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To: Board of School Directors

From: Ed Poprik, Vern Bock and Randy Brown

RE: **Playground Update**

Date: September 9, 2019

District Administrators met the Metcalfe Design on August 27, 2019. The following includes an update based on that meeting.

The overall project timeline remains unchanged from the previously distributed calendar, which is dated July 25 and is attached to this memo.

The Metcalfe team is working on securing building permits for each of the sites, which will be required to begin the construction phases. Upcoming work during the Fall of 2019 includes the following:

-Installation of Basketball Standards by SCASD	Mid-September
-Lining of blacktop by SCASD	Mid-September
-Installation of Swings by Kompan	October
-Re-use of selected old equipment	TBD

The basketball standards have been received by the district and will be installed as soon as possible, pending building permits, weather conditions, etc. Metcalfe and the district continue to research the ability and timing of reuse and install selected old equipment.

In addition to the work planned to occur this fall, each of the building principals is prepared to supplement the current inventory of site based playground supplies such as balls, hula hoops, goals corn hole, etc.

During the meeting, Metcalfe Design shared updated graphics based on their continued development of the project and District feedback. (attached) Each of the building principals reviewed and commented on the work. The updated graphics will be reviewed with building staff and PTO groups, respectively. The goal of each review will be to offer any feedback on minor adjustments to the plans. Major changes in scope are not feasible at this time as they would be subject to Board action and potential delays to the project schedule.

This information was reviewed with the facilities and grounds committee on September 5. Comments from those in attendance, including community members:

- Inclusion and omission of certain pieces of older and new types of equipment
 - I.e. individual and group swings, sliding boards, climbing apparatus
- Pollinator gardens
- Public art structures
- Structures and design features to increase inclusivity
- Completion calendar commitment

These comments were noted and will be considered in further discussions with the design team.

The district reported that the Phase 1 designs will be accessible for those with mobility challenges, a high priority in the design process. Making the playground sites ADA accessible accounts for a large portion of the cost at this point. The remaining items presented will be considered in the current phase when possible, however some will require further input from the specific school communities.

Regarding the commitment to finishing the playgrounds according to the current calendar, the administration continues to emphasize this concern to Metcalfe in a manner to proactively avoid any possible delays.

In relation to the concerns about playgrounds not being installed for the start of the 2019-20 school year the following should be considered:

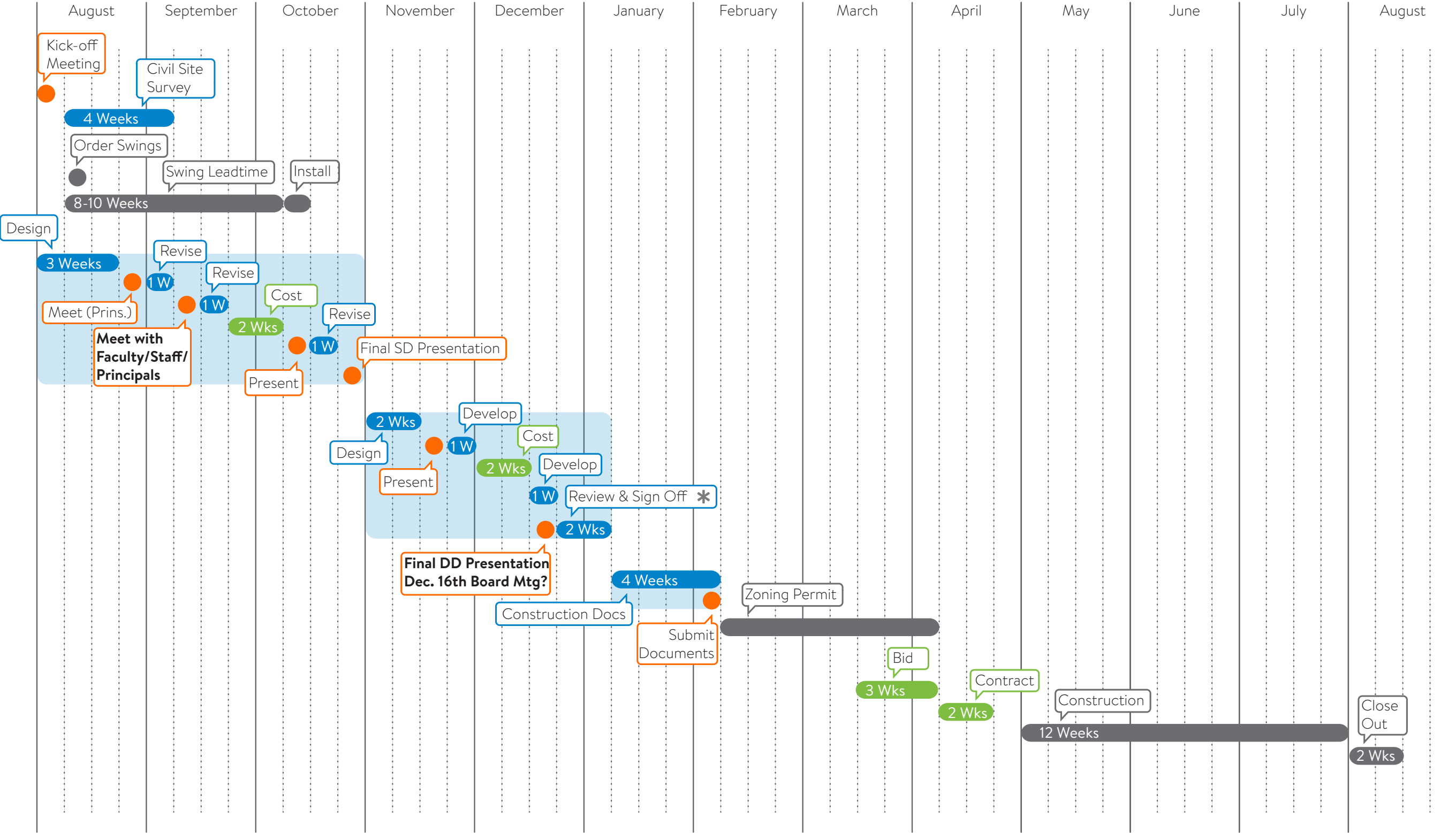
- The playground master plan process was initiated approximately one year ago, which has included multiple steps for stakeholder input
- ADA accessibility results in a major commitment during the design and installation process
- Accessibility accounts for more than one-half of the cost to each project
- Limited work, if any, at the project sites was possible this past summer due to construction, especially taking into account the accessibility component

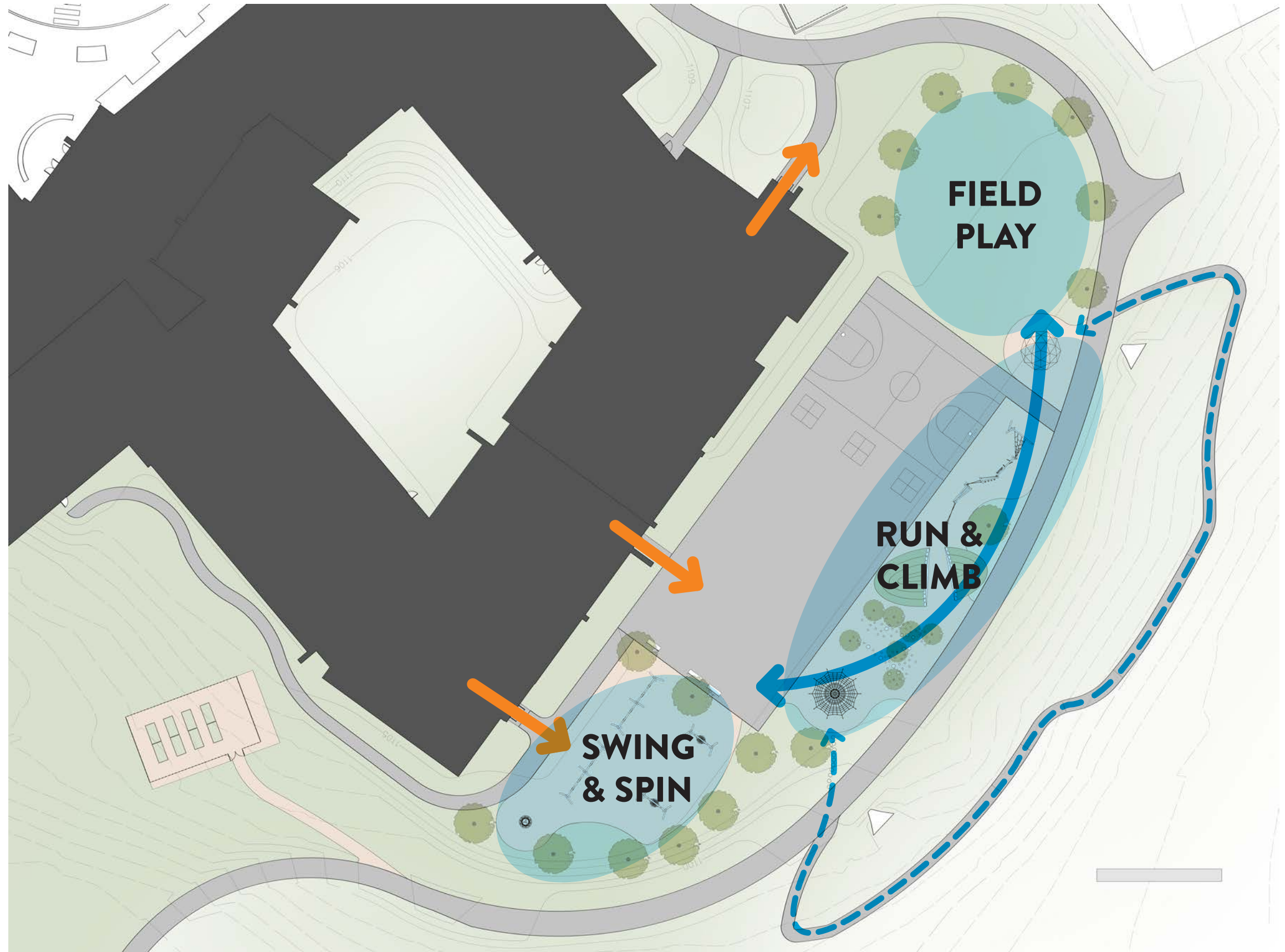
The administration reiterated the expectation that all school playgrounds will be updated before any Phase 2 work is completed. The scope of the playground project includes eleven playgrounds when adding the middle school sites.

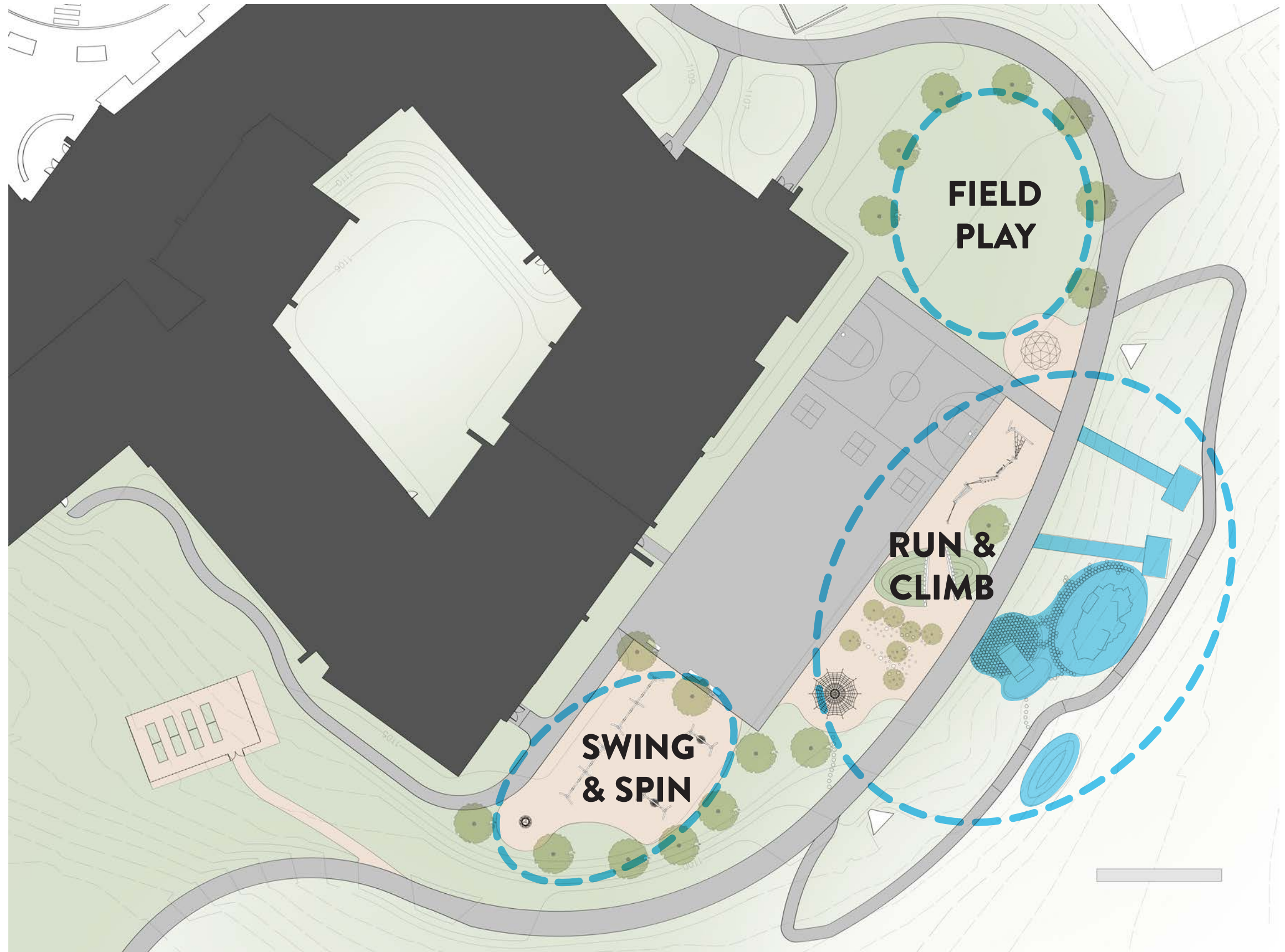
Attachments: Calendar

Updated graphics for CS, SC, and RP

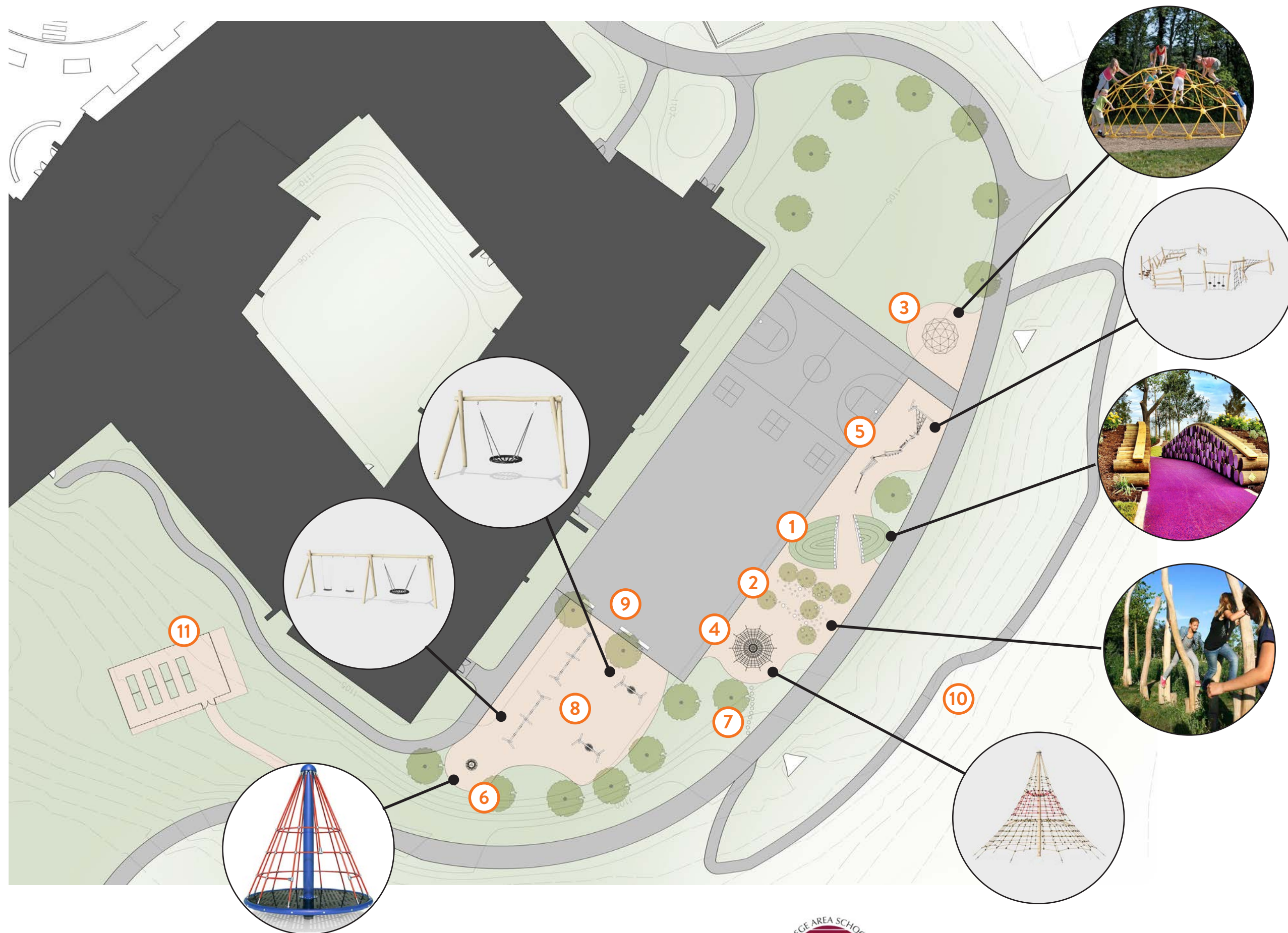
Phase 1 Schedule







- 1 Landscape Mound**
- Vestibular, Proprioceptive, Ability to sit, Creativity
- 2 Rod Forest**
- Critical Thinking, Confidence, Vestibular, Proprioceptive, Ability to sit
- 3 Climber (Reused)**
- Critical Thinking, Confidence, Vestibular, Proprioceptive, Ability to sit
- 4 Climber**
- Critical Thinking, Confidence, Vestibular, Proprioceptive, Ability to sit
- 5 Parkour**
- Critical Thinking, Confidence, Vestibular, Proprioceptive, Ability to sit
- 6 Spinner**
- Vestibular, Proprioceptive, Ability to sit, Creativity
- 7 Tree cookie path**
- Creativity, Collaboration, Vestibular, Proprioceptive, Ability to sit
- 8 Belt and Group Swings**
- Vestibular, Proprioceptive, Ability to sit, Communication, Empathy, Social Cues
- 9 Shaded Seating**
- Mental Health, Emotional Regulation
- 10 Nature Trail (ADA)**
- 11 Garden (Existing Location)**





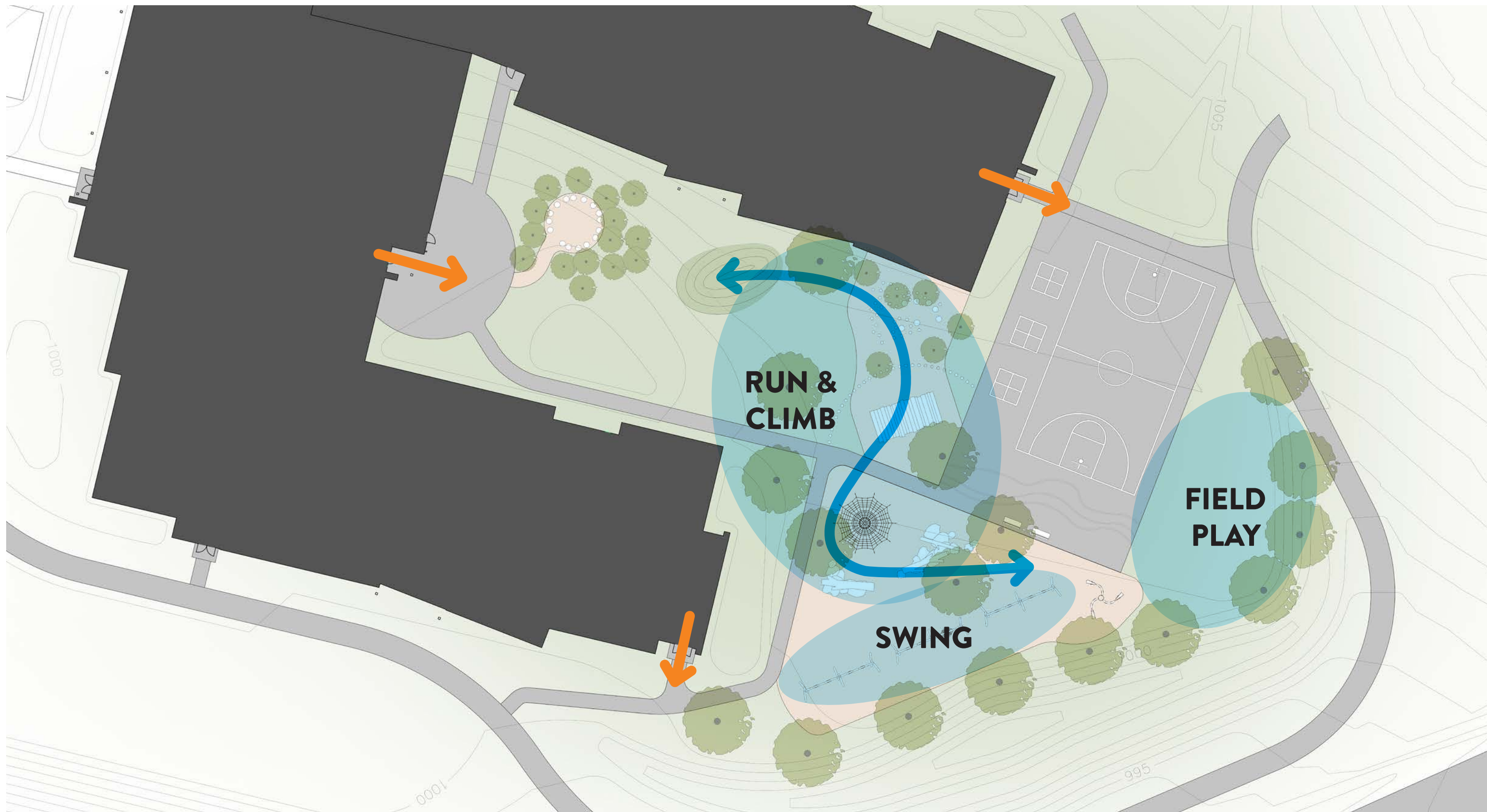






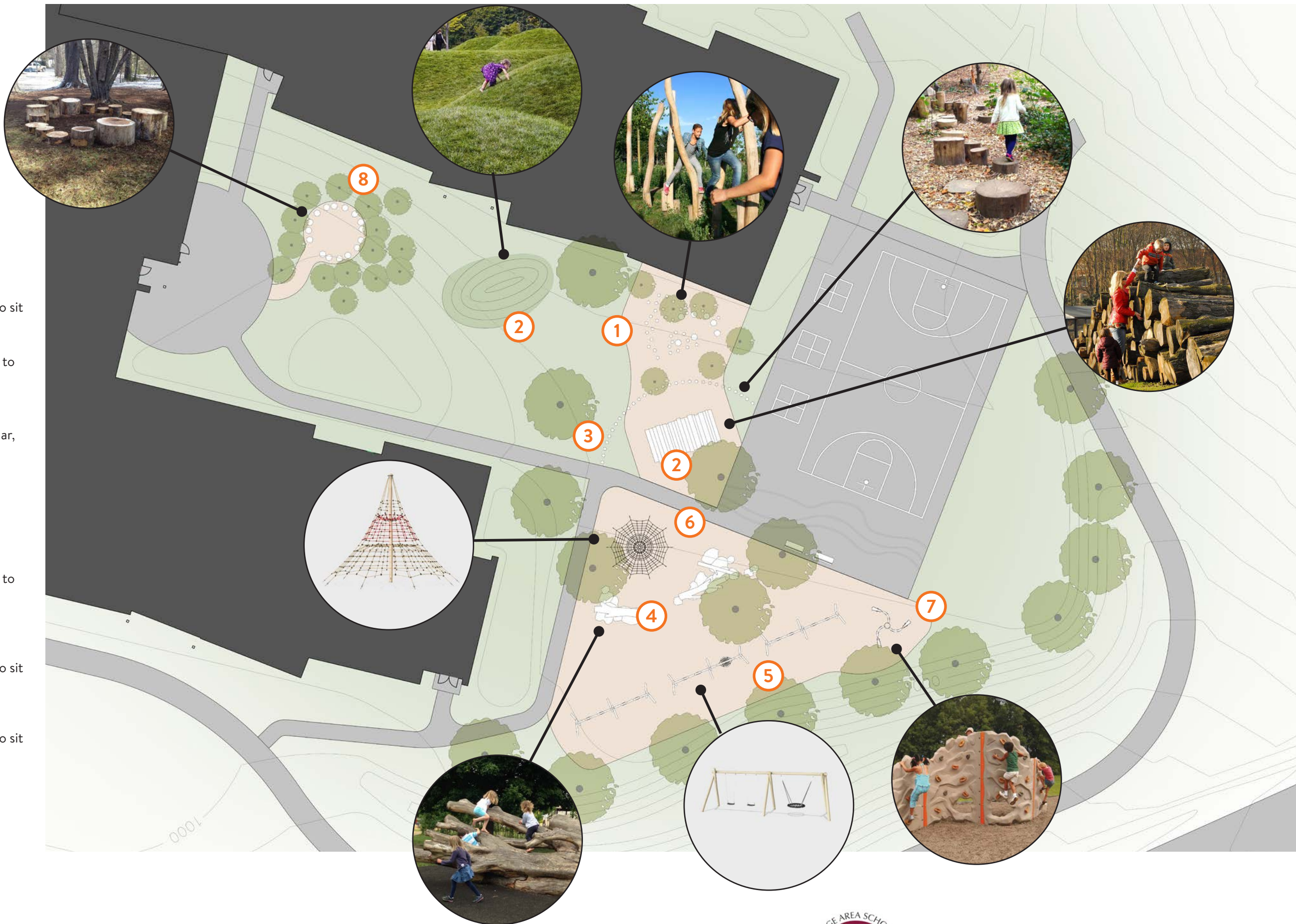








- 1 Rod Forest**
- Critical Thinking, Confidence, Vestibular, Proprioceptive, Ability to sit
- 2 Landscape Mounds**
- Vestibular, Proprioceptive, Ability to sit, Creativity
- 3 Tree cookie path**
- Creativity, Collaboration, Vestibular, Proprioceptive, Ability to sit
- 4 Log & Boulder Scramble**
- Critical Thinking, Confidence, Creativity, Collaboration
- 5 Belt and Group Swings**
- Vestibular, Proprioceptive, Ability to sit, Creativity
- 6 Climber**
- Critical Thinking, Confidence, Vestibular, Proprioceptive, Ability to sit
- 7 Climber (Reused)**
- Critical Thinking, Confidence, Vestibular, Proprioceptive, Ability to sit
- 8 Outdoor Classroom**
- Communication, Empathy, Social Cues, Mental Health, Emotional Regulation







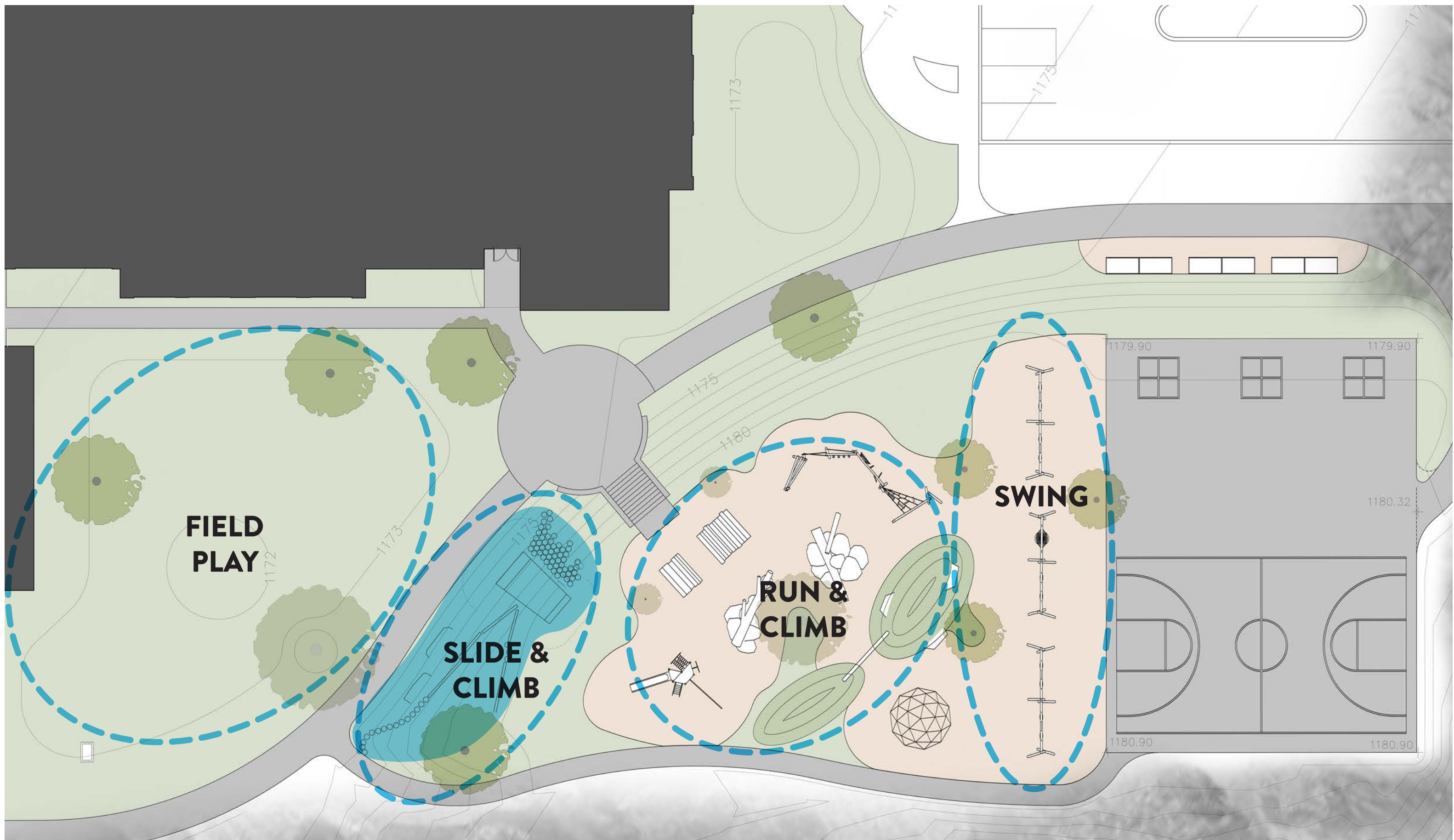












- 1 Landscape Mound**
- Vestibular, Proprioceptive, Ability to sit, Creativity
- 2 Stacked Log Mound**
- Vestibular, Proprioceptive, Ability to sit, Creativity
- 3 Log & Boulder Scramble**
- Critical Thinking, Confidence, Creativity, Collaboration
- 4 Balance Beam**
- Mental Health, Emotional Regulation
- 5 Climber (Reused)**
- Critical Thinking, Confidence, Vestibular, Proprioceptive, Ability to sit
- 6 Climber with Slide (Reused)**
- Critical Thinking, Confidence, Vestibular, Proprioceptive, Ability to sit, Creativity
- 7 Parkour**
- Critical Thinking, Confidence, Vestibular, Proprioceptive, Ability to sit
- 8 Belt and Group Swings**
- Vestibular, Proprioceptive, Ability to sit, Communication, Empathy, Social Cues
- 9 Stone Slab Seating**
- Mental Health, Emotional Regulation
- 10 Pollinator Garden**
- Communication, Empathy, Social Cues













