#### COMMUNITY WORKSHOP ROCKWELL AND JOHNSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROJECTS



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#### **OVERVIEW AND AGENDA**

#### **Introduction and Overview**

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**Findings from Teacher Workshops** 

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**Community Workshop Sessions** 

Small Groups

**Share Findings and Next Steps** 

Dr. Christine Carver will lead

#### **INTRODUCTION & OVERVIEW**

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## **The Nature and Context of the Problem**

- Age of Structure
  - Rockwell 1971
  - Johnson 1980
- Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance
- Space restrictions at Rockwell School/Enrollment
- Code Compliance
- Hazardous Materials
- Electrical & Utility Systems at Capacity
- Failing Roof Systems
- Failing Climate Control (Heat & AC)
- Safety & Security Concerns



ANNA H. ROCKWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BETHEL, CONNECTICUT DEDICATION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1971

## The Most Significant Problem...

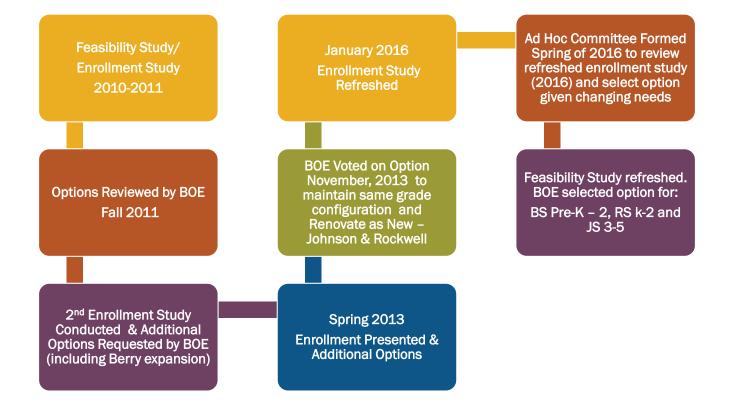
#### Cannot meet the instructional needs of the 21st Century Learner

- Electrical & infrastructure does not meet technological needs
- Spaces and furniture cannot be adapted to promote 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills without significant expense
- Intervention/support space is completely inadequate

## The State Dilemma .... Why we want to stay on the timeline for filing on June 30<sup>th</sup>?

- Budget Deficit
- School Construction Projects Increase State Bonding Debt
- More Careful Review of Projects
- Potential for Changes in Guidelines from Department of Administrative Services (DAS), Office of School Construction
  - Reimbursement Rates
  - Eligible and Ineligible Expenses

### What has happened...



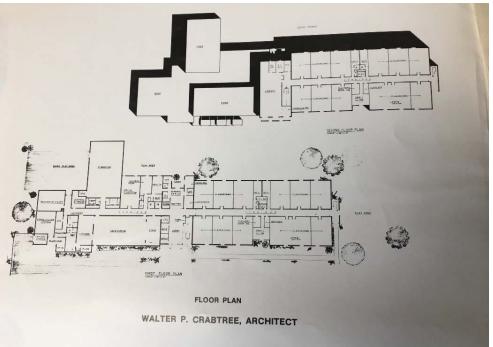
# Approximately **4%** Per Year **COST ESCALATION**

## **School Construction Grants**

*Renovate* – only new items and code compliance work are eligible for state reimbursement at 47%

Renovate as New – 47%

Build as New – 30%



## What Options did the Ad Hoc Committee Review and Reject

#### 1. Build-as-New

- 2. Do nothing
- 3. Three K-5 Schools with Rockwell & Johnson as Renovate-As-New
- 4. Closing Rockwell. Additions to Johnson & Rockwell. *Renovate-As-New* Rockwell & Johnson schools
- 5. <u>All</u> three elementary schools remain the same enrollment and grade configuration. *Renovate-As-New* Rockwell & Johnson schools
- 6. Berry grades Pre-K-3, Rockwell K-2 (3<sup>rd</sup> grade students to Johnson), Johnson 3-5. *Renovate-As-New* Rockwell & Johnson schools
- 7. Berry and Rockwell K-3 Schools and moving Pre-K to Johnson. *Renovate-As-New* Rockwell & Johnson schools
- 8. Berry Pre-K 3, making Rockwell K-3 but a smaller school (shifting some enrollment to Berry) and Johnson would remain a 4-5 school. *Renovate-As-New* Rockwell & Johnson schools

## **Final Choice**

Berry Pre-K – 2, Rockwell K-2 and Johnson 3-5; Rockwell & Johnson a Renovate-As-New

**Primary Reasons:** 

- 1. Two years in Johnson School does not develop a sense of school community.
- 2. All grade levels in the same building enables a consolidation of resources to support instructional programs.
- 3. No increase to the amount of student transitions.
- 4. Adding an addition provides more cost effective options for "swing space" during the renovation project.
- 5. Provides the most opportunity for growth potential.

#### **FIRM INTRODUCTION**

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#### **FIRM OVERVIEW**

- Founded in 1981
- Large full-service architecture firm
- Dedicated Education Practice Group— Thought Leadership
- Design Excellence 200+ Awards
- Innovative Design
- Client Partnerships Fairfield
- CT DAS/OSG&R

## BRIGHTWOOD ELEMENTARY









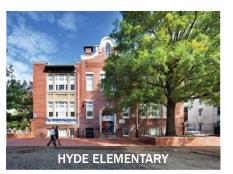
**BREADTH OF EXPERTISE** 

SEATON ELEMENTARY





CHENGDU INT'L SCHOOL











#### **LOCAL EXPERTISE**











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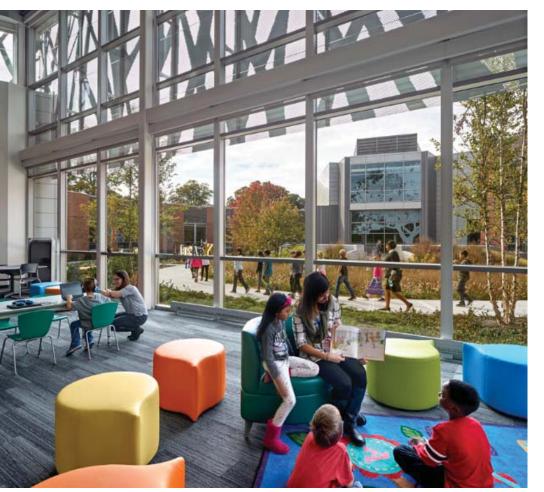






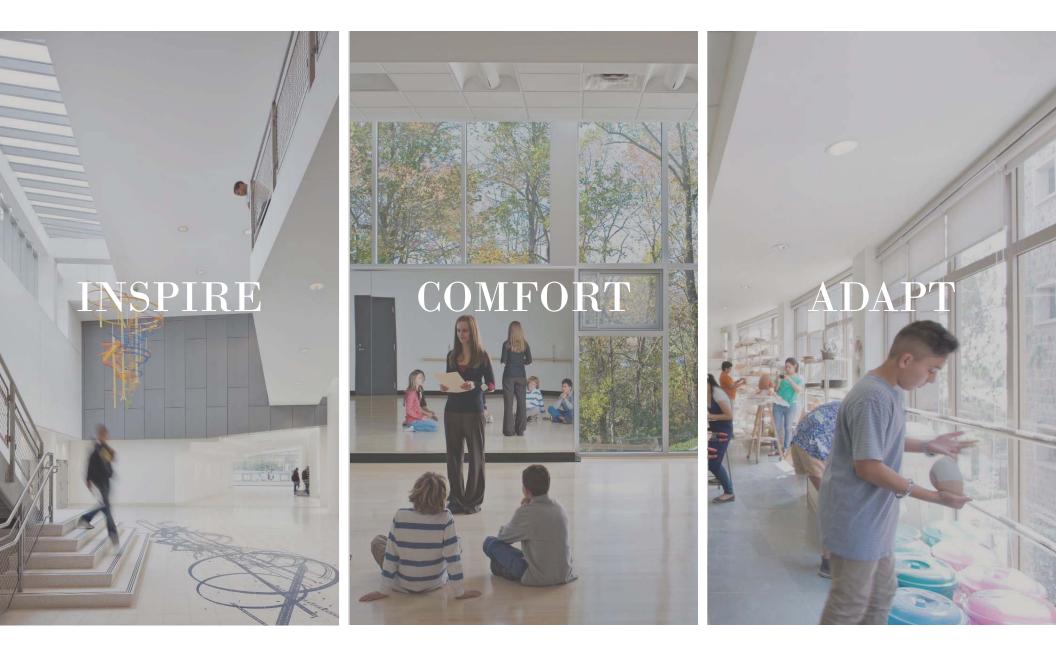
STAMFORD: 9TH GRADE CENTER





#### CHARGE

- Assist with Option selection
- Develop Ed Spec Program needs
- Develop concept design
- Prepare estimates and schedule
- Assist with State grant application
- Help with Referendum Process





## $21^{\rm st}$ century education

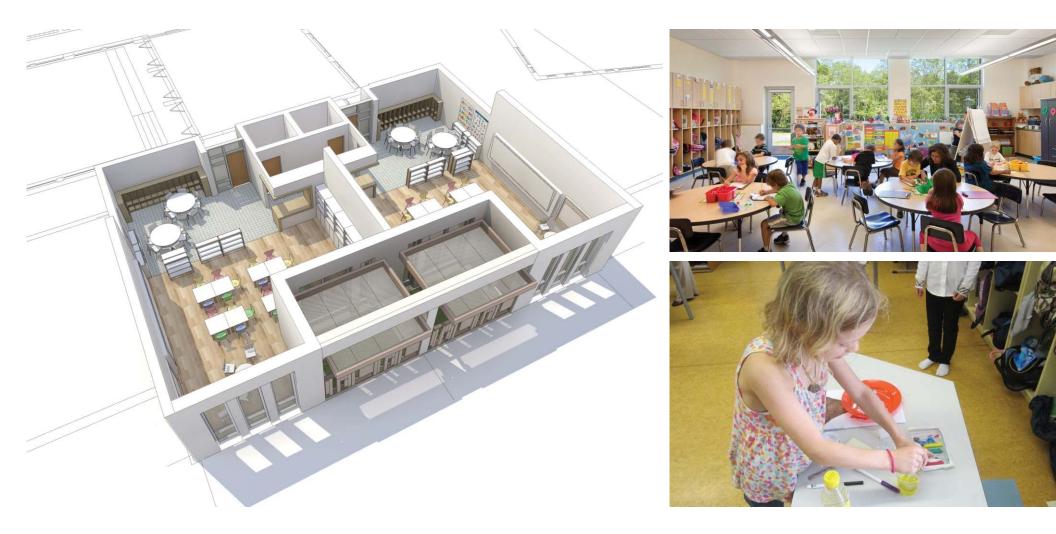
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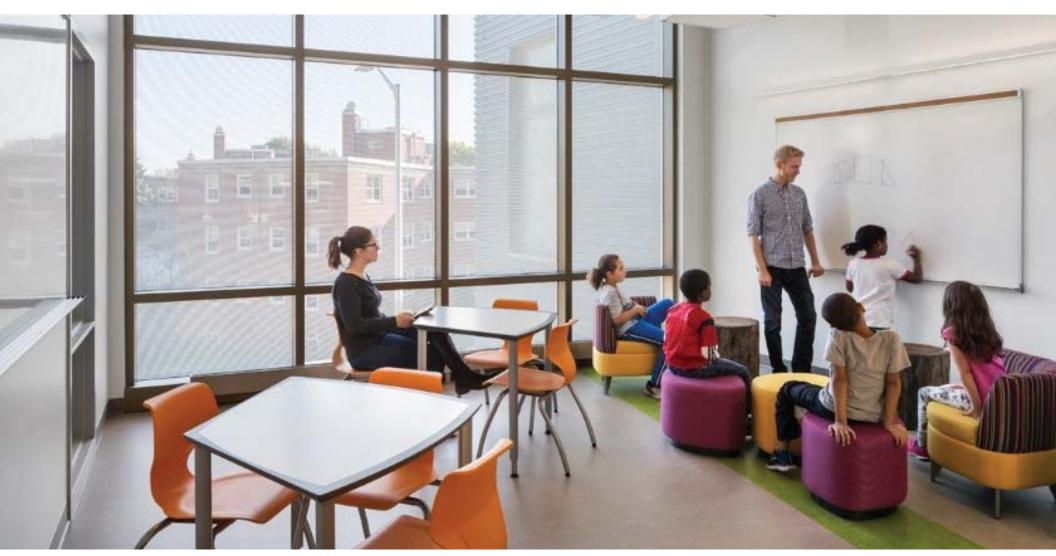
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#### **LEARNING SPACES**



#### THE CORRIDOR BECOMES AN EXTENSION TO THE LEARNING STUDIO

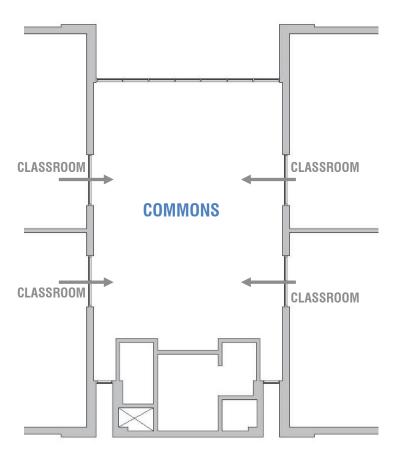


#### ...AND A PLACE FOR INFORMAL INTERACTION



#### **COMMON SPACE ALLOWS FOR TEAMING**





#### **STEM IS ABOUT CONNECTING SPACES AND PROMOTING INQUIRY**







#### **PROJECT BASED LEARNING REQUIRES A MAKER SPACE**



#### THE MEDIA CENTER BECOMES A LEARNING COMMONS



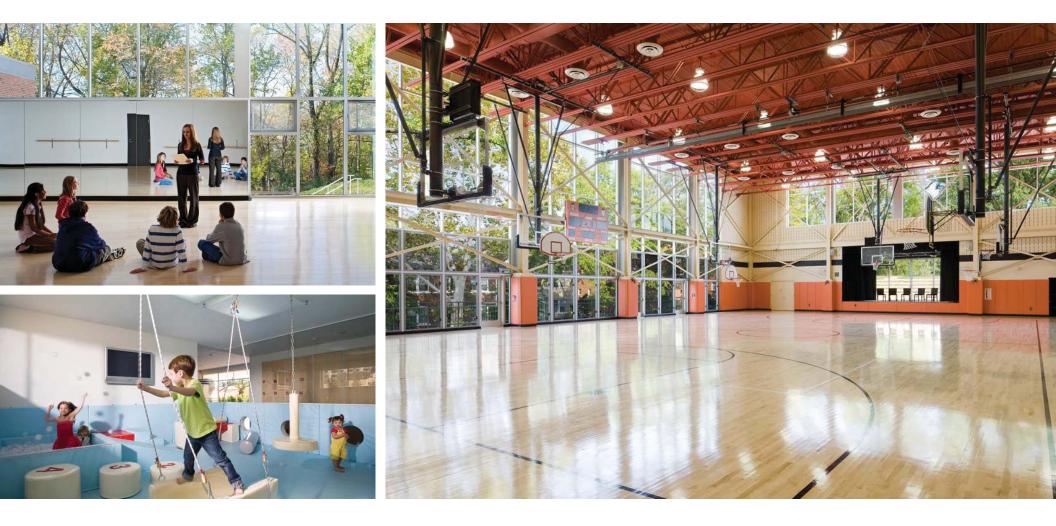
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#### **ACTIVE SPACES ARE FOR LEARNING**



#### THE AUDITORIUM IS A TEACHING SPACE



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#### **...AND MUSIC ROOMS ARE PERFORMANCE SPACES**



#### **CAFETERIAS ARE ALL DAY LEARNING SPACES**



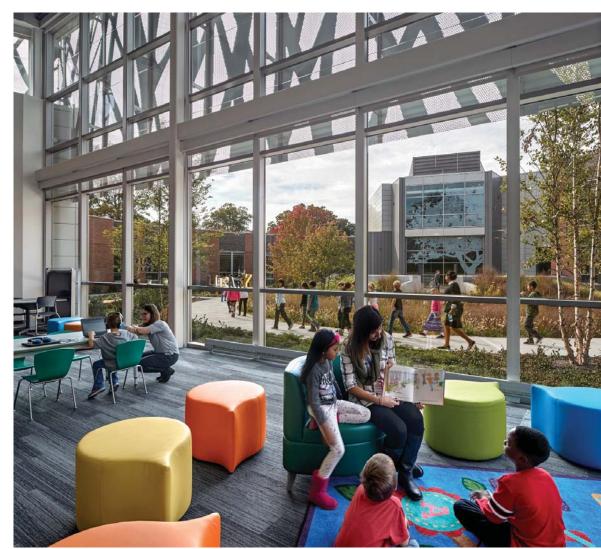
#### **SPACES SHOULD CONNECT TO THE OUTDOORS**

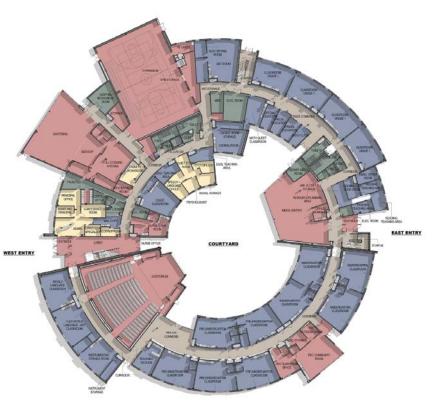


#### ...AND LEARNING SHOULD EXTEND INTO THE LANDSCAPE



#### ...AND THE BUILDING SHOULD BE A TEACHING TOOL





#### **TEACHERS NEED SPACE TOO**



## **PROGRAM WORKSHOPS**

# **RECURRING THEMES**

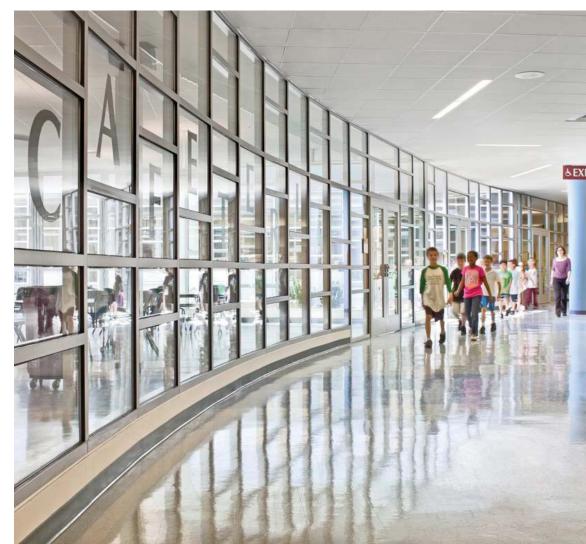
## 1 Natural Light and Views

- **2** Accessibility
- **3** Acoustics
- 4 Storage
  - Flexibility for Different Kinds of Learning

Infrastructure upgrades:

- Electrical
- Technology
- Ventilation and AC

#### **RECURRING THEMES**



#### **NATURAL LIGHT AND VIEW**







#### ACCESSIBILITY



#### ACOUSTICS







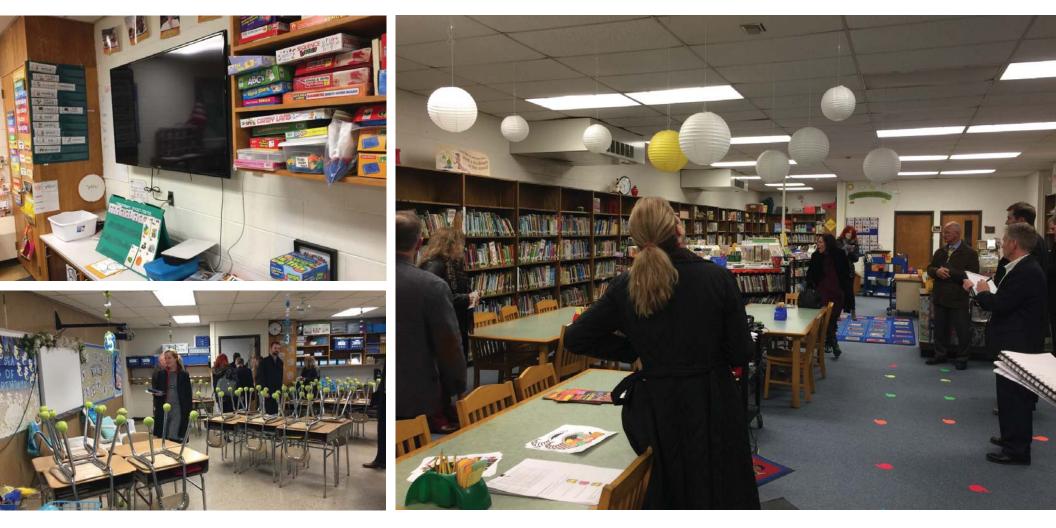
#### **STORAGE**

Campbells

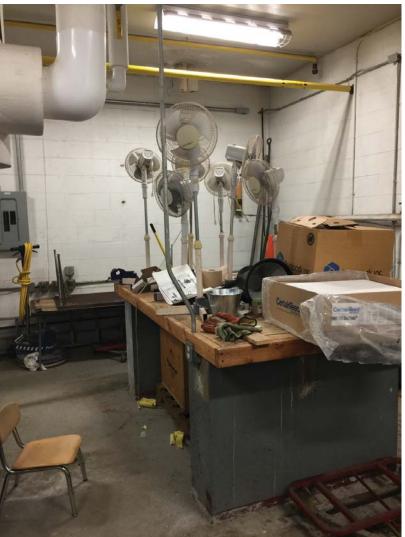
TOMATO



#### FLEXIBILITY FOR DIFFERENT KINDS OF LEARNING



#### **INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES**







#### Integrated Learning

- STEAM Discipline Connections Facilitated
- Commons
- Security
  - **Teacher Workspaces**
  - Site Traffic Flow & Parking
  - Accessible Playgrounds
  - **Outdoor Learning**

#### **SPECIFICS**



#### **INTEGRATED LEARNING**



#### STEAM - DISCIPLINE CONNECTIONS FACILITATED



#### COMMONS

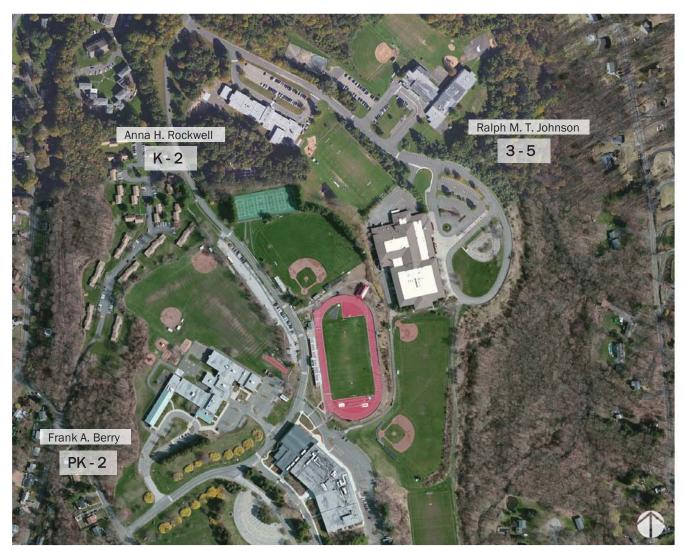


#### **TEACHER WORKSPACES**





#### **SITE TRAFFIC FLOW & PARKING**



#### **ACCESSIBLE PLAYGROUNDS**





#### **OUTDOOR LEARNING**





# **COMMUNITY INPUT**



# **THREE QUESTIONS**

- **1** What is important to you about Bethel Schools?
  - What should Rockwell and Johnson look and feel like?

# How can the schools support Community use?



**SHARE FINDINGS** 



# **NEXT STEPS**

## **THANK YOU**