Repurpose Our Hospital

I am not sure how this lesson will play out but it is one that I am thinking about trying to put into my Housing class. It is something that will be taking place in our community in the next year. We are building a new hospital. Our old hospital is on Main Street and as a community we are trying to decide what to do with the old hospital. I think it would be fun to have the students give their ideas.

**MODEL IOWA COMPREHENSIVE OCCUPATIONAL COMPETENCIES (INDICATORS):**

1. Analyze past, present, and potential future trends in housing, both locally and globally.

2. Analyze basic financial and legal aspects of housing in a variety of situations.

3. Evaluate housing alternatives based on floor plans, structure, maintenance, safety, energy,

lifestyles and special needs).

6. Investigate careers related to housing, interiors, and furnishings. (who would be hired to complete this project)

9. Demonstrate the use of current technology to design, analyze and decorate a home environment

based upon a client’s needs. (client is Sioux Center)

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Objectives:

* Identify possible reasons for remodeling vs. tearing down the old hospital
* Discuss points to consider when choosing whether to remodel or tear down
* Give examples of various remodeling projects in Sioux Center (we have an old WalMart Building that has been remodeled and has turned out to be very effective)
* Brainstorm options – What does Sioux Center Need
* Create a floor plan for repurposing the hospital
* Prepare a presentation you would use to present your ideas to the City Council

Materials-

* Floor plan of the existing hospital

Activities:

* Tour the existing hospital
* Create a survey on what they feel Sioux Center needs in the future.
* Give the survey to 5 students, a teacher and another adult
* Compile results.
* Prepare a list of options that would work.
* Create an Architectural firm with another member of the class.
* Create a name for your firm and a mission statement for the project.
* Use the floor plan of the existing hospital and begin to work as a team. Complete your plan.
* Present this plan to the class and a member of the city council.