Carroll Technology
Next Generation Classrooms F.A.Q.s

Question #1: Can components from each proof of concept room be mixed and matched?
Answer: Yes! Based on survey results and campus input, we plan to take the best components from each room and create the Next Generation Classroom for CISD.

Question #2: How durable is the Node Desk?
Answer: Steelcase offers a Lifetime Warranty on the frame, seat shell, outerback, arm frame structure, base, and stool footring; a 12- Year Warranty on mechanisms, pneumatic cylinders/gas lifts, arm caps, foam, casters and glides, and Node personal work surface.

Question #3: How durable is the upholstered fabric furniture?
Answer: 12 year warranty on mechanisms, pneumatic cylinders, arm caps, foam, casters and glides.   Fabric is a 100% polyester knit. It's very durable....subjected to above industry standard testing. 100,000 'double rubs' are done in testing - meaning the fabric has been rubbed that many times without loss of performance or pilling etc. The fabric would be part of the 12 year warranty.

Question #4: What does "elementary" sized furniture look like? (All rooms looked like secondary rooms.)
Answer: Currently, Steelcase does not carry "elementary" sized furniture. However, we can look for other vendors who offer flexible seating.

Question #5: How many years would it take to implement?
Answer: Depending on the scope of the project and scheduling options, implementation time can vary greatly. During the previous bond, technology updates were completed over the summer along with remodeling projects. If we repeat this process, the implementation will be similar in length which was approximately 4 years. However, some districts have chosen to remodel classrooms during the school year. This can create distractions in the learning environment, but greatly shortens the implementation timeline.

Question #6: What would the order of schools be for implementation?
Answer: Most likely, the implementation order would follow the last bond in order to refresh classrooms with the oldest technology first. The campuses which had technology renovations during the summer of 2010, have the oldest infrastructure and hence would be updated first.

Question #7: Are the current classrooms large enough to accommodate new furniture as seen in the proof of concept rooms?
Answer: The size of classrooms vary. Most likely we would create a model which would include a mixture of desks and tables that would fit various types of classrooms based on grade levels and content areas. For example, an elementary classroom would be furnished differently than a high school classroom and a Science Lab would be configured differently than a Math classroom.