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Superintendent of Schools

To: RIMSD 41 Board of Education
From: Dr. Sharon Williams
Cabinet Champion: Nicole Berry, Director of Early Childhood Programs
Date: June 23, 2026
Re: Head Start One Time Funds Request - Playground Proposal

During our most recent Office of Head Start federal review, it was documented that the existing playground utilized by Head Start students at Earl Hanson Elementary was in need of repair or replacement due to the peeling of paint and the age range not being appropriate for 3-5 year olds.

This proposal is for the purchase, removal and replacement of the playground at Earl Hanson that is and will be utilized by the preschool students. This proposal is from a Sourcewell vendor (Play Illinois, Inc.). We have past experience with them as they have installed five playgrounds for us since 2020 at various locations in addition to new equipment.

The proposal has the new playground equipment rated for ages 2-12 and will hold up to 41 scholars at a time. The total cost is \$54,728.40.

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the attached proposal one time funding application with the Office of Head Start for a removal and new construction for a preschool playground at Earl Hanson for the Head Start program in the amount of \$54,728.40.

Investment Period: July 2026 - June 2027

Total Investment: \$54,728.40

Funding Source: Head Start

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