DORA MOORE K-8 SCHOOL
LEARNING LANDSCAPES PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS

DENVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
900 Grant ST
Denver, CO 80203

DESIGN DEVELOPMENT SET
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Vicinity Map
Dora Moore K-8
846 Corona St
Denver, CO 80216
DESIGN INTENT:
The Dora Moore Gateway is derived from existing building features. The columns mimic the cornering of the original building. The painted steel is a modern twist on original iron details from the East building. The materials, brick, sandstone, and cast concrete, are also designed to blend with the architecture. In support of the theme, "Confluence", the bird silhouettes are those of regional riparian species.

These architectural details served as inspiration for the design of the gateway.
The "leftover" space between the two buildings is narrow and canyon-like. To celebrate these qualities there are a series of sandstone blocks and river boulders to act as seating and sculpture. Against the East wall, three tall sandstone pillars are an excellent facade for an art project. This photo is my inspiration for the canyon space.

Informal gathering spaces throughout the plan provide for social interaction or quiet time. Grass planting pockets provide a margin of privacy while maintaining an open and visible play space. Here, river boulders face each other for couples or trios. The photo is the inspiration for this edge condition.
GRADING LEGEND

- HP Proposed High Point Elevation
- Existing Contour
- Proposed Contour
Four square courts are labeled with Colorado watersheds, from a tributary in the first square to a major river in the service-square.

Along the "riverbank" there will be animal footprints stamped in the concrete. See Fosscrete.com for examples and products.
Dora Moore Playground Design Intent:

The theme for the Dora Moore Playground is "Confluence". This is a reference to the Cherry Creek and South Platte confluence, as well as to the coming together of a wide age range of students and the community with the academy. Denver's confluence was the center of city growth, and a similar "Point of Confluence" under the shade structure will be the center of the playground.

This theme plays itself out in the design in several ways: the first and most important of which is the colored-concrete core, easing from one gateway to the other, and flowing out of the building into the playground. It also integrates the imagery of design details - in the form of animals and plants native to the Colorado riparian ecosystem. These design elements, combined with materials suggested by the existing architecture, will create a playground that is regionally specific, playful, in keeping with the historic architecture, and appropriate for children of all ages.

LEGEND

EXISTING TREES
PROPOSED SHADE TREES
PLANTING BED WITH 4" DEPTH WOOD MULCH OVER FABRIC
POURED IN PLACE RESILIENT SURFACING
ASPHALT, 4" DEPTH
ENGINEERED WOOD FIBER PLAY SURFACING
SAND 16" DEPTH OVER FABRIC

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SITE PLAN

SCALE: 1"=20'

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