

Regular Board Meeting – May 18, 2010

**SUBJECT: RELOCATION AND UPGRADE OF EARLY CHILDCARE CENTER  
PLAYGROUND**

It is recommended by the administration that the Board of Education award a contract to Green-Up Landscape for the amount of \$49,842 for the relocation of the Early Childhood Center playground including landscaping and installation of donated playground equipment.

**Background Information**

An inspection of the playground located between Solomon Schechter Day School and the Early Childhood Center has revealed that it is not only outdated but also out of code in its current condition. Several options were considered to remedy this situation including renovating the existing playground to meet minimum standards, replacing the equipment in the existing area with new equipment, and creating a new playground area closer to the Early Childhood Center to provide better access to facilities and additional staff members when necessary. During this process we were contacted by the Niles Township Community Center which offered to donate the playground equipment that they were using for their child care center prior to it closing last year. The equipment is in great condition and better suited to the need of preschool children. It will be donated to the District at no cost.

The quote from Green-Up Landscape includes the removal and reinstallation of the donated equipment to the new location closer to the Early Childhood Center as well as removal of the existing playground and restoration of the area to grass. Work will take place during the 2010 summer break.

Donated equipment in its current location

