



John Greenleaf Whittier Elementary School

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To: District 97 School Board Members, Therese O'Neill, and Dr. Roberts
From: Whittier PTO and Carol Young

Re: Whittier PTO enhancements to the Whittier playground and outdoor classroom

The Whittier PTO would like to complement the improvements to the Whittier School playground and outdoor classroom, and we anticipate that the expenses will exceed \$5,000, so we are seeking Board approval prior to proceeding. Improvements are planned for the following areas:

- Add plantings and benches to the designated areas near the main (south) playground
- Design and install pavers and seating to create an outdoor classroom near the north end of the property (near the Greenleaf Garden)
- Install a garden shed to organize tools for garden maintenance and outdoor classroom supplies

The PTO plans to work with Therese O'Neill through the process as bids are secured for these projects. Please let us know if the Whittier PTO can proceed with planning in these areas, knowing that all bid processes will be coordinated through the Business office.