



## 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 permanent Gaga Ball Pit near the Wegner playground. This project will be funded by Full Service Community School grant funds.

The company that will install the shade is ProPlaygrounds, for \$41,499. This price includes materials, delivery, and installation. The full quote and photo are attached [here](#).

An outdoor shade would be a valuable addition to the playground at Wegner. The playground is used not only during the school day, but is a hub in the surrounding community, attracting children and families beyond the school day. During the summer months, the playground area can become very hot, impacting its use. There are no trees in the area to provide shade. The proposed shade will be a hexagon shape, with a 40-foot diameter, installed over a portion of the playground.

Two other companies provided quotes for this project:

- Willy Goat - \$49,400
  - We do not recommend this option due to the wait time for delivery and installation, and the higher cost.
  - [See full quote here](#)
- All Inclusive Rec LLC
  - We do not recommend this option due to the shade's smaller size and the higher labor cost.
  - [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. One need that came up in this process was a playground shade for the Wegner parks. We have already added picnic tables and benches for community use. 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 ProPlayground quote.

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