



**Board of Education**

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**TO:** Board of Education  
**FROM:** Sarah Norton, Director of Partnerships  
**DATE:** 5/7/2026  
**RE:** Outdoor Shade Purchase and Installation at Wegner

**This memo is:**

- Information only.
- Information with a recommendation, and a request for Board consent.
- Information with a recommendation, and a request for Board approval by vote.

Date by which a Board decision is needed: May 14th, 2026

Previous memos on this topic can be found:

- in previous Board packet(s) dated:
- or attached to this memo

**Basic information:**

We would like to purchase and install an outdoor shade and a permanent outdoor Gaga Ball Pit on the blacktop at Wegner Elementary School. This project will be funded by Full Service Community School grant funds.

The company that will install the shade is Coach Cliffs Gaga Ball Pits LLC, for \$7,4082.17. This price includes materials, delivery, and installation. The [full quote](#) and [photo](#) are attached here.

A permanent outdoor Gaga Ball Pit would provide engagement and enrichment for students during the school day, for recess, and for physical education. It will also be accessible to the community, along with the playground outside of school hours. Giving local families the opportunity to participate in a preferred activity in the evenings, on weekends, and during school breaks. ***talk about location grass or blacktop***

Two other companies provided quotes for this project:

- Playground Outfitters - \$5,735.13
  - Price does not include installation, would require D33 staff to install
  - [See full quote here](#)
- Willy Goat - \$2,631
  - Does not include installation, rubber flooring, and lower-quality materials
  - [See full quote here](#)

**Background or historical information:**

When developing the budget for the Full Service Community School Grant, we conducted a needs and asset assessment by surveying students, staff, and family members. The students and building

administrators highlighted the popularity of Gaga Ball and its strengths, including its ease of learning and inclusivity for all students. Each elementary school has a collapsible Gaga Ball Pit, used for PE classes. This project is different because it would provide a permanent structure for recess and remain accessible beyond school hours for community use. This aligns with the District's Wellness Policy, which promotes accessible, free physical activity opportunities. Due to the grant's budget period, we must be invoiced by June 30th, 2026, and installation must be completed as soon as possible after that date.

**Previous decisions, actions, or parameters that relate to this topic or issue:**

**Recommendation:**

The board approves the plan to purchase and install the outdoor shade at Wegner Elementary School as outlined in the quote from Coach Cliff's Gaga Ball Pits LLC.

**Other questions? What else does the Board wish to know?:**