



BOARD MEETING MEMORANDUM

Board Meeting Date: May 19, 2026

From: Debora Johnson, Hillcrest Elementary School Principal

Re: Hillcrest Student Playground Request

Attachment(s) Hillcrest 4th-grade students' presentation script and letters

Agenda Location: Information/Discussion

Rationale:

Mrs. Reagle's 4th-grade students from Hillcrest Elementary School will present their "Inclusive Play-For-All & ADA Research" inquiry project to the Board of Education. As part of their myView Unit 3 Inquiry Project, students researched inclusive playgrounds, accessibility needs, and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and then applied their learning to develop recommendations to improve playground accessibility and inclusion at Hillcrest.

During their presentation, students will share ideas including replacing wood chips with rubber surfacing, adding ramps and accessible pathways, incorporating inclusive swings and merry-go-rounds, and creating sensory-friendly spaces to ensure all students can safely and meaningfully participate in playground activities. Students will also share letters, visual diagrams, and project work developed throughout the inquiry process.

This presentation highlights the authentic, project-based learning experiences taking place in our classrooms and showcases students applying research, collaboration, critical thinking, and empathy to real-world issues impacting their school community.

Recommendation/Motion:

Information only