



# College Station Independent School District

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## MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Clark Ealy, Superintendent

From: Dr. Penny Tramel, Curriculum and Instruction *P. S.*

Date: June 8, 2018

Subject: Required Board Approvals for Birth to Five Head Start Health and Safety Grant

Agenda Item: H-3.

Board Goals: 1, 3

## BACKGROUND:

Head Start Program Performance Standards require the participation of the CSISD Board of Trustees as the governing body of the program to approve grant requests. With encouragement by the Regional Office to make an application for a one-time request, the Birth to Five Head Start program has evaluated areas of greatest need. From self-assessment and staff submission of Health and Safety checklists, it has been determined that the surfacing of the play spaces on multiple campuses should be improved. While it would be advantageous to add the new pour in rubber surfacing to all playgrounds, that request is not feasible for the one-time funding opportunity. Health and safety staff have determined that the first place to change should be the campuses that house the Preschool Program for Children with Disabilities (PPCD) as they are included with the early childhood classes, particularly during outside time.

The Birth to Five Head Start program has collaborated with the CSISD Facilities and Operations department to determine the feasibility of the enhancement and the potential for improvements in the care and maintenance of a new surface for three of our playgrounds.

In addition to the playground surfacing, the one-time request will also include funding to redesign the outdoor space in front of the Barbara Bush Parent Center to be more appropriate for the 0-3 population served there, as well as outdoor storage facilities to house the materials and supplies needed to provide intentional and purposeful outdoor activities for the early learners at South Knoll, Greens Prairie and Spring Creek. The total for the request will be \$202,000. A waiver will be submitted with the funding request to ask that no additional in-kind requirement be required, as the district contributes above the required 20% match. This request was approved by the Birth to Five Head Start Policy Council on May 23, 2018.

## RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the CSISD Board of Trustees approve the Birth to Five Head Start Program request for Health and Safety Grant funds to upgrade the playground surfacing at three elementary campuses where inclusion classes are held, upgrade storage facilities for three elementary campuses and for the 0-3 play space at the Barbara Bush Parent Center. A signature page will be provided at the meeting for the approval of this request.