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MEMORANDUM

TO: Thomas A. Golden, Jr., City Manager 

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SUBJECT: MOTION RESPONSE: Req. City Mgr. Update On The Status Of The Renovations Of School Playgrounds And When They Will Be Completed

There are a number of school buildings located adjacent to or in municipal parks which has resulted in many recreational projects being done by both the Department of Planning and Development and the Lowell Public Schools Facilities Department. In the last several years, DPD and the Lowell Public Schools Facilities Department have worked hard to collaborate and

In recent years the Lowell Public Schools Facilities Department has invested over half a million dollars to improve recreational facilities at the following schools:

- Moody Elementary School
- STEM Academy
- Bartlett Community Partnership
- Cardinal O'Connell Early Learning Center
- Greenhalge Elementary School

At this time the Department of Planning and Development is working on three recreational projects that will impact school outdoor play spaces:

- Reilly Elementary School
- Durkin Park (adjacent to the Lincoln School)
- O'Donnell Park (adjacent to the Shaughnessy School)

The Reily Elementary School and the O'Donnell Park projects are both ARPA funded projects that are occurring as a part of the Neighborhood Improvement Projects in the ARPA spending plan. The Durkin Park project is being fully funded through Community Development Block Grant funding. All three projects are being designed in 2024 with construction for all parks planned for 2025. The full scope of these projects include improvements to the playground areas, and the larger parks. The city will be investing close to \$3 million on these park projects.

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