quantity

1. 4 Lamps/Luminaire
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Calculate Illuminance & DF

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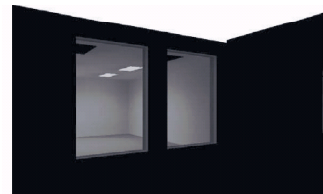
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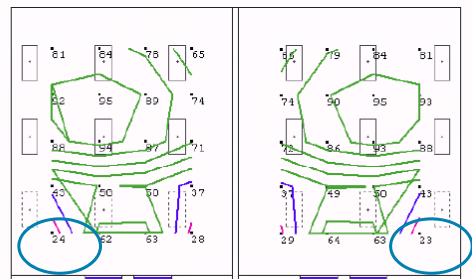


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## Illuminance Analysis



2 Rows ON  
1 Row OFF



— 50 fc and up  
— 40 fc  
— 30 fc and below



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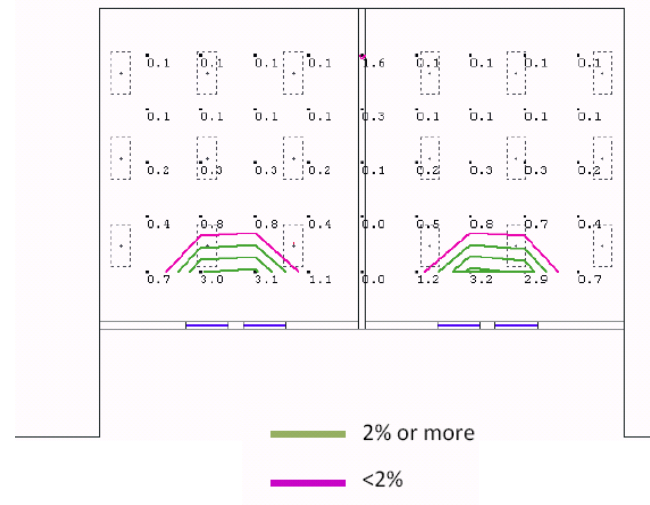


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					Average (fc)	Max (fc)	Min (fc)
I	A	All Lights On (No Daylight)	4	typical	85.6	109.0	57.3
	B	All Lights Off (All Daylight)	4	typical	10.0	52.0	1.0
	C	Both Lights & Daylight	4	typical	95.5	123.0	69.0
II	A	2 Rows Lights On, 1 Row Off	4	typical	67.9	95.0	23.0
	B	2 Rows Lights On, 1 Row Off	4	rotated 90°	68.9	93.0	23.0



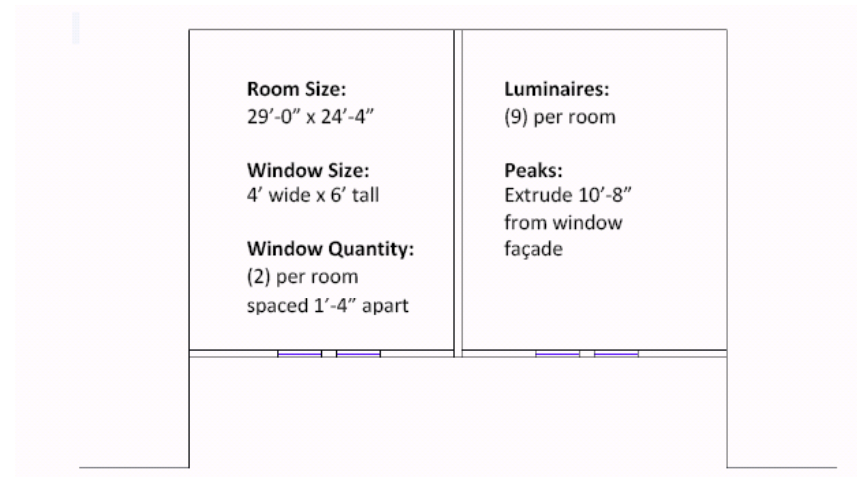
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## Daylight Factor Analysis



## Analysis 2

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Categories	No. Windows	Daylight Factor (DF)			
		Average	Max	Min	% area over 2% DF
I & II	2	0.7	8.3	0.0	10.6

### Conclusion:

Current room design NOT acceptable for daylighting

- 2 windows do not provide enough light!



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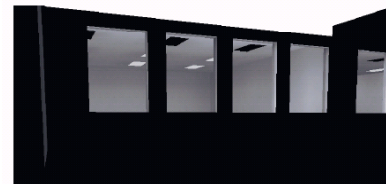
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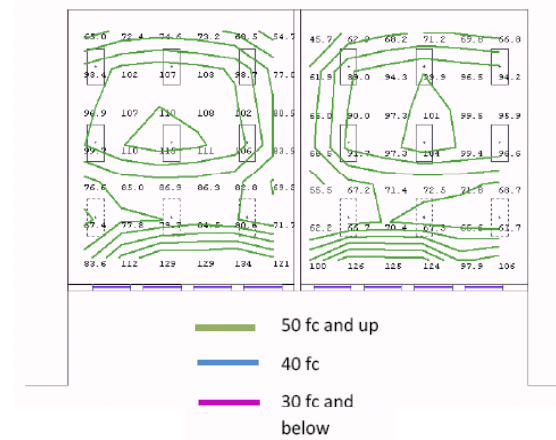


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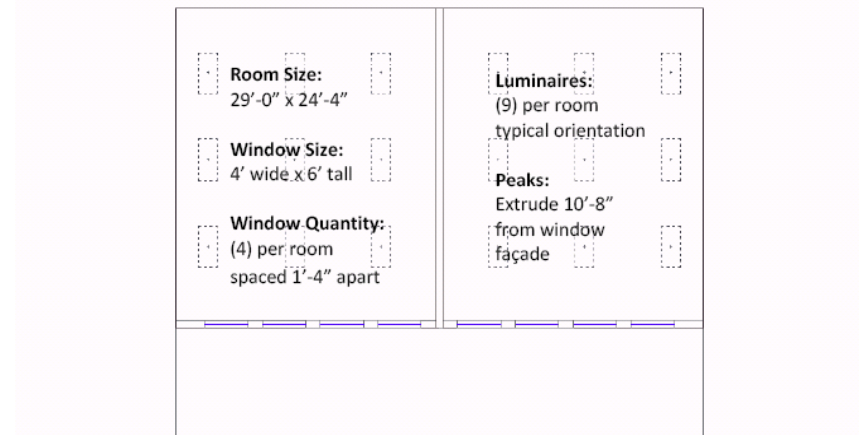


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## New Room Design with 4 Lamps

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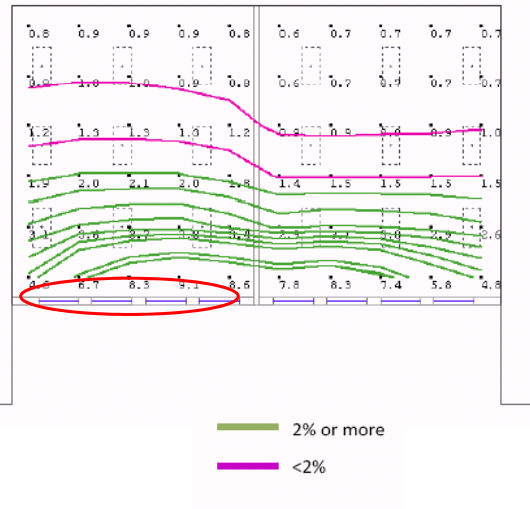


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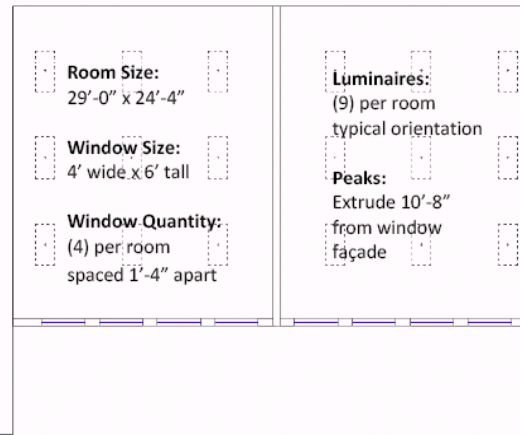
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**Conclusion:**

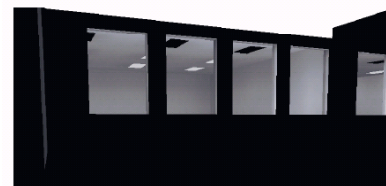
- Daylight – OK!
- Illuminance – Very High



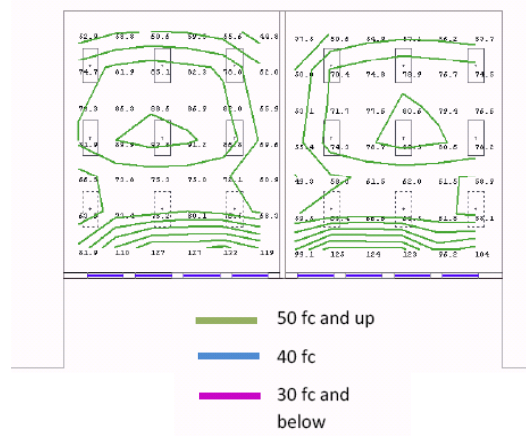


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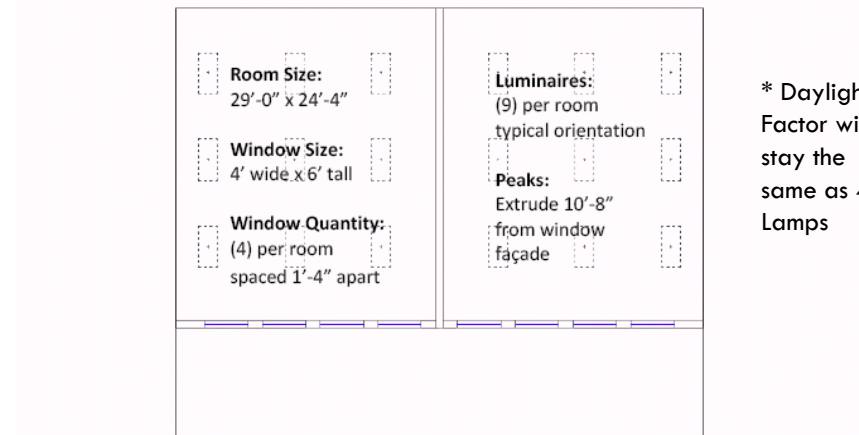


2 Rows ON  
1 Row OFF



## Analysis 2

Incorporation of Daylighting in Classrooms



### New Room Design with 3 Lamps

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50 footcandles +/- 10%



Category	Trial	Description	No. Lamps	Lum. Orientation	Illuminance (E)		
					Avg (fc)	Max (fc)	Min (fc)
IV	A	All Lights On (No Daylight)	3	typical	59.8	82.6	28.3
	B	Both Lights & Daylight	3	typical	99.0	163.0	46.5
	C	2 Rows Lights On, 1 Row Off	3	typical	79.9	133.0	44.8
	B	2 Rows Lights On, 1 Row Off	4	typical	92.0	134.0	54.7

### Conclusion:

#### New Room Design with 4 Windows Acceptable for Daylighting

- 4 lamps provide very high level of illuminance, even with 1 row OFF
- 3 lamps provide adequate level of illuminance, within 10%



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Incorporation of Daylighting in Classrooms



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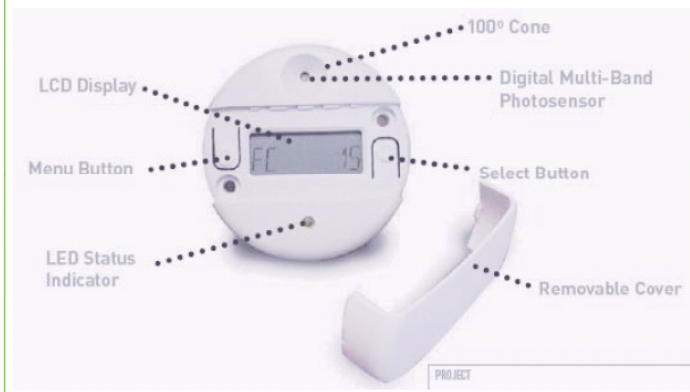
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## Daylight Sensor

	On/Off Switching	Dimming
Single Zone	LS-101 (either)	LS-301 (closed loop)
Multi Zone	LCD-203 system (open loop)	LCD-203 system (open loop)



## Analysis 2

Incorporation of Daylighting in Classrooms

### Cost

- Reduction of 4 lamps to 3 results in an automatic 25% electrical savings
- 1 row of lights off adds an additional 33% reduction
- Photosensors: \$150 x 24 classrooms = \$3600, expect 1 year to payoff
- No additional ballast cost
- No additional cooling costs expected due to Low-E and quantity of windows

### Schedule

- Installing photosensors only addition
- Not long lead item
- Design phase feel greatest effects
  - Owner, Architect, & Electrical Engineer need to be incorporating from initial planning phase

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## Conclusions



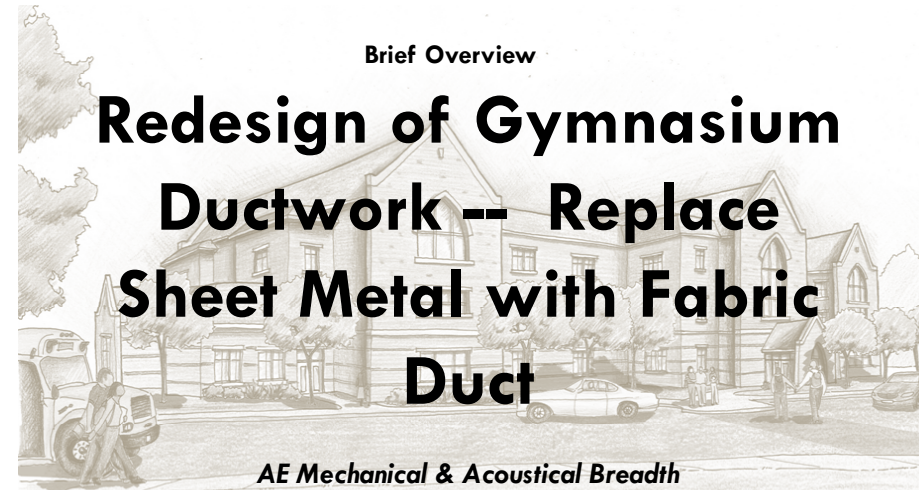
- Current Room: Do Not Incorporate Daylighting
- If Redesign Possible: 4 Windows, 3 Lamps/Luminaire
  - Saves Energy & Money
  - Does Not Affect Schedule Completion
  - Better for Students
  - 3 Lamps Provides Switching Options
  - Educates Students on Benefits of Daylight



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# Analysis 3

## Gymnasium Fabric Ductwork

- Result Summary
  - No structural redesign necessary
  - Fabric Duct provides
    - Smaller Noise Criterion, Less Reverberation Time, Greater Noise Reduction Coefficient
- Savings
  - 74% Cost Reduction
  - 84% Schedule Reduction

### Owner

Save Money  
Finish Earlier  
Maintenance Friendly System

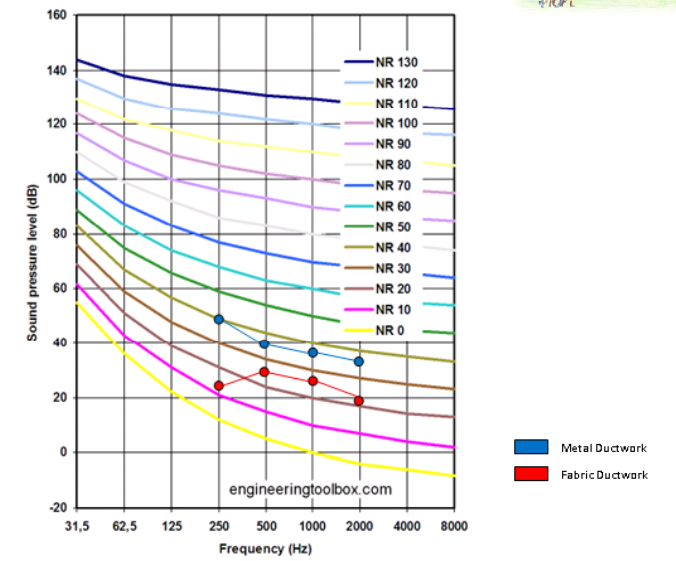
### Occupants

More Comfortable from Air Distribution  
Better Acoustics  
Personalized Logos & Colors

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If Redesign were possible...

## Incorporate Daylighting Practices in Classrooms

- Saves Energy & Owner Money
- Teaches students valuable lesson
- Improves students' educational performance
- No negative effects on schedule



## Thesis Conclusions

The English-Spanish language barrier does exist in the construction industry, particularly in the Washington, D.C. market.

- Companies need to invest in educating their managers in Spanish.
- Universities need to invest in educating their students in Spanish.

Washington Christian Academy is seeking to build a high quality educational facility that promotes healthy and sustainable learning environments

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## Replace Gymnasium Sheet Metal Duct with Fabric Duct

- 74% Cost Reduction
- 84% Schedule Reduction
- Improves:
  - Acoustics
  - Air Distribution
  - Maintenance
  - Customization
  - Installation



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### Technical Analysis

- Incorporation of Daylighting in Classrooms
- Benefit students & reduce energy consumption, but only when lights are turned off



## Analyses Introduction

### Construction Management Critical Industry Research Issue

- English-Spanish language barrier in the construction industry today
- Inspired by the Partnership for Achieving Construction Excellence (PACE) Roundtable Event

### Technical Analyses

- Owner priority: Add value
- Pennsylvania Governor's Green Government Council
  - Utilization of Natural Light
  - Improved Acoustics
  - Improved Indoor Air Quality



### Technical Analysis

- Redesign of Gymnasium Ductwork: Replace Sheet Metal with Fabric Duct
- Acoustical advantages will make the large space more comfortable for teaching activities

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Environmental Factor

- Not analyzed in detail
- Adding advanced filtration or installing CO<sub>2</sub> sensors

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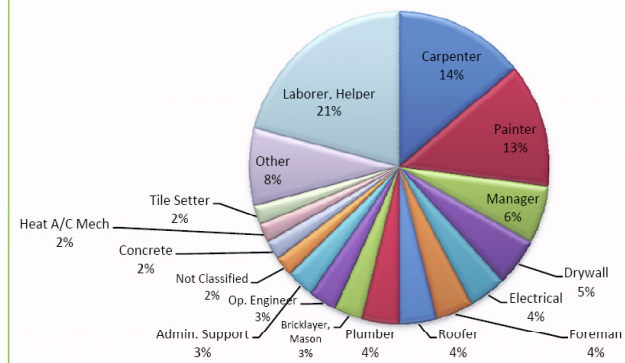
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Research from the U.S. Census Bureau

Distribution of Hispanic Construction Workers among Occupations, 1998-2000 avg.



# Analysis 1

Consequences of the English-Spanish Language Barrier in the Construction Industry

- Population Concentration:
  - 86% South & West
  - 8% Northeast
  - 6% Midwest
- 75% Mexican with 70% born outside the United States

## Why does this matter?

- Spanish speaking immigrants
- Fatalities
- Unions

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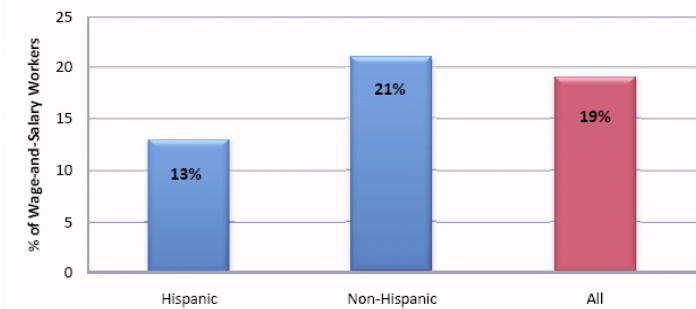
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Union Membership among Hispanic and Non-Hispanic Construction Workers, 2000



What this graph says about the survey...



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# Analysis 1

Consequences of the English-Spanish Language Barrier in the Construction Industry

## Participant Reasoning

### Teach English to Spanish Speaking People

- Helps Spanish speaking people personally and professionally. Gives workers a competitive advantage for promotions.
- With only one English speaking foreman on site who may speak broken English, you are relying too much on someone who may not understand you.
- English is part of the American culture.

### Teach Spanish to English Speaking People

- Many Spanish speaking workers are illiterate or uneducated so they are less able to learn.
- English is more difficult to learn.
- It is important and valuable to be bilingual.
- GCs and English speaking managers have greater resources and capabilities to learn Spanish; plus there are less of them.

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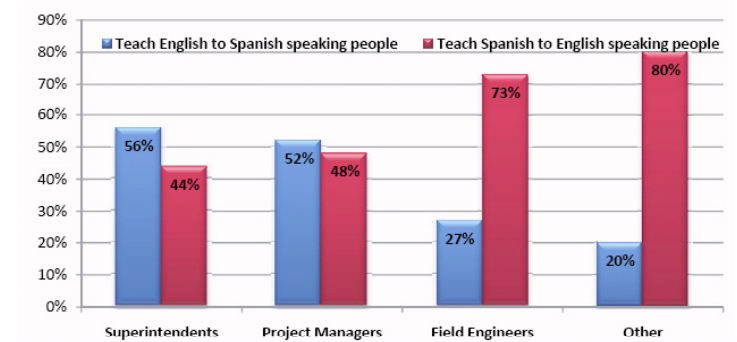
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Which do you think is more likely to happen?



Answer	Total (all participants)		Per Participant Category			
	Results (ppl.)	Results (%)	Super. (%)	PM (%)	F/P Eng. (%)	Other (%)
Teach English to Spanish speaking people	29	46%	56%	52%	27%	20%
Teach Spanish to English speaking people	34	54%	44%	48%	73%	80%

Result Summary per Participant Category





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1. **Difficulty in Giving Instructions**
2. **Greater Safety Risks**
3. **Loss of Productivity/Efficiency**
4. **Lack of Respect/Team Atmosphere**
5. **Other**

1. Lack of safety culture in Spanish speaking supervisors.
2. Prejudice between Spanish speaking and Non-Spanish speaking employees.
3. Tougher to develop casual relationships from which to build long term relationships.
4. Foremen promoted on language, not skill.



# Analysis 1

Consequences of the English-Spanish Language Barrier in the Construction Industry

Consequence	Total (all participants)	Super-intendents	Project Managers	Field Engineers	Other
Loss of Productivity/ Efficiency	22.4%	21.9%	22.6%	23.8%	19.5%
Greater Safety Risks	27.3%	29.1%	26.1%	27.5%	27.6%
Difficulty in Giving Instructions (Basic Jobsite Communication)	30.0%	29.8%	30.3%	30.3%	27.6%
Lack of Respect/ Diminished Team Atmosphere	17.9%	18.2%	16.7%	17.4%	25.3%
Other (Write In)	2.4%	1.0%	4.3%	1.0%	0.0%
1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup>	Color Key				

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## 5. Discrimination

- Discrimination between English and Spanish workers is a real and damaging problems. Managers have encountered slurs on the job site.
- Discrimination exists even within each language.
- Seems as though the two parties are competing to occupy the site; English speaking workers feel more entitled.



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### Top 2 Consequences:

- Difficulty in Giving Instructions
- Increased Safety Risks

These consequences are serious and need to be remedied

### Industry divided over teaching

- English → Spanish or
- Spanish → English



## Analysis 1

Consequences of the English-Spanish Language Barrier in the Construction Industry

## Conclusions

The English-Spanish language barrier does exist and it affects the progress and success of a project.

- 95% participants agree
- U.S. Census Bureau

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### My Opinion:

Regardless of what people would *like* to happen, teaching Spanish to English speaking people is the

- path of least resistance,
- most cost efficient, and
- most likely to succeed.

Company offered classes are not enough, management students should be taught in college when they are already in a learning-conducive environment.





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### Daylighting Sensors

- Light level sensors that trigger certain lamps to turn off or dim when a preset illuminance level is met.

### Switch or Dim?



## Analysis 2

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# Daylighting and Occupancy Sensors

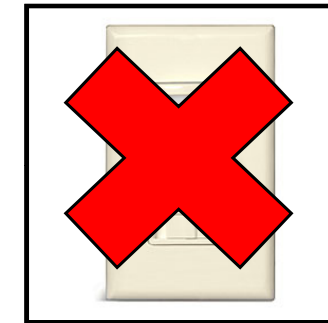
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### Occupancy Sensors

- Detect when a space is occupied using infrared technology.
- Great idea....right?



**Please  
Don't  
Forget to  
Turn Out  
the Lights!**



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Current Room Design



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### Current Room Design

### New Room Design

#### Luminaire Orientation

#### Lamp Quantity

1. Current
2. Rotated 90 degrees

1. 4 Lamps/Luminaire
2. 3 Lamps/Luminaire



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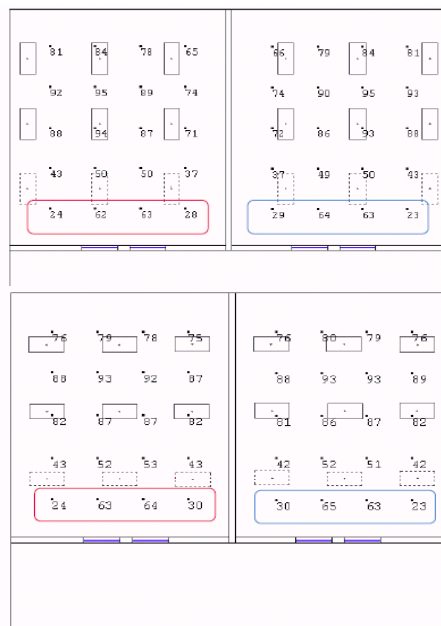
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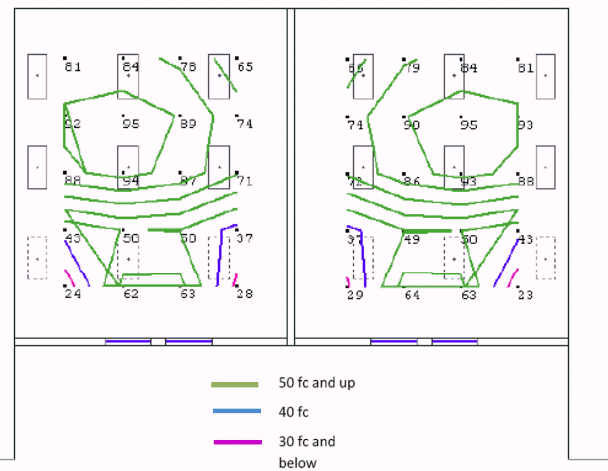


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	B	ROW Off	4		68.3	95.0	23.0



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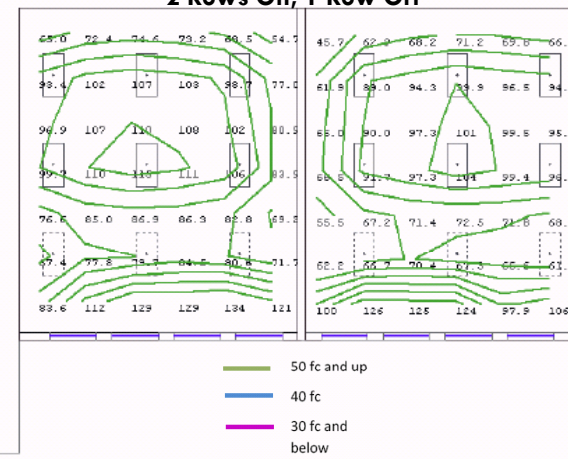
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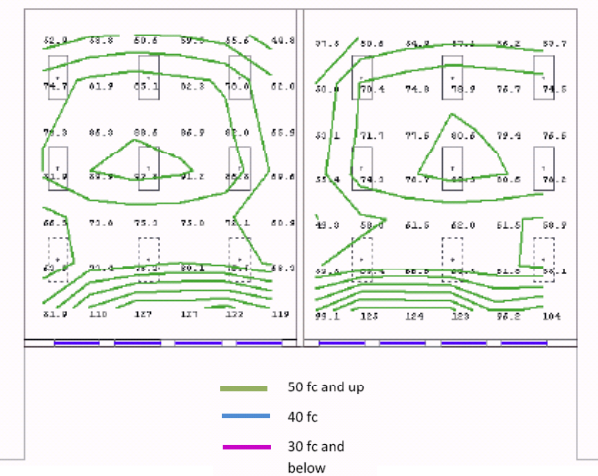
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**New Room Design: 4 Windows, 3 Lamps  
2 Rows On, 1 Row Off**

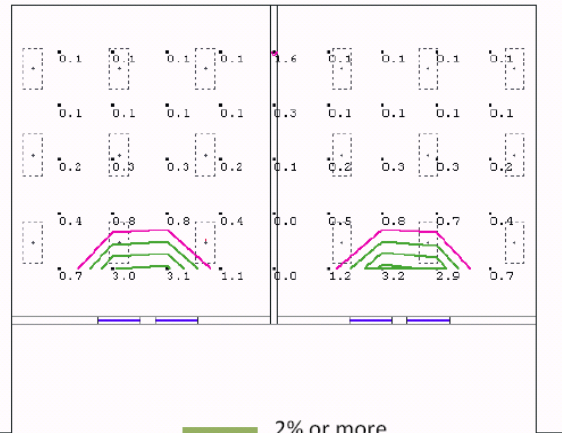


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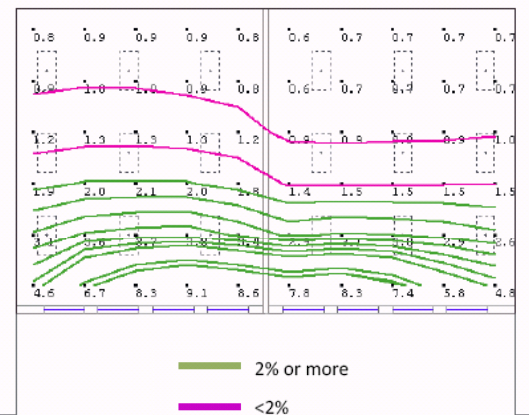
### Daylight Factor



## Analysis 2

### Incorporation of Daylighting in Classrooms

### New Room Design: 4 Windows



Hypothesis Attempted	Daylighting Capabilities	
	Improve	Not Improve
Rotate Luminaires 90°		✓
Increase to 4 windows/room	✓	
Decrease to 3 lamps/luminaire	✓	

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### Advantage Comparisons

	Fabric Ductwork	Sheet Metal Ductwork
<b>Acoustics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Better</li> <li>Reduces resonance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Worse</li> <li>Turns create turbulence</li> </ul>
<b>Air Distribution</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More uniform</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concentrated near diffusers</li> </ul>
<b>Installation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>90% faster than Sheet Metal<sup>13</sup></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Much more intensive (hrs, crew)</li> </ul>
<b>Weight</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 psf<sup>14</sup></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>40 psf<sup>14</sup></li> </ul>
<b>Environmental Factors</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resists scratches, dents common from volleyballs, basketballs, etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Easily scratched or dented during installation, common physical activities</li> </ul>
<b>Condensation/Dust</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Porous fabric allows air flow through material</li> <li>Prevents condensation/dust accumulation on exterior surface</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Metal allows air flow only through specified outlets</li> <li>Condensation/dust accumulate on exterior surface</li> </ul>
<b>Color</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Optional colored fabric matches walls/ceilings</li> <li>Silk screening allows for team names, logos on ductwork</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Optional painted exterior surface</li> <li>Likely to scratch &amp; need touch-ups</li> </ul>
<b>Maintenance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vacuum or machine washable</li> <li>Easily removed and re-hung</li> <li>No lifting machinery needed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expensive</li> <li>Usually requires 3<sup>rd</sup> party</li> <li>Lifting machinery needed</li> </ul>

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## Analysis 3

### Gymnasium Fabric Ductwork

- Problem**
  - Current ductwork in the gymnasium is insulated sheet metal
  - Creates a noisy environment which is not cohesive for a learning/coaching environment
- Goals**
  - Replace sheet metal ductwork with fabric ductwork
  - Perform acoustical analysis of space with new fabric ductwork
  - Address cost and schedule impacts
  - Determine if the change is worthwhile for the WCA

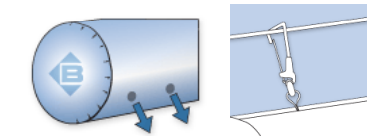
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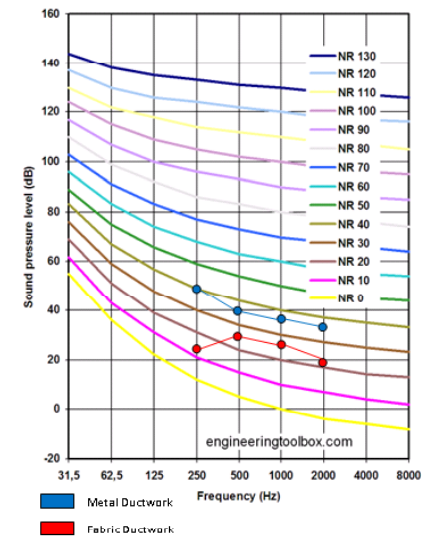
### Fabric Ductwork Redesign

- 7 Design Steps
- Determined: Application, Fabric Type, Color, Size, Airflow Pattern, Suspension, & Filtration
- No Structural Redesign Necessary



### Acoustical Analysis

- Noise Criterion (NC)**
  - Sheet Metal Avg: NC-40
  - Coated Polyester Fabric Avg: NC-25
- Reverberation Time**
  - Fabric 7% reduction (0.22 seconds)
- Noise Reduction Coefficient (NRC)**
  - Sheet Metal: 0.00-0.05
  - Coated Polyester Fabric: 0.20





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## Cost Comparison

### Construction

Ductwork	Material Cost	Labor Cost	Total Cost
Metal	\$1,800	\$5,850	\$7,650
Fabric	\$1,190	\$2,010	\$3,200
Difference	\$610 saved	\$3,840 saved	\$4,450 saved

### Shipping

Ductwork	Weight (lbs.)	Shipping Cost <sup>17</sup>
Metal	7,360	\$5,360
Fabric	230	\$160
	Difference	\$5,200 saved

**Total Metal Ductwork: \$13,010**

**Total Fabric Ductwork: \$3,360**

**Savings: \$9,650**

**74% Cost Reduction**

**5% Mechanical Savings**



## Analysis 3

Gymnasium Fabric Ductwork

### Conclusions

- Highly recommend replacing gymnasium ductwork with fabric.
- Fabric system improves every mechanical aspect of the gymnasium.

#### Owner

Save Money  
Finish Earlier  
Maintenance Friendly System

#### Occupants

More Comfortable from Air Distribution  
Better Acoustics  
Personalized Logos & Colors

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Construction Management

### Schedule Comparison

- Original schedule calls for 25 days installation
- Fabric Duct: 3 man crew can install 50 LF per day
- New schedule results in 4 days
- Saves 21 days – 84% Reduction

