

## **Proposed Middle Playground Renovation Questions**

### **Why is there no proposal to upgrade the Pre-K playground?**

We are not allowed to touch the Pre-k playground; it is a state run program so only the county can make alterations.

### **Why is there no proposal for the Bus Lot playground?**

The middle playground gets a lot more use from grades 2 through 5, as well as occasional use by K and 1, than the Bus Lot, and we cannot afford to do both at the same time. We are proposing a phased in approach and will work this summer on a plan to fund the bus lot improvements in the future.

### **Are the principals clear on teacher input regarding playground decisions? Should we run this by at least one teacher per grade level for feedback, or has that been done already?**

The playground plan and design was shared with the three principals and they love it. About 75% of the teachers reviewed as well, and all were in full support and approval. Parents who volunteer during lunch hours have commented on a desire for new and improved playground equipment and that feedback is reflected, too.

### **Have we received other quotes for the playground and other jobs?**

Mr. Chris Blice, COO of Chatham County Schools, was consulted at length before beginning this project so that we clearly understood county guidelines and the approval process. After extensive research into playground equipment supply companies, we chose Elite for several reasons: 1) responsiveness, 2) knowledgeable staff and sales reps, 3) competitive pricing, and 4) timeline accommodations. Moldenhauer Landscaping was chosen given a positive work history spanning 30+ years, and because they are former Perry Harrison parents.

### **Do we need permits?**

Chatham County does not require permits and/or inspections for playground equipment. Chatham County Schools do have the playgrounds inspected twice a year and repairs are made as needed. We are working within those guidelines. Elite is well versed in requirements from other counties that do require inspections and will provide guidance throughout the process to make sure everything meets current safety standards.

### **Have we talked with a larger crowd and gotten feedback on potential other ways the school needs to spend money?**

Yes, we met with Ms. Doty and she is fully supportive of this investment and thinks it is what is best for the school right now. Numerous teachers and staff were asked as well, and the overall consensus was that the playground needs repairs and upgrades.