Step 1 – Research
Engage with a wide range of young people through interviews, meetings, focus groups, surveys, and informal conversations, in person or virtually. To find students who are willing to talk, try reaching out to adults they trust: teachers, mentors, coaches, and after-school providers. Be sure to take notes and record what you hear.

Step 2 – Reflect
Share findings with your team and explore these questions:

- What did you learn about what students want—and don’t want—from their high schools? What themes did you see? What surprises you?
- What are the implications for your school design?
Which themes stand out?

How might we address these insights in our school design?