Longfellow Playground Project

Spring, 2023

Current Longfellow Playground

- Built in 2000-2001
- For a repair to be legal, it must be the same company, same part number, etc. We can't get parts in most cases.
- All of the floors / pathways are delaminated.

Longfellow

- 45% students of color
- 70% Socioeconomically Disadvantaged
- 24% Students with Disabilities
- 10% English Learners

Our swing set often breaks, and we have to remove them until / unless we can get replacement parts.

The city of Eau Claire replaced their metal slides in the early 1990’s

Our Eagle's Nest is well-loved and well-worn.

This part on its last legs, and we can't get parts to replace it when it goes.

This used to be a play structure, but it broke. We couldn't replace the parts on this one...

...Or this one

Throughout the structure, there are well-worn parts that need repair and pose a safety risk…

...And this

...And this

We've had a few reports of the bolts scraping children's legs when they slide. It's also extremely hot in the summer.

This is corroded like other parts. This one also has a lot of graffiti that is carved into it. Our only solution is to sand or scrape off as much as we can.

Funding Plan....

- ECPSF – American Phoenix
- Longfellow PTO
- Mayo Grant?
- Pablo Grant?
- Explore other options.

Next Steps

- Identify key stakeholders and assemble a team for the project.
- Schedule first meeting.
- Make a plan to get input from students, families, and staff.
- Use Roosevelt's folder for resources / ideas.
- Continue to work with PTO on grant opportunities.
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