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To: Community Preservation Committee  
From: Dr. Laurie Hunter, Superintendent  
Justin Sparks, Thoreau Elementary School Principal  
Date: November 25, 2024  
Re: Thoreau Elementary School Grant Application

Please find requested responses to the questions below.

The request was for \$500,000 but the supplementary budget in the Conceptual Cost Estimate Plan was for \$444,960. Have you reduced your request? Or could you provide a budget that matches the request?

**In the original application, the \$500,000 was an estimate. The scope of work originally slated for the grant application came in at \$444,960 when the consultant team further worked with the estimates. As a result, the amount was reduced to reflect those adjustments.**

**The CPC request is a portion of an entire campus project that includes the playground expansion. If we were to include playground equipment in the request (a change somewhat from the original scope of the grant application), we could provide a budget that returns to the \$500,00.**

Does the Conceptual Cost Estimate Plan budget of \$444,960 supersede the budget of \$557,960 provided in the application?

**Yes, the reduced number is a results of the consultants fine tuning the estimates.**

They asked about Other Funding Sources. The cover sheet shows no other funding sources, but the narrative describes \$200,000 in CPS capital funds and \$200,000 estate gift. They like to see that CPC funds are leveraging other funds.

**The CPC grant application is a complement to other funds being applied to the campus upgrades. In addition to the grant request the following funds are planned:**

<b>\$200,000 CPS Capital Funds</b>	<b>Repaving and small parking expansion</b>
<b>\$200,000 Estate Gift to Thoreau</b>	<b>Playground Equipment</b>
<b>\$410,000 Private Fundraising</b>	<b>Playground Equipment</b>

They had questions about the area on the Conceptual Cost Estimate Plan that they understood to be the playground funded by the estate gift, and not CPC. Is its inclusion on the plan an oversight? Or are their certain elements of that playground area that would be funded by CPC and others that would be funded by the gift? (For example, one member speculated the gift would cover playground equipment.)

**The grant submission does not include playground equipment, as funding is expected to be a combination of the estate donation (\$200,000) and private fundraising (\$410,000). If there was interest in returning to the original CPC request of \$500,000, the private fundraisers could raise a little less than currently planned.**