Vision:
The overall vision guiding the redevelopment of Columbian Elementary School is one that strives to implement and enhance outdoor learning opportunities focused around elements of history, legacy and community.

"The metaphorical implication of the phrase 'another field'—not my area—is that the other field is over there, not right under one's feet" - Frederick Turner

Goals:
- strengthen the edge of Federal Blvd in order to reduce noise and increase safety, thereby enhancing outdoor learning opportunities.
- activate the southern face with historic and water harvest gardens to increase the public and provide an entrance to the neighborhood.
- inscribe and interweave themes throughout the grounds to help students imagine their proximity to the city, state, country, world, and other systems.
- temper activities in and around the school to understand their place within the development of these systems and their relation to each other.
- community areas are used to enhance ties in the neighborhood and to help facilitate new legacies established in the school grounds.
- create gathering spaces that allow for diverse learning and play.
- create discrete spaces that facilitate the slow, quiet wonder of experiential learning.
- celebrate the entry plaza as a place where the school and community come together.