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Informational Memo and Action Item: Dream Green Donation Agreement

TO: School Board
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Overview & Background

The Greeley School PTO has been working on Dream Green, an outdoor classroom environmental project for more than three years. This project has been before the School Board on several occasions. Up until now, the Greeley PTO had taken the responsibility of engaging the architect and overseeing construction of the project.

The direction for the project moving forward has been reviewed once again and the PTO wishes to have the District's architect design the outdoor classroom, bid the project, and manage construction. This is essentially a return to the original concept for this project.

Description of Initiative/Topic

The School Board is being asked to return to the tenets of the original June 2011 donation agreement (attached) with the caveat that the PTO will maintain the new playground going forward.

This course of action is recommended by the District's attorney due to potential liability issues if there were to be an accident during construction or following completion of the project. In addition, with the District managing the project, it is clear that the public bidding process and prevailing wage regulations will be followed.

The benefits of a District project are as follows:

- Coordinates the work with our present architect (Greene).

- Assures the public bidding process and prevailing wage laws are followed.
- Assures that a responsive bidder constructs the project.
- Provides District oversight of the project including regular construction meetings, appropriate insurance coverage, etc.
- Gives assurance to the donors that the project is moving forward.
- Provides a playground for the students and community to enjoy.

Next Steps

School Board adoption of the revised donation agreement.

Financial Implications

Staff time to plan, seek bids, and coordinate the project with the architect and the PTO from design to completion, and oversight during construction.