

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

May 23, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D. C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for **Dever Elementary Sustainable Updates to CPS' Outdoor Spaces** in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Chicago Board of Education, located at 3436 N Osceola Ave, Chicago, IL 60634.

The funding would be used to replace a deteriorated grass field at the school with a new, safe, and low-maintenance turf field. The current field is unsafe due to persistent muddy and marshy conditions, limiting its use for physical education, recess, and outdoor learning. This project will provide reliable outdoor space for over 700 students and support use throughout the school year. It also includes improved drainage infrastructure to help mitigate local flooding and protect nearby properties. The field will serve as a shared space for the broader community during evenings and weekends.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it addresses long-standing infrastructure and safety issues, enhances access to outdoor physical activity, and provides environmental benefits through updated site improvements.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Delia C. Ramirez
Member of Congress