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Honorable City Council Newton City Hall 1000 Commonwealth Avenue Newton Centre, MA 02459

Councilors:

I respectfully submit a docket item to your Honorable Council requesting the authorization to appropriate and expend the amount of \$1,537 from HP Parking Fines Receipts Reserved for Appropriations Fund 5500, Org 5518R114 to match PTO funds at Burr School in order to purchase an accessible swing and additional accessible GrassMats for the Burr School Playground.

Funds in this account are specifically set aside for the Commission on Disabilities to make recommendations to the Mayor for their use. A request from the Commission on Disabilities is attached.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Fuller

Ruthanne Fuller Mayor Newton Commission on Disability c/o Jini Fairley jfairley@newtonma.gov

February 8, 2022

Dear Newton COD,

I am writing on behalf of the Burr School PTO to formally request monies toward helping to achieve better accessibility for the Burr School Playground.

Earlier this year, Newton Parks installed rubber matting to help bring our playground into compliance. The picture enclosed is the state of the playground in November as currently it is covered in snow. The matting is installed to most of the playground structures as well as to one swing. Unfortunately, the swing matting is not safe for someone who requires ambulatory assistance and it was determined during a site visit by Stephanie Lapham and Jini Fairley that we need to add matting to help address the accessibility problems.

The PTO also purchased, through fundraising, new picnic tables including one accessible table, but the portion of the playground where the table is installed is not accessible, it is currently just wood chip surfacing. This was another area that was pinpointed for improvement during the site visit mentioned above and necessary for compliance.

Lastly, we currently do not have an accessible swing. Stephanie Lapham was able to provide us with the vendor that the City of Newton prefers to use to quote us on the cost of a swing, which we have attached. This does not include any installation.

This past year alone the Burr PTO has spent \$23,583 on playground improvements, to include installing the city-provided mats, replacing the timbers around the playground, the new picnic tables and work to address drainage issues.

We do currently have a Burr Student who requires the use of an ambulatory aide and who would benefit greatly from these improvements.

Costs quoted and attached:

- Swing \$1320.00 (Please note the shipping is quite high this was the preferred vendor however)
- 16 Mats for Swings & the accessible picnic table- \$1754 (NP&R to Install)

The total cost to make the current playground compliant is \$3074. Knowing that money is tight and that equity across the Newton schools must be considered, we are hoping you might match \$1537 to meet us halfway on the swing and the matting necessary to bring the playground as it stands to compliance.

We would be grateful for any assistance you can provide, and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Alyssa Haggerty on behalf of the Burr PTO

Attachments: Photo of playground Photo of swing area Newton's quote for mats Quote for Swing

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## Commonwealth MAAB Approved And 521 CMR Compliant Accessibility Mats

## Stephanie Lapham Newton 617-938-4674

Note we do not cut if we do not need to, giving customer as much rubber matting area as possible.

| Accessibility<br>Matting |                | ÷         | Mats for area | Accessibility Matting             |                             |         |         |
|--------------------------|----------------|-----------|---------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
|                          |                |           | Mats for Area |                                   |                             |         |         |
| 16 Mats                  |                |           | 16            |                                   |                             |         |         |
|                          |                |           | 0             | Accessibility<br>Matting          | 16                          | \$79    | \$1,264 |
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| :                        |                |           | 16            |                                   |                             | :       | 1       |
|                          | Cuts &<br>Fits | 0%        | 0             |                                   | Shipping and Handling \$490 |         | \$490   |
| Estimated Approp         | oriate Access  | ible Mats | 16            | Accessibility Matting Total \$1,' |                             | \$1,754 |         |

Park Street Playgrounds LLC 263 Park St North Reading, MA 01864 978-664-0239 msalt1@verizon.net

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Name/Address Alyssa Haggerty Burr Elementary School 171 Pine St Auburndale, MA 02466

| Ship To                |  |
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| Alyssa Haggerty        |  |
| Burr Elementary School |  |
| 171 Pine St            |  |
| Auburndale, MA 02466   |  |
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| Date   | Estimate No.   | Phone   | Terms                    | Contact  | Project  |            |
|--|--|---|--------------------------|--|--|------------|
| 12/09/21   | Q677   | 617-921-4791  |                          | Jennifer Frankel   |  |            |
| Item   |  | Description   |                          | Quantity   | Cost   | Total      |
| BSIS-512<br>Inclusive Swing<br>Seat                                      | Inclusive Swing S<br>BSIS-512T Greer   | eat with Chain an<br>with Tan brace                 | d harness                |  | 772.00   | 772.00T    |
| surcharge  | Commodity surch  | arde  |                          | · · ·  | 173.00   | 173.00T    |
| Shipping   | Shipping and Har   | •   |                          | · · · · · ·  | 375.00   | 375.00     |
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|  | erials only unless otherwi   |   |                          |  |  |            |
| • Concrete for footi   | ngs included in installatio  | n price   |                          |  |  | )          |
| • Includes site visit  | and site meetings as requ  | ested by GC   |                          |  |  |            |
| <ul> <li>Prices do NOT in</li> </ul>                                     | clude sales tax, or resili   | ent surfacing unless not                            |                          |  |  |            |
| <ul> <li>Standard manufact</li> </ul>                                    | turer's design, colors, spe  | cifications, and construct                          | tion apply.              |  |  |            |
| <ul> <li>If ordered, upon<br/>found after open</li> </ul>                |  | livery carefully, noting                            | on delivery receipt AN   | Y damage so a freight clai                                 | m can be filed if dam  | ige is     |
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