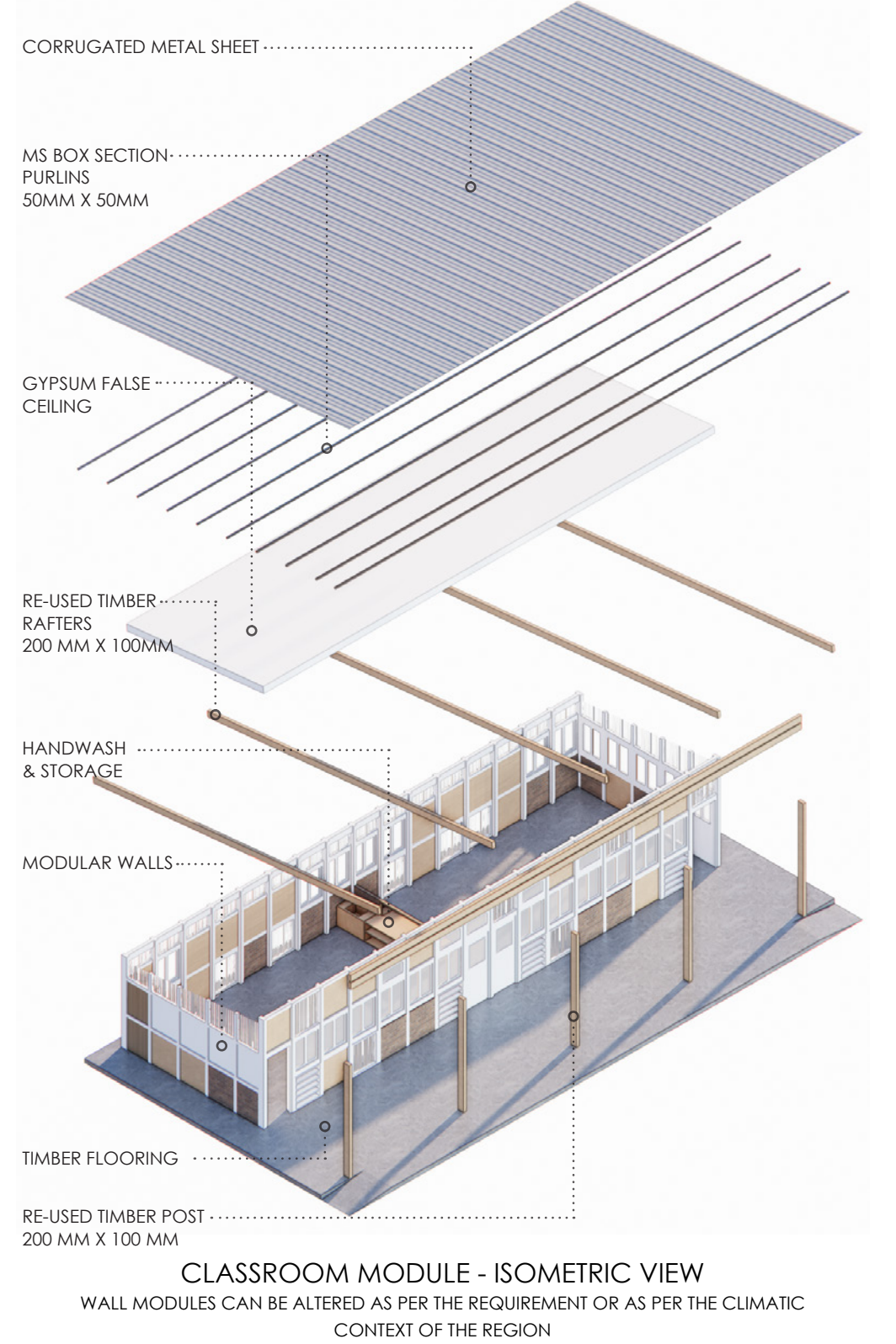
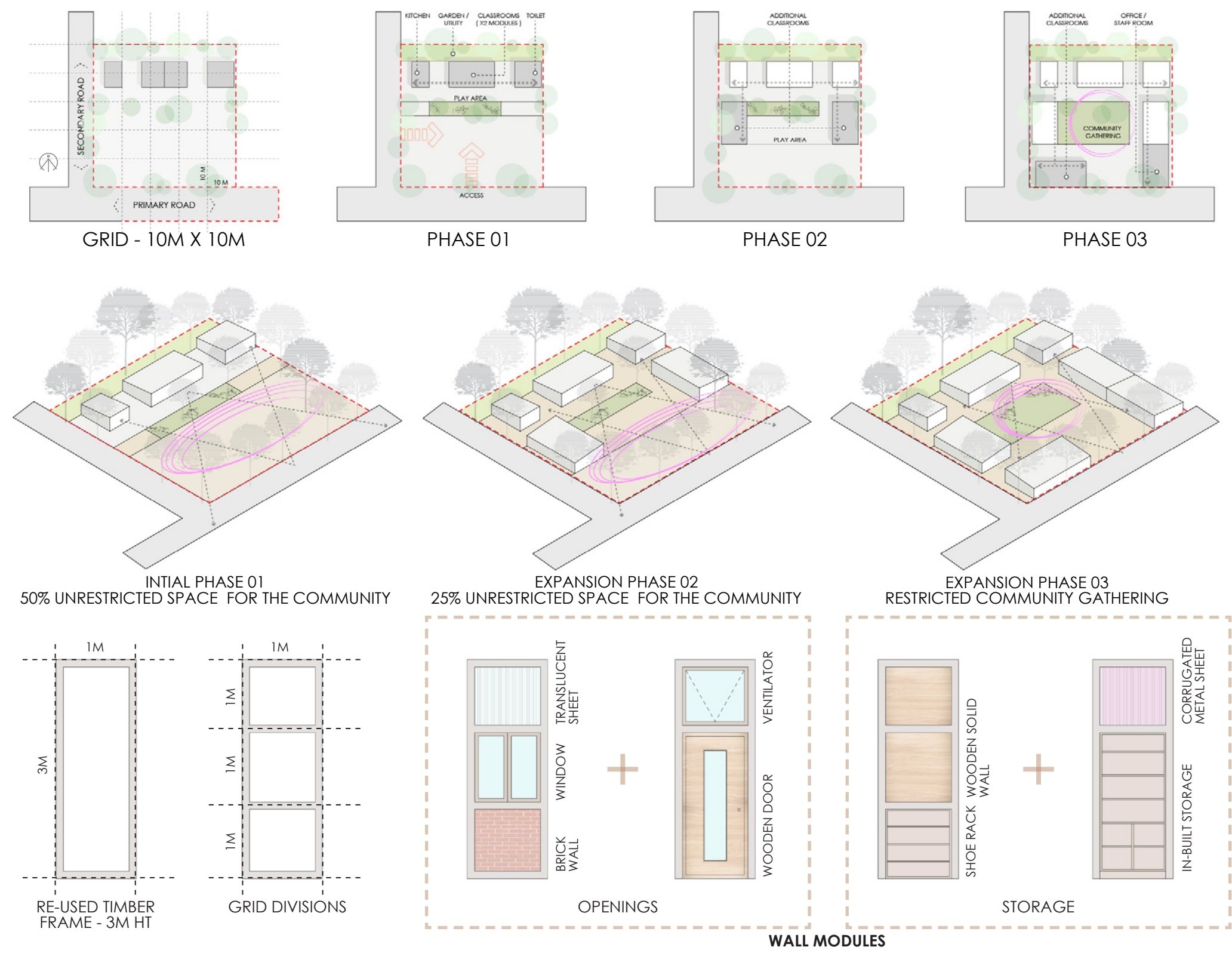




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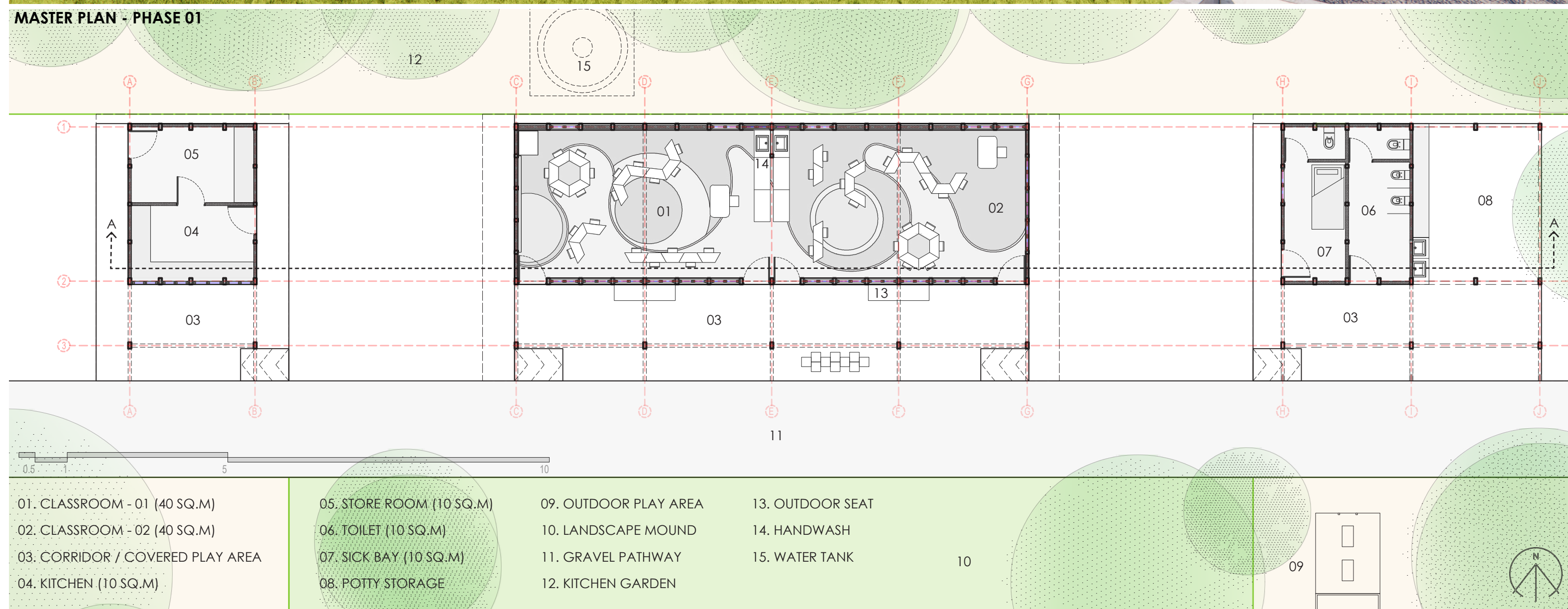
Young Explorers reimagines early childhood education in rural South Africa through a modular, play-centered design that nurtures both children and community. Positioned in the KwaZulu-Natal lowlands, this proposal blends landscape and architecture, drawing from vernacular traditions and natural rhythms. The core structure consists of two adaptable classroom modules, a sick bay, and a kitchen, arranged around a shaded central courtyard for outdoor learning and play. Modular timber frames and compressed earth blocks—sourced locally—ensure affordability, ease of transport, and low environmental impact. Roofs feature extended overhangs, guttering, and rainwater harvesting tanks to provide water for sinks and kitchen use. The layout allows for easy expansion or replication, aligning with DBE's vision for scalable ECD provision. Children are grouped by developmental stage in well-ventilated, light-filled rooms.





The design awakens all five senses to create a rich sensory environment for learning. Fragrant flowering plants stimulate the sense of smell, while varied floor finishes and landscaped textures encourage tactile exploration. Bold colors on wall panels and flooring enhance visual learning, while the kitchen supports taste-based learning through meals and nutrition. The auditory environment is gently curated during activities led by teachers, nurturing the child's sense of sound.

MASTER PLAN - PHASE 01



SECTION A-A



OUTDOOR PLAY AREA



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CLASSROOM 02