Classroom Health Shields
A successful restart of a school is measured from the moment a student or staff member steps onto the school campus. Thinking of the school as multiple cellular zones could be a way to successfully quarantine groups of students and teachers. If COVID-19 makes it into the school, there is confidence that the exposed group remains small and their movement patterns are traceable.

Attending school in its familiar form is important for many reasons but it cannot put student and educator lives at risk. The classroom is a familiar place and psychologically directly associated with the learning process. The value of having eye contact, asking questions and being guided back on track in the moment is the most interactive way to gain progress in learning for a student.

Also, being taught by a qualified educator is proven to be the most effective learning method in the K-12 environment. Human interaction puts checks and balances in place to gauge the level of progress for each student. Without that validation, students can be left behind or even choose to not participate in the learning process.
The Alumni engineers considered many factors when designing The Alumni Classroom Health Shield. Made of sturdy clear acrylic plexiglass, the shield maintains a physical barrier while allowing visual interaction - no need to lean over or around the barrier to see and be seen, to hear and be heard.

The objective is to contain the student and the throw of their breath without limiting their ability to communicate, allowing social interaction with other students.

A solid, non-transparent barrier can create social isolation and anxiety, leading to breaching the barrier simply to make eye contact.

Social interaction is required for students to remain positive and focused. The ability to see and hear their peers in a shielded classroom can help lower anxiety and promote piece of mind for everyone entering this new classroom environment, students and teachers, alike.
The Classroom Health Shield attaches to the student desk and provides a layer of protection between students.

Actually, dual layers of protection, because each student has their own shield on their own desk, protecting the student in three directions: Left, Right & Center.

And the student across from you and the student beside you each have the same shield - two layers of protection: Left, Right & Center.

By design, the side panels of the shield extend past the rear edge of the desk, providing even further protection.

So students can experience all the benefits of a small collaborative group, with extra added health protection … dual layers of shielded protection.
Alumni Classroom Health Shields

Clear Acrylic Plexiglass on all three sides
- Allows social interaction with others.

Round safety corners on all touchpoints
- Smooth edges are safe to be around.

Full length hinges are safe & sturdy
- The plexiglass panels are glued to the hinges to prevent the panels from separating.

Compact Storage
- When removed from the desktop, the hinges allow the Shield to fold for storage and transport.

Panels are 24" high
- An extra measure of protection.

Attaching the Shield to the Desk
- The exclusive Alumni Mounting Puck features a secure - yet releasable – adhesive. The shield can easily be removed from the desk surface when no longer required for everyday use.

Custom Dimensions
- Specific Shields for Flow Desks, 18x24" Desks, Boomerang Desks, and Hex Desks.

Works with other desks, too!
- Alumni’s Classroom Health Shields will work with other brands of desks & tables, as long as the footprint of the Shield fits on that worksurface.

Alumni Classroom Health Shields designed to work with these popular Alumni Desks

Flow Desk
18x24" Desk
Hex Desk
Boomerang Desk
Applying another level of assurance … **Our Best Effort to protecting our Students**

**Alumni's Flow Student Desks** create a pentagon-shaped table for 5, and by placing **Classroom Health Shields** on each desk, students are provided double protection, a “must have” in close quarters.

**Popular 18” x 24” Student Desks** can be arranged in a variety of ways, included a pod of 4, with 4 square feet of separation in the center. Adding **Classroom Health Shields** to each desk surrounds the student with protection on three sides.
Size Relationship of Students Using a 24”H Classroom Health Shield

24” High Shields set at
Recommended Student Desk Height

24” High Shields set at
Recommended Student Standing Table Height
"Keep classes together to include the same group of students each day."

"Minimal mixing between groups."

"Keep each student’s belongings separated and in individually labeled storage containers."

"Ensure adequate supplies to minimize sharing of high touch materials like art supplies & electronics …”

"… disinfect between use"
Going Back to School… what does that look like?

Check-In & Out Stations
Temperature, attendance

CORAL ZONE

BLUE ZONE

YELLOW ZONE

MAIN ENTRANCE & EXIT

Check-In & Out Stations
Temperature, attendance

6th Grade Wing
CORAL ZONE

7th Grade Wing
BLUE ZONE

8th Grade Wing
YELLOW ZONE

Administration Areas
Teacher Workrooms

Custodial Areas

Student Restrooms

Kitchen Area & Gym

Unavailable Areas
During Phase 1 Return
Going Back to School... what does that look like?

Some suggested processes for a controlled Re-Opening of a School:

- “Zone” approach to organizing the school
- Predictable traffic patterns by restricting Students | Teachers to their Zone
- Teachers move from class to class, students stay in the same classroom
- All required materials stay in the classroom
- Social Distancing Dots in Moving and Stationary Lines
- Masks worn until seated at a desk
- Temperature checks before allowing entry
- Automatic Hand Sanitizer at School entry points and Classroom entry Points
- Staggered start times & finish times

Possible Phase 1 Scenario

**ACCESS:** Entry & Exit Only Through Your Zone
Entrances at the end of the of each of the grade level wing are now the main entrances. Buses drop off and pick up at these entrances. Students & staff & visitors checked in and out here. Temperatures recorded. Attendance recorded.

**CORAL ZONE**
All 6th grade students enter & exit through the Pink Entrance. All administration staff & teachers check in & out through this entrance as well.

**BLUE ZONE**
All 7th grade students enter and exit through the Blue Entrance. All Kitchen & Custodial personnel check in & out through this entrance as well.

**YELLOW ZONE**
All 8th grade students enter and exit through the Yellow Entrance. All Visitors check in & out through this entrance as well. All visitors must contact the School Office & preregister prior to their appointment.

**Close Multi-Use Areas**
The Media Center serves as Admin Staff offices. Closer to the Classroom Wings. Offices & spaces assigned. Dedicated Staff Restrooms in the hallway behind the Media Center. Teachers in each Grade Wing have Staff Restrooms & Workrooms.

**Constant Cleaning**
The Custodial Staff in former Family Services Room across the hall from 8th Grade Wing. Close to the Classroom Wings & wing-specific rooms for cleaning equipment & supplies. This area has its own restroom and a small kitchen. Extra staff hired.

**Zones Created Around Restrooms**
Each Grade Wing has its own set of Restrooms for Boys & Girls. Staggered trips to the restrooms. Never more than 10 students in the restroom at one time. Restrooms must be cleaned every hour that the school is open, until further notice.

**Lunch & Snacks in Classroom | Staggered Visits to the Gym**
The Kitchen to prepare all food. No in-room snacks. Breakfast & Lunch to be wheeled to the classes. The Gym will be open for class activities on a scheduled basis. Exercise design by the Phys Ed Instructor. Outdoor exercise if possible.

**Zero Access Outside of Your Zone**
Only Entrances for Students, Staff & Visitors are through the Grade Wings Entrances, until further notice. All other outside doors are now Emergency Exits. So Hallways will remain open to those Emergency Exits. All areas grayed out on the attached map are now closed and unavailable for use. The Custodial Staff will be concentrating on cleaning and sterilizing and they will not be able to maintain all of those other parts of the school.
In this scenario …

- Each classroom features 30 Flow Desks in 6 groups of 5
- Each classroom features 6 each AALC centers, one for each Flow Group
- Each desk has a Classroom Health Shield, which is how many students can be in that space
- There are two teams of 5 teachers who each have 5 classes to work with during the day
- Orange Team serves Rooms 1 thru 5
- Yellow Team serves Room 6 thru 10
- Teachers move from class to class, students stay in the same classroom
- The arrows show one teacher’s pathway from class to class, and in and out of the Staff Office Workroom.
- The Mobile Teacher Stations are parked in the Team Storage Room across the hall from the Staff Workroom

Increase protective measures by decreasing Student | Teacher traffic

Closeup of the BLUE ZONE the 7th Grade Wing
Traditional Classroom with 30 chairs in rows

Approximate 700 square feet classroom

Pre-COVID-19 Classroom
Traditional Classroom with 12 chair desks in rows
Flow Collaborative Groups with Classroom Health Shields

Accelerator Storage Center
43 x 19 x 30H
Each Flow Desk Cluster has its own AALC Storage Cabinet. Each student has two totes assigned to them: One 3”D Tote which can be removed from the cabinet and placed underneath the student’s desk worksurface for easy access. The 6”D Tote stays in the cabinet that student’s materials, so each Tote is labeled with the student’s name. 5 each 3”D tote trays 5 each 6”D tote trays

Mobile Teacher Station
29 x 19 x 37H
With or without doors With Riser Shelf With push handle 6 each 3”D tote trays 2 each 6”D tote trays

Teachers move from classroom to classroom. Students stay in the same classroom.
Accelerator Storage Center – 2 versions

For 4 students: 29 x 19 x 43H
4 each 3"D tote trays
6 each 6"D tote trays (2 extra)

For 3 students: 29 x 19 x 30H
4 each 3"D tote trays (1 extra)
3 each 6"D tote trays

Each 18x24 Desk Cluster has its own AALC Storage Cabinet. Each student has two totes assigned to them: One 3"D Tote which can be removed from the cabinet and placed underneath the student’s desk worksurface for easy access. The 6"D Tote stays in the cabinet that student’s materials, so each Tote is labeled with the student’s name.

Traditional Desk Groupings with Classroom Health Shields

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Students stay in the same classroom.

Mobile Teacher Station
29 x 19 x 37H
With or without doors
With Riser Shelf
With push handle
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Why is social interaction important for the class?

"Social interaction is important in the classroom because students get to communicate with each other ...

Teachers must become lifelong learners who continue to develop and hone their craft by observing students, working with other teachers, and reflecting on their own teaching."

The Impact of Social Interaction on Student Learning
- ScholarWorks scholarworks.wmich.edu
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