



# UNIVERSITY OF SAINT JOSEPH

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Re: SUP #PL20230154

**Project Narrative**

School for Young Children – Playground upgrade  
238 Steele Road  
West Hartford, CT

The School for Young Children (SYC) serves as a preschool for the West Hartford region and provides educational opportunities for education students at the University of Saint Joseph. Situated on five acres of land, spending time outdoors is an important element of the program. Teachers extend children's learning and exploration within the outdoor environment. Currently there are three spaces on the property that are used each day. When social distancing was a critical element in maintaining a healthy environment, classes spent additional time outside. During that time class sizes and time spent outdoors had to be limited due to limitations of the space available. The purpose of this permit is to create an additional space for children to use on the property. This play space would include equipment offering children opportunities to develop balance and coordination. The project is funded by the Connecticut Child Care Program Stabilization Funding which identifies the improvement of outdoor learning spaces/playgrounds as one of its goals.