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Tyisha Walker-Myers
President, Board of Alderman
City of New Haven
165 Church Street, 2nd Floor
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Re: The Resolution in Support of the Playground Replacement at John S. Martinez Magnet School

Dear Ms. Walker-Meyers,

I respectfully submit the enclosed submission requesting the approval of the Board of Alders for three resolutions to replace the playground at John S. Martinez Magnet School. The playground has been in a deteriorated condition for some time.

The Board of Education's facilities and finance teams have worked with the leadership of John S. Martinez Magnet School to pursue a playground replacement school construction grant through the State of Connecticut's Department of Administrative Services/Office of School Construction Grant Review (CT DAS/OSGR) a total estimated project cost of \$375,000; we anticipate the State will provide a grant of approximately 67.86%, leaving a net cost to the City of \$125,525 that will be funded through by the Board of Education's building maintenance capital account.

The Board of Education will approve the resolutions at their April 28, 2025 meeting.

The three resolutions are:

1. Resolution Authorizing Superintendent to Apply for the Non-Priority Grant CT DAS/OSGR and approval of Local Funds (please note that the entire value of the project must be approved with local funds).
2. Resolution to Establish a Building Committee for the John S. Martinez Magnet School Playground Replacement.
3. Resolution for Preparation of Schematic Drawings and Outline Specifications for John S. Martinez Magnet School Playground Replacement.

I look forward to the Alders' prompt approval of the Resolutions. Thank you again for your time and attention.

Very truly yours,

Madeline Negrón, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools