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**Consent Agenda Item (Action Item):** Permission to advertise for bids for playground replacement equipment at our elementary schools.

**Applicable State or Regulations:** In accordance with the Kentucky Model Procurement Code, specifically **KRS 45A**, projects exceeding the statutory bid threshold must be publicly advertised and competitively bid.

Board approval is required to authorize administration to advertise for bids and solicit competitive proposals for this project.

**Fiscal/Budgetary Impact:**

Estimated Project Cost: \$300,000 per playground  
Funding Source: General Funds, School Funds, and Donations

**History/Background:** The playground equipment at our elementary schools is outdated and has exceeded its recommended service life. Routine inspections have identified wear and deterioration that may present safety concerns and contribute to increased maintenance costs.

To ensure compliance with current safety standards and to provide a safe, engaging, and developmentally appropriate environment for students, replacement of the existing playground structures is recommended.

The replacement of playground equipment will be implemented as part of a five-year phased plan, contingent upon annual budget allowances and available funding. Schools will be prioritized based on documented need, safety concerns, and overall condition of existing equipment. Consideration will also be given to the level of financial contribution each school is able to provide at the school level through or other local funding sources.

During the current school year, three schools will be identified as priority sites based on need and safety concerns and will be recommended for inclusion in the initial phase of the replacement plan.

A district committee will be established to review and prioritize projects annually. The committee will consider multiple categories including safety, structural integrity, accessibility, and student usage. Input will be gathered from school administrators, students, staff, and community members to ensure that selected playground designs meet the needs and interests of each school community.

**Recommended Action:** It is recommended that the Board grant approval to advertise for bids.

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