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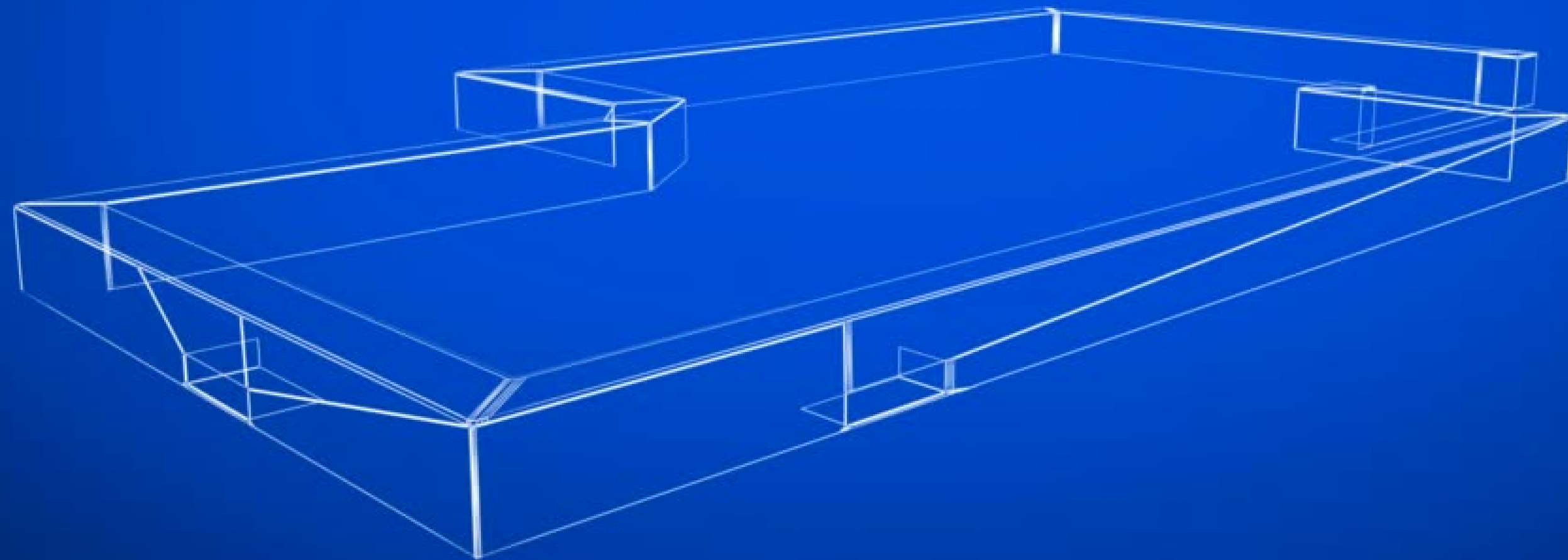
The Midwest Band & Orchestra Clinic

Professional Development Conference

Wednesday, December 20th, 2023 10:30am

**CULTIVATING STRONG AND SUCCESSFUL RELATIONSHIPS
WITH YOUR MUSIC PARTNER PROGRAMS**

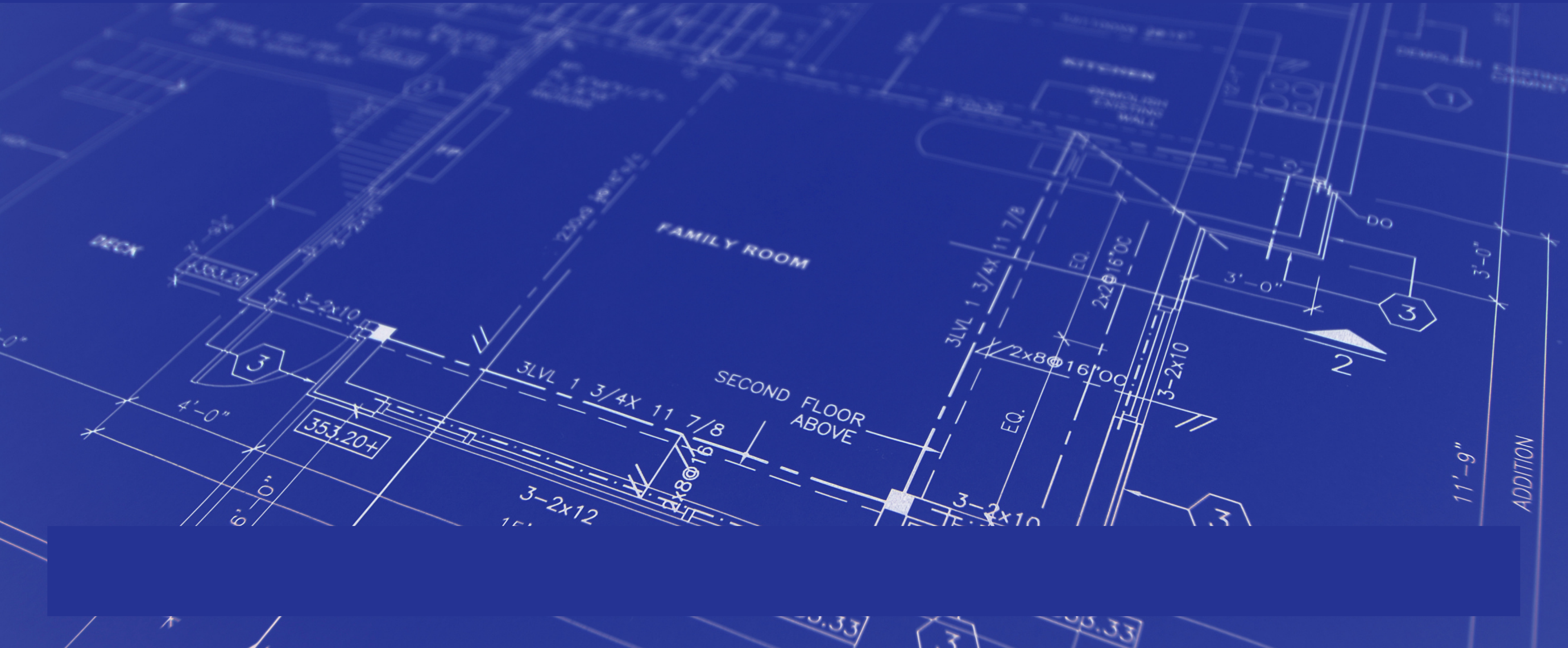
ABOUT US



OVERVIEW

- What this session is NOT
- What this session IS
- Foundation - Conversations
- Structure
 - Honesty
 - Expectations
 - Vulnerability

LET'S TAKE A QUICK POLL!

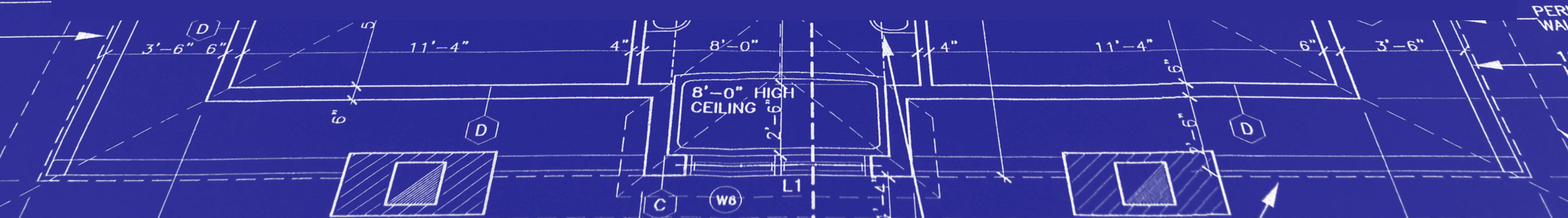


FOUNDATION CONVERSATIONS

HONESTY

EXPECTATIONS

VULNERABILITY



FOUNDATION CONVERSATIONS

HONESTY

Know your own strengths and weaknesses and be comfortable talking about them.

“One honest relationship can be more productive than fistfuls of business cards.” Susan Cain

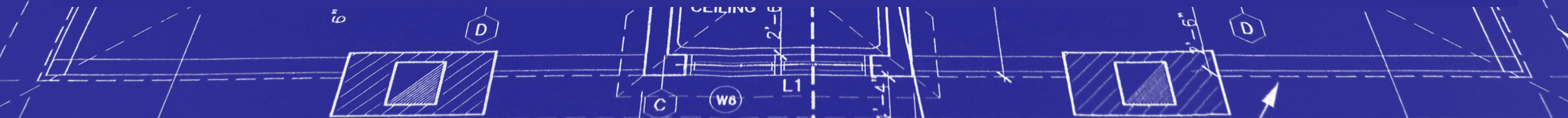
FOUNDATION CONVERSATIONS

EXPECTATIONS

What do you expect from the other director(s)?

*"If you align expectations with reality, you will
never be disappointed."*

Terrell Owens



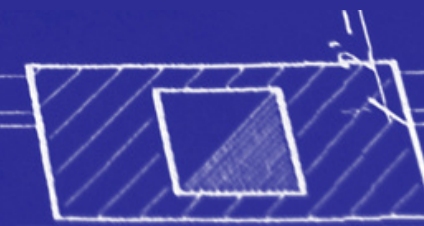
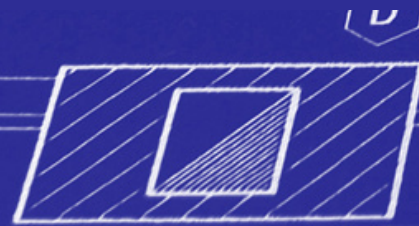
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VULNERABILITY

Be willing to share some personal information!

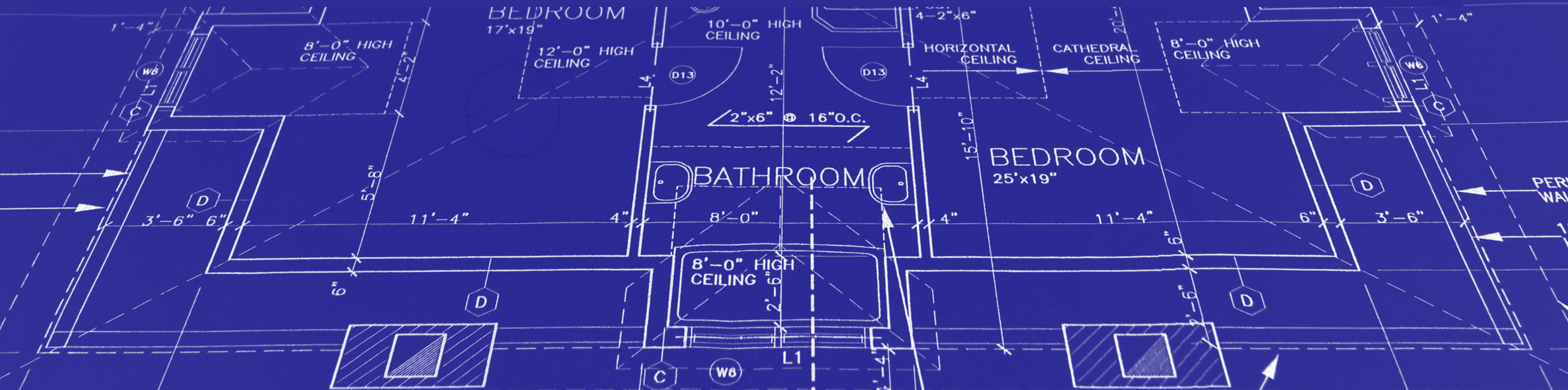
"Staying vulnerable is a risk we have to take if we want to experience connection."

Brené Brown



FOUNDATION CONVERSATIONS

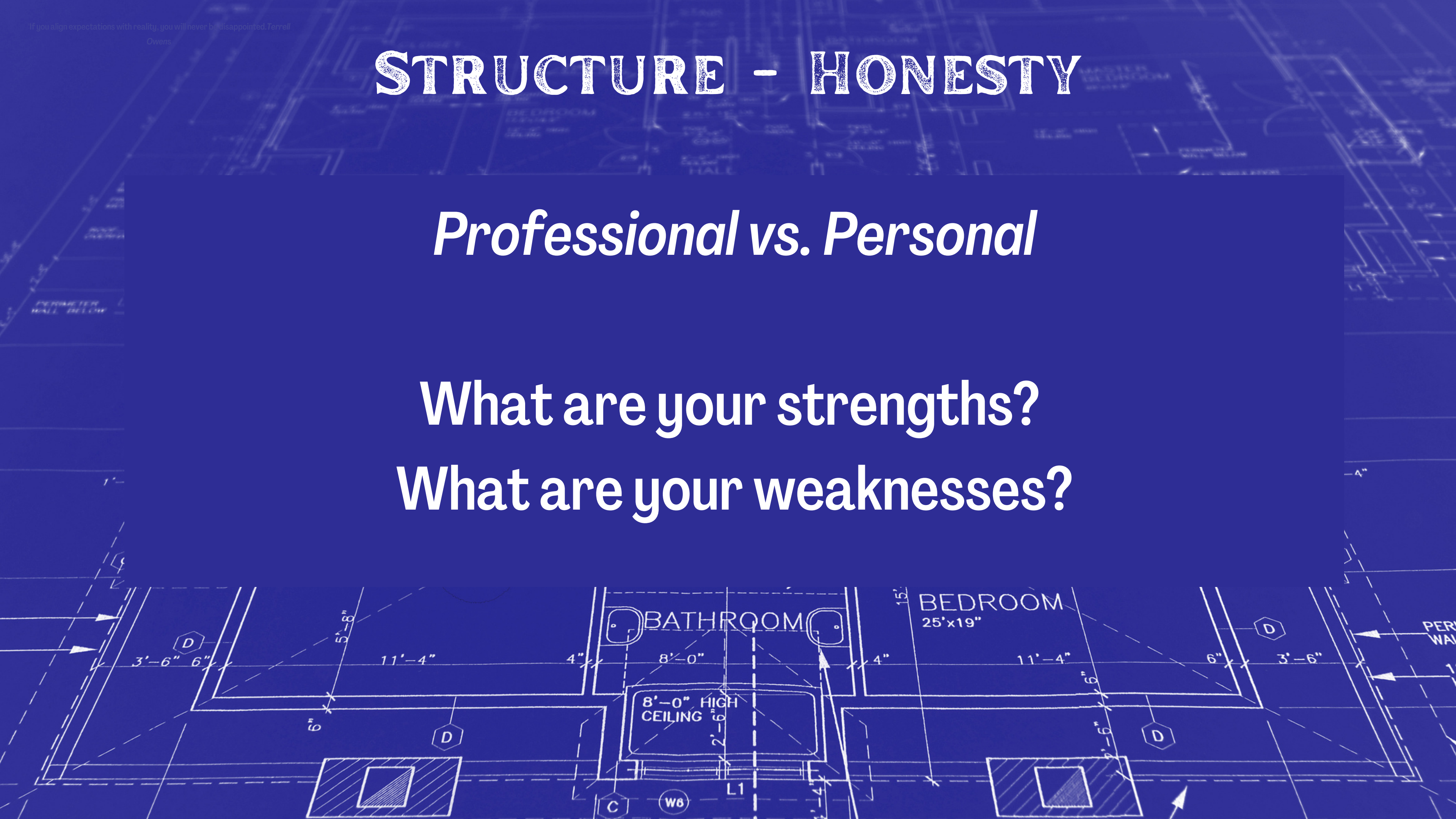
How, When, & Where??



STRUCTURE - HONESTY

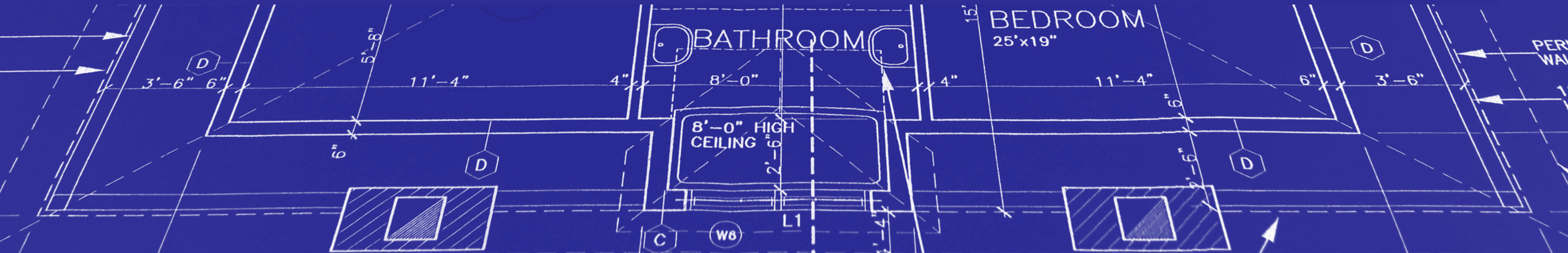
Professional vs. Personal

What are your strengths?
What are your weaknesses?



STRUCTURE - EXPECTATIONS, INVOLVEMENT, RECRUITING

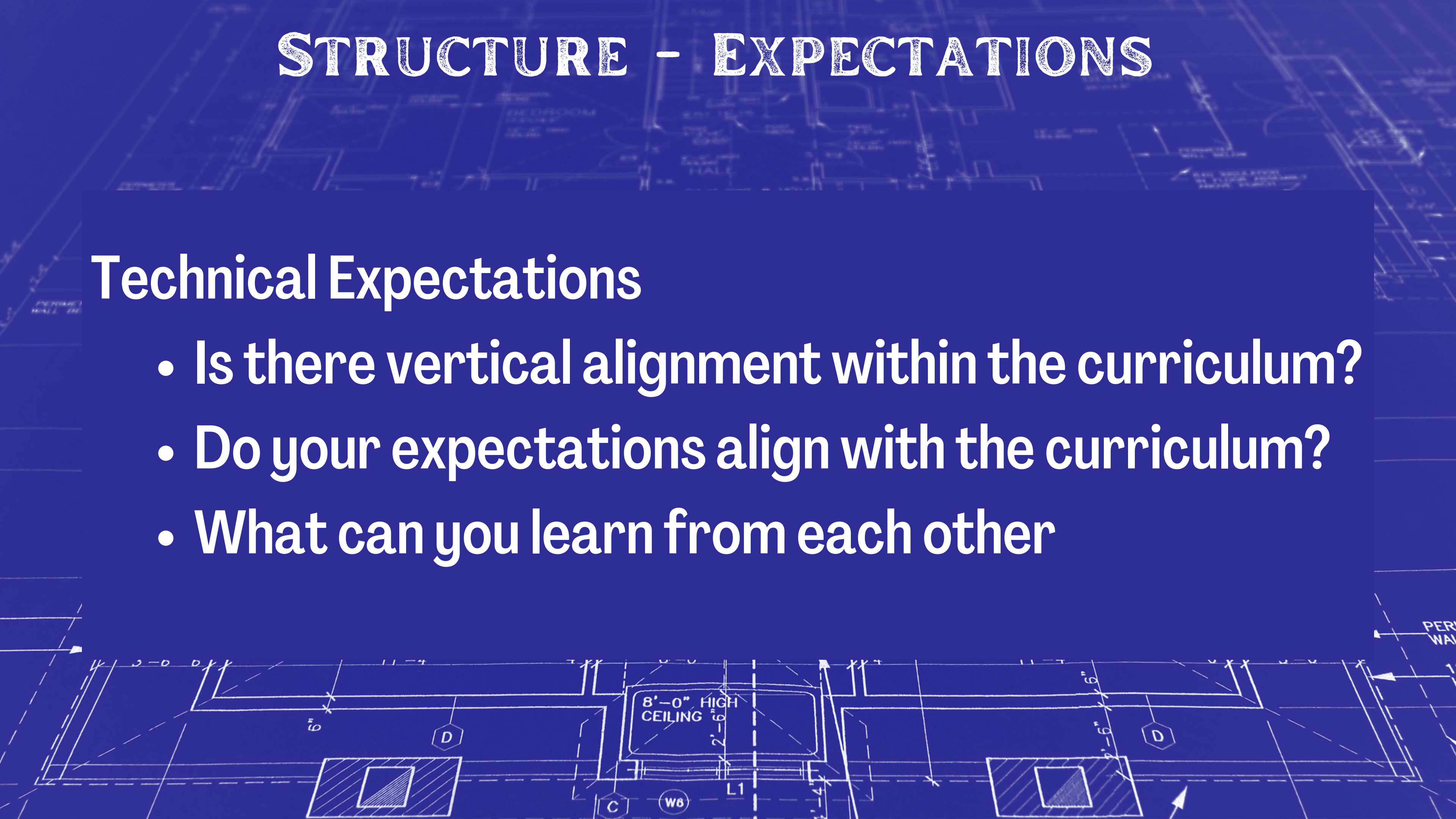
What do you expect from the other director(s) in your partner programs?



STRUCTURE - EXPECTATIONS

Technical Expectations

- Is there vertical alignment within the curriculum?
- Do your expectations align with the curriculum?
- What can you learn from each other



STRUCTURE - EXPECTATIONS

Involvement

- How does this look from all perspectives?
- How can you support each other's involvement throughout the program?

MIDDLE SCHOOL PERSPECTIVE STRUCTURE - EXPECTATIONS

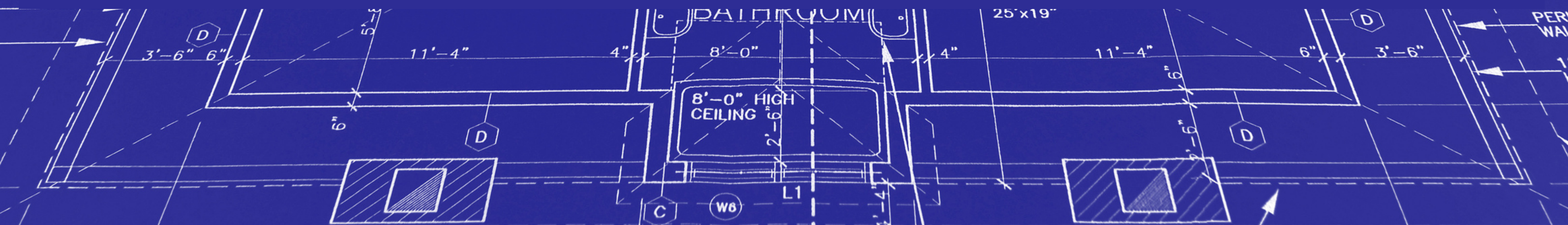
Recruiting

- Whose job is it to recruit?
- Are you creating a unified front?
- By all means necessary...

MIDDLE SCHOOL PERSPECTIVE TOP SURVEY RESPONSES

EXPECTATIONS OF HS DIRECTORS

- Communication and feedback
- In-Person visits to the middle school
- Create opportunities for MS to visit/participate with HS
- To establish a relationship with the middle school students early.



HIGH SCHOOL PERSPECTIVE TOP SURVEY RESPONSES

EXPECTATIONS OF MS DIRECTOR

- Retention
- Recruitment
- Curriculum collaboration
- Create a stable foundation of basic skills and knowledge on a particular instrument and reading ability

MIDDLE SCHOOL PERSPECTIVE TOP SURVEY RESPONSES

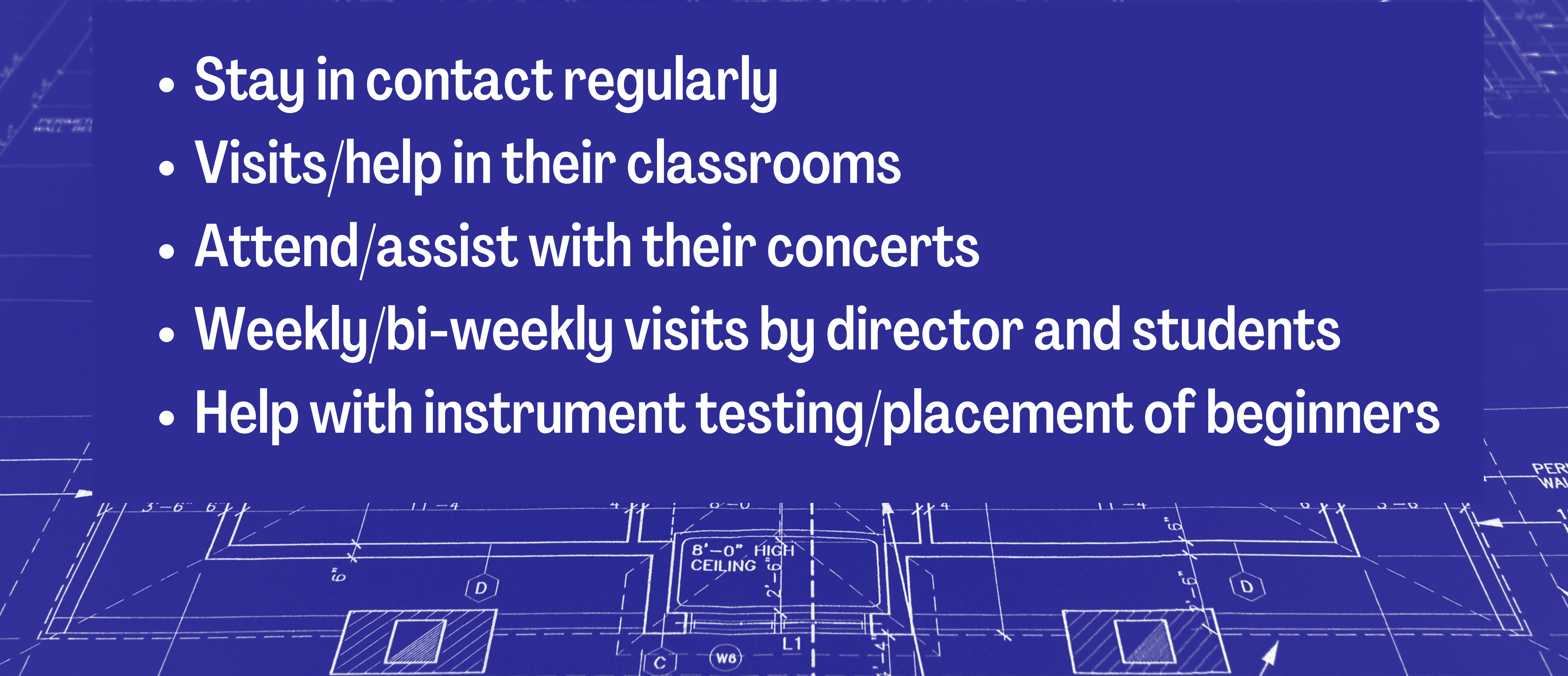
HOW ARE YOU SUPPORTING HS DIRECTOR

- Ensure vertical articulation
- Assist the marching band/winter ensembles
- Create/Support middle school night during football season
- Attend and/or assist at events/performances/rehearsals as often as possible
- Encourage/Promote student participation in the High School program

HIGH SCHOOL PERSPECTIVE TOP SURVEY RESPONSES

HOW ARE YOU SUPPORTING MS DIRECTOR

- Stay in contact regularly
- Visits/help in their classrooms
- Attend/assist with their concerts
- Weekly/bi-weekly visits by director and students
- Help with instrument testing/placement of beginners

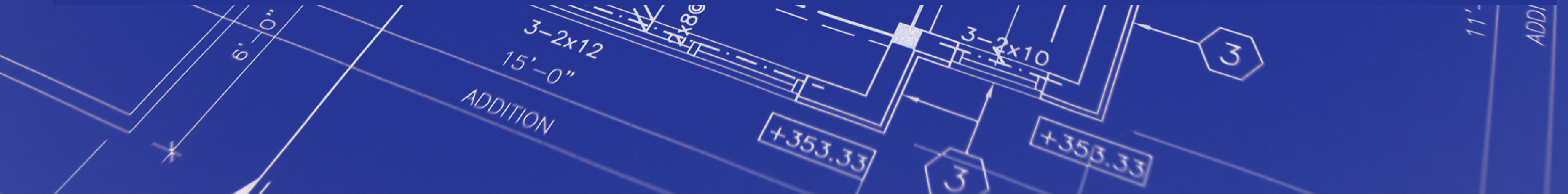


WHAT IF...

What if you don't get along with your colleague personally?

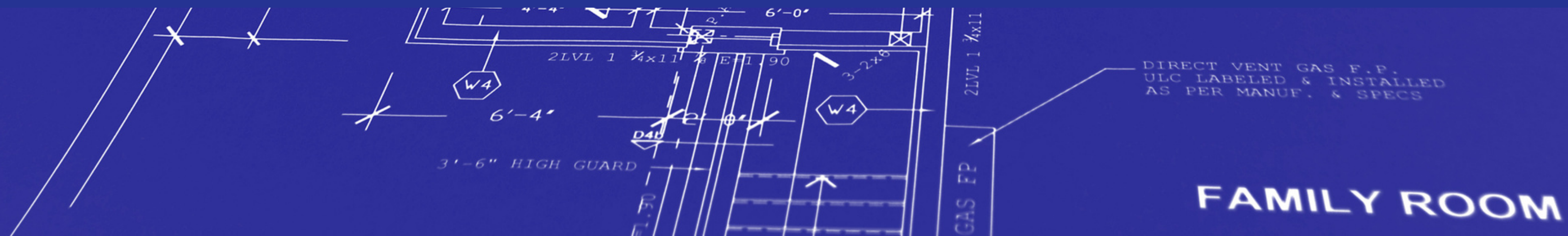
What if one of these positions is a revolving door?

What if the school administration is less than supportive?



IN CLOSING...

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