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**To:** "Mike Hood" <MJH@GoColumbiaMO.com>  
**Date:** 11/7/2007 2:26:42 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Field Playground Grant

Mike,  
Thanks for the good news. Yes, Field is our choice for the FY 08 budget. What do I need to do to facilitate this?

Chester

>>> "Mike Hood" <MJH@GoColumbiaMO.com> 11/7/2007 1:27 PM >>>  
The Council did budget the funds for one school/playground project in the City's FY08 budget. We will still need to take to them the actual agreement committing to the Field School playground improvements. We just need your confirmation that Field is still the project the School District wants to go with and we will begin the process of getting the agreement on the Council agenda.

>>> "Chester Edwards" <CEdwards@columbia.k12.mo.us> 11/07/07 11:25 AM >>>  
Mike,  
Did the council approve in next year's budget monies for the Field Playground equipment?

Chester

**CC:** "Mike Griggs" <MBG@GoColumbiaMO.com>



Eugene Field Elementary School

1010 Range Line

Columbia, MO 65201-4852

Dr. Carol Garman, Principal

Mr. Troy Hogg, Assistant Principal

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*"Inspiring and empowering each other to positively impact our community and our world!"*

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September 13, 2007

Mike Hood

Director of Parks and Recreation for

The City of Columbia, MO

1 South 7<sup>th</sup> St.

Columbia, MO 65201

Dear Mr. Hood,

As the principal of Eugene Field Elementary School, I would like to request that Eugene Field Elementary be included in your next year's budget for a \$15,000.00 playground grant. This grant would fund a playground improvement project for grades 3-5. It would also provide a much needed play area for the neighborhood children and the students that attend the local Boys and Girls Club.

In 2002, the Columbia City Council funded a playground for the pre-school through grade 2 aged children. This past summer we had to remove some of the old play equipment in order to accommodate the addition of a new mobile classroom leaving a less than desirable play area for the older children.

I have a commitment from the school district to pay for and do the installation. The installation would be to the same quality as the playground project in 2002.

If you have questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to call me at 573-214-3620. Thank you very much for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Carol Garman

XC: Dr. Jack Jensen  
Chester Edwards

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Phone: (573) 214-3620

Fax: (573) 214-3621

Introduced by \_\_\_\_\_

First Reading \_\_\_\_\_

Second Reading \_\_\_\_\_

Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_

Council Bill No. B 407-07

**AN ORDINANCE**

authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with the Columbia School District for a playground improvement project at Field Elementary School; and fixing the time when this ordinance shall become effective.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with the Columbia School District for a playground improvement project at Field Elementary School. The form and content of the agreement shall be substantially as set forth in "Exhibit A" attached hereto and made a part hereof as fully as if set forth herein verbatim.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007.

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Counselor

## AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007, is entered into by and between the City of Columbia, Missouri, a municipal corporation (hereinafter "City") and the Columbia School District (hereinafter "District").

WHEREAS, District is improving the playground at its elementary school located at 1010 Range Line Street, known as Field Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, City, in accordance with Policy Resolution 20-98, is willing to participate in funding of the acquisition of play and fitness equipment and trail at Field Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, District is willing to make the playground available to the public when it is not being used for school activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, City and District agree as follows:

1. City will reimburse District in an amount up to \$15,000 for improvements to the playground at its Field Elementary School. Reimbursement will be made upon receipt of documentation of actual expenditures made by the District with respect to the playground development.
2. As a condition of receiving the payment for playground equipment, District agrees to:
  - a) Keep its playground at Field Elementary School open to the public at all reasonable times when it is not in use for school activities.
  - b) Submit its playground plans and specifications to the City for approval.
  - c) Build the playground according to the plan submittal.
  - d) Hold the City harmless for any and all claims or damages for personal injury or property damage arising out of the use of the playground, whether by students or by members of the public.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, City and District have been duly authorized to execute this agreement as of the above referenced date.

CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
H. William Watkins, City Manager

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sheela Amin, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Fred Boeckmann, City Counselor

COLUMBIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

By: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

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Source

**TO:** City Council

Agenda Item No. \_\_\_\_\_

**FROM:** City Manager and Staff 

**DATE:** November 20, 2007

**RE:** City/School Playground Development Project – Field Elementary School

Summary: Since 1998, the City has assisted with the funding of outdoor play equipment at eleven elementary schools located within the Columbia Public School District (CPSD). The City's FY-2008 CIP budget includes \$15,000 for Field Elementary School. In 2000, Field Neighborhood Park was being developed and the playground was located on Field school property in order to preserve green space in the small one acre park. That playground was designed for toddlers and young children (kindergarten, first grade, etc.). This second phase is to install a playground for use by older children in the upper elementary grade levels. The City's funding source comes from the Park Sales Tax. An ordinance is needed to authorize an agreement with the CPSD for the implementation of this project. The Field School playground project has been identified by the School District as their highest priority for the cooperative city/school district playground program for 2008.

Discussion: Since 1998, the City Council has authorized the spending of the city funds for outdoor play equipment to be located on public school grounds. The policy requires that the School District agree to make the outdoor facilities available for use by the public whenever it is not being used for school activities. Previous projects funded under this policy include Grant (1998), Benton (2000), Field (2000), Lee (2001), West Blvd (2002), Parkade (2004), Mill Creek (2005), Shepard (2006), Blue Ridge (2007), Russell (2007) and Ridgeway (2007) Elementary Schools. No appropriation was funded in FY-2003. These projects have been positively received by both the school and the general public.

In 1999-2000, the Field Neighborhood Park was being planned and developed. As part of the planning process, the park playground was located on Field School property in order to preserve green space in the small one acre park. This playground project was funded out of the CDBG funds that were used to develop the neighborhood park. The School District selected a playground designed for young children (toddlers, kindergarten first grade, etc.) as that was their priority at the time. This second phase is to replace an older, outdated playground designed for use by older children in the upper elementary grade levels. Park planners will work with school officials concerning the type and location of the play equipment. All work will be conducted by the School District or under their direction and the District will be responsible for the continued maintenance of the equipment. Once the equipment is successfully installed, park staff will inspect and once approved, will authorize the release of the funds up to \$15,000 to the school.

This ordinance, if approved, authorizes an agreement (Exhibit A) with the Columbia Public School District for this project and provides procedures for implementing the

Michael Hood



Fiscal Impact

YES x

NO

Other Info.

playground improvement project and assures that the facilities will be open for public use.

Suggested Council Action: If Council concurs that the project should proceed, the ordinance authorizing the agreement should be passed.