

Whittier Elementary PTO Basketball Proposal



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Overview

Parents and caregivers have not been allowed inside the school since 2020, and students are limited in their interactions with each other. That means the main area where the Whittier community interacts is the decades-old blacktop with old equipment dotting its surface. This issue is especially frustrating as many students in our community live in the nearby apartment buildings without access to dedicated outdoor space.

The Project

Basketball courts will be installed in the back of the school on the north end of the campus.

¹ This rendering of colors and murals is not final. This will be finalized with the Whittier Administration and PTO beautification team

- Hoops will be installed on the north end of the field in the grass with hoops extending over the blacktop.
- Two courts measuring 30X30 with 8 foot hoops for 3rd, 4th and 5th
- Replace funnel ball hoop closest to the buildings with a 6ft hoop for Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd.
- Both funnel balls currently on campus will be removed.

Installation

Basketball hoops

National Products & Facility Services has quoted us:

- NFPS is to provide material and labor to install 3 new outdoor Gared outdoor basketball hoop system, with rectangular backboard and break away rim with post. This will be installed on the grass side of the parking lot
- Dig hole and set post and tubing with extension to that the area can be plowed and not damage the post
- Let sit for a few days and return to lay asphalt
- Install includes hardware, backboard and rim
- Funnel ball posts will be cut below grade in order to be patched over and then repaired when blacktopped

Court Lines and Mural

The Whittier Beautification team will line and paint the court. They have done much of the blacktop painting and are trained professionals.

Benches

Benches to be installed by NFPS and benches to be purchased by Whittier PTO

Investment

Cost of Hoops

The installation of courts requires the removal of old outdated equipment and the repair of the decades old asphalt surface. The D97 school district plans to re-asphalt the blacktop area this summer, providing a unique opportunity to have the old funnel ball hoops removed and the blacktop resurfaced for the court.

Installation and cost of hoops - \$14,980

Painting of lines and mural - \$5,000

Installation of two benches - \$1,200²

Installation of one garbage can - \$300³

Total Estimated Cost - \$23,000

Fundraising Options

Whittier PTO Contribution - \$5,000

Community Contribution - \$18,000

Whittier PTO will fundraise from the surrounding community to cover the full cost of the courts throughout May. If we do not fundraise at least 80% of the funds we will move the project to 2023.

Maintenance

The Whittier maintenance team will be required to maintain the grounds of the basketball court, picking up trash, and remove nets during the winter months

² See Appendix for photo

³ See Appendix for photo

PROPOSED PROJECT TIMELINE

1. Per D97 approval, donation will be added to boards April meeting
2. PTO will present the project and cost to Whittier membership for approval at the April 7th meeting.
3. The PTO will fundraise through out May to hit the required amount
4. Coordinate with D97 to ensure hoops are installed prior to re-asphalting starting in June, but continuing throughout the summer. Final dates TBD by D97 grounds team.

RISKS:

- Surrounding houses could be opposed to basketball hoops as they will be up after school hours.
- An increase of trash on the blacktop and field
- Damage to the hoops, nets and court could lead to increase cost in maintenance
- Hoops will be damaged over time and Whittier will need to take on ownership of repair and replace

SOLUTIONS:

- Engage in conversation with neighbors to hear their concerns and talk through ideas and solutions.
- Add a trash can and signage to encourage those using the hoops to treat the area with respect.
- Other schools have reported minimal damage to equipment and we hope to have continuous engagement, and signage, to encourage respectful usage of the equipment.
- Cost to replace netting is minimal but the Whittier budget will need to add in the cost of replacing damaged equipment in the next 5 years.

Appendix

Benches Options



<https://www.belson.com/Recycled-Plastic-Newport-Bench>

Garbage Can



<https://trashcansunlimited.com/42-gallon-square-garbage-can-dome-lid-and-ashtray-73300199-7-colors/>