

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

DECISION ON

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

DECEMBER 3, 2007

Background Information:

The Purchasing Department is requesting a decision by the Board to award a contract to PlayWorld LT Farmington, Inc., manufacturer of the Little Tikes Commercial brand of playground equipment, located at One Iron Mountain Drive, Farmington, MO, 63640, in the amount of \$159,995.60. This request is for the purchase and installation of structures for two new playgrounds at Edgewood Elementary School.

The basis for the cost of the playground equipment to be purchased has been established through utilization of the U.S. Communities national contract # 269-2003-077, Master Agreement # 040378.

Discussion:

Edgewood Elementary is requesting the purchase and installation of two (2) playgrounds. The playground equipment for grades K-2 is a new playground site in the amount of \$77,474.20. The playground for grades 3 to 5, in the amount of \$82,521.40, is to replace outdated structures at an existing playground at the school. Both playgrounds total \$159,995.60. Each playground is to be furnished, delivered and installed, including safety surfacing, borders and any site work required.

All playground equipment designs, whether for a new or an existing site, are reviewed using the established HCPS process considering appropriateness of the design, developmental needs, student safety, and maintenance issues. ADA regulations, industry standards and HCPS requirements have been addressed. Funds for this project are budgeted in the capital equipment budget, fiscal year 2008.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education approve a contract for the purchase of new playground equipment at Edgewood Elementary School in the amount of \$159,995.60.