



# **Diamond Lake School District 76**

**Embrace Empower Excel** Each Child Each Day

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TO: Board of Education  
FROM: Eric Rogers  
SUBJECT: Playground Renovation Project - WOIS

The current playground is situated along the western edge of the property, directly adjacent to the school's main parking lot. While the existing equipment serves our students, the proximity to active vehicular traffic creates ongoing safety concerns. Staff responsible for recess supervision must divide their attention between monitoring student activity and being vigilant of vehicle movement in and out of the lot. Following discussions with faculty and administrative staff, it has become clear that a more suitable location exists on the southwest corner of the property. This area offers ample open space, natural boundaries, and improved sightlines for supervising staff.

The proposed new location for the playground is the southwest corner of the West Oak Intermediate School property. Key features of this proposal include:

- Greater distance from the parking lot and vehicular traffic areas, significantly reducing safety risks during drop-off, pick-up, and throughout the school day.
- Open, unobstructed sightlines that allow supervising staff to monitor the entire play area from a single vantage point.
- Natural separation from high-traffic pedestrian paths, reducing the likelihood of unauthorized access to the play area.
- Adequate square footage to accommodate existing play structures and allow for the addition of several pieces of new playground equipment.
- Improved access from primary classroom wings, reducing transition time and congestion in hallways.

The recommendation from the district is to approve the West Oak Intermediate School playground project and enter into a contract with PerfectTurf at a cost of \$97,580.