



# n of chester

eter Lawson, Facilities Manager  
Department of Public Works

Department of Public Works  
15 Lake Street  
Winchester, MA 01890  
Phone: 781-721-7100  
Fax: 781-721-7119  
plawson@winchester.us

To: Beth Rudolph, Town Manager  
Robert LaBossiere, Director DPW  
Select Board  
From: Peter Lawson, Facilities Manager  
Regarding: Town Wide Playground Update  
Date: 7/27/23

Thank you for the opportunity to update you and the Select Board on where we are at with our initiative to improve the Town and School Playgrounds.

The last update to the Board was after we had completed the Town wide playground safety survey and had completed removing and closing off pieces of equipment that were cited as higher risk in the reports that were generated.

Since then, the DPW has performed work on a couple of structures allowing them to reopen. In addition, we purchased and installed playground mulch in some of the higher need areas and are going to continue adding more over the next couple of weeks to boost the depths.

The School Dept. and I have been working with an eager Ambrose PTA on a project to repair issues with the play structure along with life extension measures for the rubber surface and the hot top play area adjacent to it. This is in the plan to be done before the upcoming school year begins.

I am waiting for a cost proposal for the installation of the new double slide for Lincoln School along with a piece for the enclosed slide that is now pitched backwards at the base causing significant ponding of water. I don't believe this will rise to level of a special request for funding.

With this capital cycle I have put forward requests for the resurfacing of the rubberized play surfaces at the Lincoln, Vinson-Owen and Ambrose School and the replacement of the entire Leonard's and McDonald playgrounds.

Three pieces of broken equipment were removed at various locations that were independent of the main play structures in the various playgrounds. When visiting the playgrounds, you would not notice these features were removed but if there is a desire to add pieces of equipment back for those locations, they would fall into the \$7,000 - \$20,000 range per unit. These have not been put into the form of an official request.

#### Capital Requests Submitted

Lincoln Play surface - \$85,000.

Vinson Owen play surface - \$165,000.

Ambrose play surface - \$85,000.

Leonard Field - \$450,000.

McDonald Field - \$450,000.

#### Unsubmitted cost range for three individual play pieces

\$21,000 to \$60,000

Thank you for your support on this matter and I look forward to speaking with the Board.