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TO: Christine Woll, Chair  
Joint Assembly/School Board Facilities Committee  
THROUGH: Denise Koch, Engineering and Public Works Director  
FROM: Jeanne Rynne, Chief Architect  
SUBJECT: Dzantik'i Heeni (DH) Playground Scope Options: \$575K-\$1.8M

At the January 22, 2025, Joint Assembly/School Board Facilities Committee Meeting<sup>1</sup>, staff was directed to explore possible options for the proposed playground at Dzantik'i Heeni School ranging between \$575K-\$1.8M for total project costs. \$1.8M was the total project cost based on 65% complete design documents prepared by Corvus Design. \$575,000 was the total project cost proposed at the December 2, 2024, PWFC meeting.<sup>2</sup> To date, the project has only been funded for design at \$75,000. These options were presented to the JSD Board of Education Facilities Committee on February 11, 2025.

Dividing the difference between \$1.8M and \$575K equally, staff established target total project budgets of \$880K, \$1.2M, and \$1.5M. Corresponding construction targets (\$590K, \$880K, and \$1.07M) were derived by dividing by 1.4, the standard factor used to address the total project costs based on the construction amount. Attachment A provides a summary table and graphic depictions of each option.

- All options include a concrete slab with safety surfacing in varying amounts. No option includes a concrete slab without safety surfacing.
- All options include an ADA compliant sidewalk.
- There are no new fence panels or gates in any of the options; all existing fencing remains.

The options vary in total square footage of concrete with safety surfacing and in amount and type of play equipment provided. Within this price range, the \$1.2M option provides the most complete playground for K-5 and Pre-K. The \$880K and \$1.5M options provide some equipment plus a complete slab and safety surfaced area ready to receive future play equipment at a later date. The \$880K option has only K-5 play equipment, whereas the \$1.2 and \$1.5M options include both K-5 and Pre-K play equipment.

Additionally, staff was asked to compile the square footage of play areas at other schools throughout the District. This information is summarized in Attachment B.

Attachments:

- A: DH Playground Options 250321  
B: JSD Playground Comparison 250321

<sup>1</sup> <https://mccmeetings.blob.core.usgovcloudapi.net/juneauak-pubu/MEET-Minutes-ad6b194c95ea4c2bace550edd87f5da3.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <https://mccmeetings.blob.core.usgovcloudapi.net/juneauak-pubu/MEET-Packet-23bf0a759f20493d9a7b10799cb8a667.pdf>