



## COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Columbia Parks and Recreation Department  
Michael Griggs, Director  
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Dear Mr. Griggs,

For a number of years, the Columbia Public Schools and the City of Columbia have worked jointly to improve the playground of the neighborhood schools so they can better serve the community. We are grateful for the continued support of this joint vision. For the 2016- 2017 and 2017-2018 school years we would like to identify:

1. Fairview Elementary playground equipment replacement - \$15,000
2. Parkade Elementary playground equipment replacement - \$16,000
3. Benton Elementary playground equipment - \$9,000
4. Paxton Keeley Elementary playground equipment - \$10,000

Please feel free to contact me or Charlie Oestreich, Director of Building Services if you have any question regarding this project.

Respectfully,

Ben Tilley

Cc: Mrs. Linda Quinley, CFO  
Mr. Charles Oestreich, Director of Building Services

## Playground Updates for Columbia Public Schools

### Fairview Elementary

The Fairview Elementary playground is a location that is in constant use. In 2014, a large rope climbing structure had to be removed because the piece of equipment was worn beyond repair. The piece of equipment was originally installed in 1989. The Fairview PTA has aggressively worked to raise funds to replace the piece of equipment and to install new equipment along with the replacement. We are requesting for \$15,000 to be allocated For Fairview Elementary to purchase a new piece of playground equipment for the school.

### Parkade Elementary

Columbia Public Schools had been moving forward with a plan to replace the wood mulch currently used on our school playgrounds with rubber mulch. We would like to request \$16,000 to be used for Parkade Elementary to provide a new piece of playground equipment for the school. The new piece of equipment will be placed in the area renovated to include the rubber mulch. This provides a safe and inviting environment for school children and neighborhood families.



### Benton Elementary

We would like to request the use of \$9,000 dollars to be used at Benton Elementary to add an additional piece of playground equipment to the school. Benton was one of the first schools in the district to have the playground renovated and the mulch changed from wood to rubber. The looks and safety of the playground was improved greatly. The new piece of equipment will be a welcome addition to the neighborhood.

## Paxton Keeley Elementary

Paxton Keeley Elementary is requesting the use of \$10,000 in order to add a new piece of playground equipment for their school. The playground is used frequently on the weekends and evenings and the new piece of equipment will give families an additional area to play. The Paxton Keeley Elementary PTA has been raising money for their playground and will use their funds with the funds allocated by Columbia Parks and Recreation to purchase a substantial piece of playground equipment.

