

**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 the **Renovation of Goethe Elementary School's Outdoor Playspace** in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Chicago Board of Education, located at 2236 N. Rockwell St., Chicago, IL 60647.

The requested funding would support the renovation of the outdoor field and play area at an elementary school that serves over 700 students. Due to the deteriorated and unsafe condition of the existing space, students are currently unable to use it for physical education or team sports and must travel off-site, often crossing busy streets. This project will create a safe, accessible, and functional space for recess, physical activity, after-school programs, and outdoor learning. The upgraded field will also serve as a valued recreational area and gathering space for local families during evenings and weekends and contribute to neighborhood revitalization.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it addresses urgent infrastructure deficiencies, enhances student safety and wellness, and provides meaningful public benefit to both the school and the surrounding community.

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