

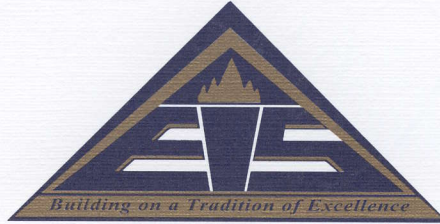
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Mr. Greg Dunbar
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Subject: Playground Waiver for Pre-K Academy

Dear Mr. Dunbar:

As you are aware, our new district preschool center is currently under construction and scheduled for completion in December. If you will recall, the outdoor play area for this facility is an enclosed courtyard which is to receive a poured rubber granule surface, as well as some concrete surface, per KDE guidelines. Our preschool staff has requested that the concrete surface be omitted in lieu of the rubberized surface over the entire area, with the exception of concrete stoops at the doors to the courtyard. Their rationale is that the rubber surface still allows the use of wheeled toys and wheelchairs, while providing a safer surface for the small children.

We have spoken with our architect regarding this change, and they could not see why the change would have any adverse effect on the project and support the change, provided KDE agrees. We are, therefore, respectfully requesting a waiver of the requirement for partially paving the outdoor play area.

Since the installation of the playground equipment is somewhat schedule driven, we ask that you review this at your earliest convenience so that we may proceed accordingly. We appreciate your time and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Gary French
Superintendent of Schools