



NORTH EAST INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Subject: State of SPARK
Program

Related Page(s):
N/A

PRESENTATION

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

North East ISD is home to 14 SPARK locations, which were developed in collaboration with the City of San Antonio and San Antonio Sports to extend existing public school playgrounds into public parks. As part of the agreements, enhancements were made to the SPARK sites through a combination of outside funding and district funding. Enhancements per school varied and may have included but not limited to a school park gate, workout equipment, shade structure over existing playgrounds, tables, and/or benches. NEISD is responsible for maintaining the SPARKs.

The 14 SPARK Program agreements were entered at different times, and five agreements have expired. The City of San Antonio is sunsetting the program after the last SPARK is installed in 2025 and will no longer budget funds for the program.

However, City Council District 9 has led an effort to allocate funding for an improvement at one SPARK location through the installation of an artificial turf field. This is not an existing enhancement at our SPARK locations.

BOARD ACTION REQUIRED

None