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August 11, 2020

Mayor Richard Irvin Aurora City Council Members Via Email

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Please let this letter serve as our request for \$100,000 to help support the construction of a new, accessible playground located at Hope D. Wall School. This playground will benefit not only the students of East and West School districts who attend Hope Wall, but also countless families throughout the area who currently struggle to find a playground that meets the needs of their differently abled students.

This playground is a collaborative effort between the East and west Aurora School Districts, Fox Valley Park District and other generous benefactors who are helping to make this playground a reality for our families. We are requesting that the City help share in the cost of the playground to reduce the costs to the districts on what will truly be a community asset and a regional draw. We greatly appreciate the partnership and support of the City of Aurora. Time and again we have worked together to make big things happen for our city, and this fully accessible playground will demonstrate our collective commitment to meet all of our children's needs.

We are looking forward to welcoming students and area families to the playground this fall. We would love to be able to include a donation from the city as part of our signage honoring contributors and to have representatives attend the ribbon cutting. I will send more information on that event as it gets closer.

Thank you again for considering our request and for being a great resource and partner.

Sincerely,

Angela Smith

Angela Smith Assistant Superintendent for Operations West Aurora School District