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4/15/2019 21:29:39	Radio Park	Will the climbing equipment that was saved be added to this design? The students really enjoyed this big yellow climber and the what students called, "the baby bottle" to climb on and sit on and chat.
4/15/2019 21:34:17	Radio Park	Consider including spaces for educational and food gardens. Play equipment looks inadequate for number of students it will accommodate. Consider size of average recess group and increase planned equipment if needed.
4/15/2019 21:46:29	Radio Park	It seems that the recently proposed plan allows students to enter and play in the woods near the school, this is a safety issue, as a parent I expect playground monitors to be able to view students at all times, additionally there's a public path that cuts through to the neighborhood. I'm also concerned about the lack of traditional playground equipment such as swings and slides. I was unable to tell whether or not the plan has a flat open space for sports, field day etc. but I believe this to be a necessity.
4/16/2019 7:12:40	Radio Park	There are three significant problems with the current design for Radio Park. It doesn't account for the fact that we have snow. Snow is a significant feature for at least half of the academic year. This design seems fine for sunny locations, but not for snow-bound schools. Second, what happened to our garden? Radio Park has a terrific, robust, large garden that plays a huge role in the school life. It must be included. Third, how does this design recognize the kids who walk and bike to school? Where are the ways in which to get to school safely? Our old paths and trails are now covered by parts of the new design.
4/16/2019 7:57:44	Radio Park	While I think some of the nature play components are neat, I am concerned about the overall lack of "playground" feel and equipment. The sight lines concern me from a safety perspective. It seems unclear about what will be a part of the design: number of swings, basketball hoops, etc. I truly hope there is room for specific feedback from teachers and our parent community because it wasn't clear whether those aspects could be changed. While group slides are a neat idea, again from a safety perspective, I'm not sure how that plays out on an elementary school playground. Also the tree line involved concerns me because it's close to where the public walks. Ticks and poison ivy (which has typically grown rampant in that area) will be a concern and wondering who/how that will be treated and kept up with.
4/16/2019 12:43:18	Radio Park	I am a teacher and a parent at RP. Though the area looks nice, it also seems very difficult to supervise. It is important to understand that at the primary and kindergarten level, more adult supervision would be necessary for the swings that hold multiple kids at a time. Dramatic play was a request on so many of the plans kids created, we need more visual areas for that. A teacher look out is not practical....staff will be engaging with students the entire recess. Can't tell if there is a slide, could not find it but, would like one. Can the old jungle gym that was saved be re-installed? It was always beloved and appeared to be in good shape. If we can't have sand, could we have rocks for stacking or something for kids to do and interact with?
4/16/2019 16:20:04	Radio Park	Hello! I was unable to attend the playground meeting last week, but heard that most of the plans were natural landscape with very little playground equipment. I have two very active young boys and would like to put in a vote for a more traditional playground. I really think an elementary school needs that! Thanks, Chrissy Marusa, PTO Treasurer
4/16/2019 16:43:44	Radio Park	1) Really great plan. I like the incorporation of the woods and the overall design. 2) I am worried about the crawling tunnel, especially given its location in the drainage area of the field. That area floods often and I worry the tunnel would be filled with water or dirty which would create a problem if children get wet/muddy during school. 3) I am worried about security, not just with this plan but in the back of the school in general. The public footpath cuts through the playground now and in the proposed plan so there is no access control at all for the school (and also from the close by shared path). Given the incidents at SCASD schools this year I really worry about the security of children and teachers when they are at play. The redesign has considerably increased the security of the front of school but has failed to improve conditions in the play areas of the school. Maybe this is not a function of playground design, but I wonder about the ability to put fencing or access control limitations (even working with local law enforcement to have resource officers on hand during playtimes) in place. Otherwise I think this is a great design and will compliment the renovated school very well.
4/16/2019 16:50:45	Radio Park	Hi, I am hoping that there could be a presentation at RP elementary for our community to directly address our school's plan and needs. I missed our specific meeting last week and I know there were very few people from our school who could make the date. I think there is a wealth of knowledge that our faculty and staff have regarding the needs of the playground space that are imperative for making final decisions regarding the space. While I love the idea of 'natural play', I think the current proposal goes so far away from traditional play spaces that it is no longer considering the actual needs and usability for a growing elementary school. I hope that you will allow more opportunities for our school to have a voice. Thank you.

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4/16/2019 20:22:22	Radio Park	I appreciate the attention to try to build upon existing elements of nature such as the topography and especially the trees bordering the fields at Radio Park. I hope there is plenty of place for creative play in nature, collaboratively. I've sorely missed the outdoor play for my child this year during construction!!
4/16/2019 20:59:31	Radio Park	I am very grateful to be getting a new playground for the students. However, there are so many amazing options for playgrounds. I feel like we need to be able to research other playgrounds that are accessible for all and not be locked in to one particular theme that is not as exciting for students.
4/17/2019 9:32:14	Delta Middle School	I like the plans for the playground area for Delta. I love that it's designed for open-ended play and gives options for group seating, accessibility and physical activity. It would be nice if there was also some covered outdoor spaces to allow for outdoor learning even in less than ideal weather. Thank you for all of this - the entire Delta community is looking forward to our new space and this new outdoor space.
4/17/2019 13:04:10	Radio Park	I think the plan for the new RP playground looks amazing and I look forward to being able to enjoy it! I had two concerns when looking at the plan. The first concern is the small, crawl-through pipe (located east of the 3 on the map). This is a very wet area and I worry that this is going to get very muddy and gunky and then the kids will be crawling through it. The second concern is the bike path (which, if I remember correctly, will now connect as a spur to the main bike path south of the school) which bisects the playground. This is a public-use path and increases security concerns in the back of the school considerably -- anyone can come through the playground on this path and cyclists may come through at a very high rate of speed once it is a connector between the main path and College Heights (and people do go very fast on bikes on the main path). Will there be ways to limit access or to close the path when school is in session? Would it be possible to not build the spur through the playground but to route bike traffic along Blue Course instead? I know that Ferguson Township recently approved a plan to widen the sidewalk along Blue Course so perhaps it is worth talking to the Township and making the bike path run along Blue Course or in the front of the school rather than connecting that spur along the back of the school and through the playground in order to ensure the safety and security of kids on the playground and to limit public traffic through the back of the school.
4/17/2019 14:56:23	Spring Creek	Swings and a slide are a must!!
4/17/2019 19:07:28	Radio Park	There is a lot of poison ivy in the woods. Teachers have always told our children to stay out of the woods. I think this could be big problem. When my child looked at the pictures, they asked where the playground was. They want climbing equipment, more swings, slides and more equipment to play on. How can the teachers keep an eye on the students if the students are in the tunnel? That is just trouble waiting to happen there. What happened to the traditional playgrounds? Kids need equipment to climb on, swings, slides, basketball hoops.....Please give our kids a nice playground that they can use.
4/17/2019 20:52:32	Radio Park	I am very concerned about the paved path shown on the playground plan for Radio Park which runs between the paved play area (court area) and the grove of trees (wooded area). This eight foot wide path not only runs behind Radio Park but is planned to connect to the existing shared use path which parallels Blue Course Drive and Teaberry Lane. The shared use path is very popular and is very busy throughout the day. The connected path not only will bisect the playing area behind Radio Park but also will provide a means for joggers, bike riders, dog walkers and walkers to cross through the play areas. This is a safety concern for the students. While signs can be posted notifying the public that the path on school property can not be used during school hours, not everyone will obey the signs. Therefore, Radio Park staff who are monitoring students while they are in the play areas also will need to monitor the path and stop any members of the public who are using the portion of the path which is on school property. The monitoring of the path distracts from monitoring the students. Student safety outside the school building should be just as important as student safety inside the school building. I believe that the school building safety measures are excellent. And the play area safety measures should be, too. To improve the play area safety, the paved path between the paved play area and the grove of trees should not be connected to the public shared use path. Make the play area less accessible to the public and more safe for the students.
4/18/2019 8:29:50	Corl Street	please get basketball standards that have goals on them: http://www.fitness-sports.co.uk/muga/anti-vandal-basketball.html This is just one example, there are many more out there.
4/18/2019 8:32:01	Corl Street	I just want to ensure that there is equipment available for children with special needs. I am glad that they are making the surface ADA accessible, but our school has in the past, and may have in the future, children in wheelchairs. I would hope that you consider this when finalizing the plan.

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4/18/2019 8:56:15	Corl Street	<p>Please leave plenty of space for free play. The kids love to play soccer, football, tag, etc so there needs to be plenty of open space for the kids to run around and enjoy being outside. I would also love to see plenty of swings and ADA swings and other equipment. Please also make sure there is enough black top space for when they are not allowed on the grass (weather related) and for basketball. We don't need fancy, we need enough equipment to meet the needs of the kids and plenty of open space for them to run and enjoy the break(s) they are given. With the old school, the walking path was also fantastic for kids who don't necessarily love the sports and for our Cougar Cat run and other events throughout the year. Please honor what the parents are asking for - lots of open space, enough equipment to meet the needs of the children, basketball/blacktop space. And the school garden was a huge part of our community. We had a lovely shed build (by HS students) and the raised beds. There should be a dedicated space for that and I know there would be plenty of us who would be more than disappointed if this was not incorporated into the space. My son has one year left at Corl Street but we would love for this space to be enjoyed by students for years to come.</p>
4/18/2019 15:57:17	Radio Park	<p>I am concerned about the lack of equipment--kids like playground equipment. I love the idea of creative play and the nature theme and use of nature to play. I just think we need balance...space for creative play, equipment for kids that like that, and sports play (hoops, 4 square, etc.) for kids that enjoy organized games. It almost seems to too far to the creative side and not enough equipment for kids that really enjoy that type of play.</p> <p>Of the equipment in this design, I am concerned about safety. The large group swings are yes a lot of fun and great at a park where maybe 20 kids are sharing a space, but can be very dangerous and cause a lot of wait time arguing over the two or three swings when you have 60+ kids on the playground at once. Ziplines have been very dangerous ---unless designs have been updated, but we have had multiple broken bones on our playground from the zipline and our administration took it out because of the risks. Yes, I agree kids need to take risks in play and scrapes and cuts are part of that, but broken bones is another.</p> <p>Looking at the design it would be very tough to appropriately supervise the playground with such a vast space. I understand the observation deck with views of the entire playground, but if you spend any time on a playground you'll quickly discover you can not SEE most problems from a far. Many of social problems involve hurtful words, and exclusion, knowing to keep your eye on a group that might have trouble respectfully following rules to a game, etc. With this vast spacing it would be a challenge to help students deal with these type of playground issues.</p> <p>Finally I am concerned about the amount of money going into redesign at all schools. There are so many needs in our classrooms--would that money be better spent in other places. Smaller class sizes, emotional, autistic support teachers, behavior management specialists, etc.</p>
4/18/2019 16:05:29	Mount Nittany Elementary	<p>We would love to see ropes climbing and rock climbing.</p>
4/18/2019 16:12:13	Radio Park	<p>I am concerned that there is not enough climbing equipment or swings. I would hope there would be basketball hoops, wall ball, 4 square activities as these are activities that encourage group participation and teamwork. I worry about the tunnels - they seem like a place where kids could gather and get into trouble. If they have climbing equipment and basketball courts, they will be occupied. Also, our students drew these items (slides, swings, basketball hoops) on the student input forms. What of their input was taken into consideration?</p>
4/18/2019 16:29:02	Radio Park	<p>I have a lot of concerns about the new place space. Were the students' feedback taken into account? There does not seem to be anything from the student input forms put into place in the plan. I think there needs to be more opportunities for students to play with basketball hoops, 4-square, and other games. The teachers worry that the students will not be able to be supervised in the open play space and especially in the wooded part (there are also ticks and poison ivy in that area). The tunnel space should also be reconsidered if it is not big enough to walk through. Please consider revising the plan and using input of what the students want - slides, swings, and other equipment</p>
4/18/2019 16:29:23	Radio Park	<p>The playground boundaries should not include the forested area. That area is full of poison ivy and possibly ticks. The forested area also creates a problem for supervision and inclusivity of those with mobility challenges. We would much rather see a traditional play space similar to Bernal Road Park.</p>
4/18/2019 16:45:22	Corl Street	<p>Would love to see more swings.</p>

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4/18/2019 18:48:37	Radio Park	I have concerns about the layout of the proposed playground at Radio Park Elementary. One concern is that younger children will not see a physical boundary and we could risk them running off or hiding into the tree line. Especially children with behavior problems who have a higher risk for running off. Another concern is the large supervision area- there are typically only 4 adults supervising recess activities and sometimes only 3. It seems like a large area to be aware of with multiple obstructions for viewing the children safely. I'm also questioning why I don't see a climbing tower or a slide, as these are two favorites of the children I'm with daily. I saw some comments addressing handicap accessibility but this is a must for kiddos who don't get around or interact with the equipment in a "typical" way. I don't oppose the idea of using the landscape that we have natural to our area in central PA, but my kindergarten class will not notice the similarities to the topography of the Allegheny mountain region. They will notice if they don't have a sliding board, swings, a tower to climb, see-saw (or whatever their favorite playground equipment is) for the 6 years they attend our school. They use this time as a release from the stillness of the classroom, a time to be moving in the sun, laughing with friends, running and climbing, making new connections, and getting fresh air and exercise. I don't see playground equipment as a teaching tool, but rather a chance to experience freedom of choice in a day that's filled with expectations and being told what to do and when. I know I'm not the only person who has these concerns. Hopefully there's some changes that can be made to accommodate some of these concerns in the best interest of the Radio Park students.
4/18/2019 19:20:39	Radio Park	This is a park that I would take my child to if it was in the community such as Bernell Park, however, it seems quite unrealistic as a school playground. The layout of this plan is worrisome for many different reasons. In terms of supervision, there are so many different areas for children to go unseen. It feels quite impossible for teachers to be able to realistically supervise everyone safely. The wooded area involved in the plans is something our students can no longer access due to poison ivy and ticks so that also feels like an overview. How will that be made and maintained safely? Also, the students are currently being asked to use imaginative play at recess due to a lack of options, and there have been so many more issues this year stemming from recess than in previous years. I understand some of the ideas behind models like this plan are for students to "take risks" on the equipment, however, so many elementary students take too many risks as it is and could truly wind up hurt on these pieces of equipment, and that means more than just bruises and cuts. They could also become dangerous towards those around them, too. We want our students to have fun, but we also want them to be in a safe environment for all students regardless of their age, size, and ability level. Please consider opening discussions up at faculty meetings for further input. This may seem like a minor detail in the big construction projects, however, it holds a huge importance on our kids' days and over successes. Thank you for your time.
4/18/2019 20:40:56	Spring Creek	Nature play with slides, hanging bars and climbers
4/18/2019 20:52:47	Radio Park	I feel very strongly this design plan does not address the needs of our elementary students. Although I value creative play, there needs to be a better balance with this design. What also needs to be considered is the supervision of children during recess. I do not feel it is safe for children to be walking out to a lookout with trees infested with ticks and poison ivy. Recess supervisors and teachers are always told to make sure they can see children at all times. With the lookout in the trees and the tunnels, it would be a challenge to see our kids playing. Basketball hoops, slides, and swings were all extremely popular on our old playground and would be greatly missed if they were taken away. I'm optimistic that the input of teachers and parents will be considered before finalizing the playground.
4/18/2019 22:29:19	Radio Park	Seems like a waste of money. Why not just stick to basic playground that makes kids happy. This doesn't seem safe. Let's let kids run free through poison ivy woods and not always be seen. Do tax payers really know you want to redo all playgrounds? This upsets me! We are really willing to rip out good equipment at a cost to me. My kids are happy and they don't even have equipment yet.
4/18/2019 22:30:47	Gray's Woods	Seems like a waste of money. Do tax payers really know you want to redo all playgrounds? This upsets me! We are really willing to rip out good equipment at a cost to me. My kids are happy with their current playground.
4/18/2019 22:33:39	Park Forest Middle	Seems like a waste of money. This doesn't seem safe. Let's let hormonal kids lay next to each other. Do middle schoolers even really get experienced for "recess" Do tax payers really know you want to redo all playgrounds? This upsets me!

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4/19/2019 5:53:27	Radio Park	I am a kindergarten teacher at Radio Park. I love the design and natural elements of the play space, and I think it would be a great place to take a family, but I have significant concerns about its use as a play space for 75 kindergarteners at one time. The space seems to lack balance between options for creative/imaginative play and more structured games/activities. We need both, as not all children are interested in imaginative play. Some of the equipment options (zipline, etc) look as though they would be extremely challenging (or impossible) for most 5-6 year olds. I would hate to have a brand new space with cool options that they could not use. I have serious safety concerns as well. First, it seems that we are encouraging risk taking (important) but we need to think about what happens every time one of those 75 kids gets hurt. An adult has to leave the playground to take them to the nurse. This dramatically increases the teacher/child ratio on the play space, which is dangerous. Second, with the space being so expansive, it is impossible for 3-4 people to effectively supervise and interact with all 75 students. It is not enough to be able to just see 5-6 year olds as they play. Adults need to be able to move between and around them easily and quickly. Our kids have endured so many challenges related to construction, and not having a playground has been one of the most difficult. I look forward to having a space where all kids can safely run, climb, build, and create.
4/19/2019 14:26:26	Spring Creek	Expensive, worried about longevity/maintenance, missing slides, logs present safety issues, disappointed playground equipment can't/will not be salvaged. Love the merry-go-round though.
4/19/2019 15:43:49	Spring Creek	With the new school, I would like to see an expanded playground area with an increase in equipment from what was formerly available at Houserville. It would also be nice to have some additional space for group activities (basketball court, open space for kickball/football, volleyball nets, etc)
4/20/2019 7:41:20	Radio Park	<p>Playing in the woods is not a good option. There is a lot of poison ivy and ticks in there and the way it slopes back away from the school is too close to the perimeter of the property and too close to the neighborhood. I would eliminate all planned development in the woods- I would not want my child in there during recess and for years we have not allowed play in there for the above reasons.</p> <p>There does not appear to be enough climbing equipment and space for running- but necessary for active play and building upper body strength.</p> <p>The tunnels described mean that children are out of direct visual supervision and have the potential of being extremely dirty over time- who will clean them and eliminate bugs?</p> <p>Don't understand the observation piers at all.</p> <p>Friends comments about the safety of the group swings concern me.</p> <p>[1]</p>
4/20/2019 7:56:06	Radio Park	<p>The prose surrounding the proposal of being aware and mimicking the geographical features is just plain silly for a school playground. I can see that the thought process is important as you consider what you are working with as a base starting point, but the ideas of the mounds and meandering paths for a school playground where the kids have 20-25 minutes to be active and run around- well, better suited for a regional park where a set of parents can watch their 3 kids- not two paras watching 60 . The tunnel is a very crazy idea for many reasons, both for during school time and after school. Yikes.</p> <p>The Easterly Parkway wheelchair swing's location makes it appear to be separate for a handicapped child and exclusionary. Too far away from the action of others and nothing else near it for the friends to do.</p>
4/20/2019 14:46:06	Radio Park	I think the pictures and features are lovely but not practical or workable- and costly. Who is paying for all this?
4/21/2019 15:06:31	Radio Park	The students really need equipment that all can access. They need a wall ball area too. Wall ball is a cooperative activity that promotes teamwork and problem solving. We have a lot of students who enjoy basketball too. We really need basketball courts and hoops for the kids. I am concerned that the drawings that our children submitted were not even looked at. Did you really see pictures of a playground with tunnels and mountains? Our kids want climbing equipment. They have had to be creative with their play without any equipment for over a year. Please create a playground that our children can enjoy. Thank you.

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4/22/2019 11:52:39	Radio Park	I have some concerns about the playscape that was shared. I don't see enough equipment for the children to play on. Supervision may also be an obstacle with this set up
4/22/2019 14:14:32	Radio Park	It doesn't look like there is a lot of climbing equipment in the plan. Could more be added in addition to the natural hardscapes? My daughter said that swings were often busy and it looks like there were less than they had before. Can more swings be added, too? Thank you!
4/22/2019 16:56:25	Spring Creek	<p>The overall design looks interesting. I am wondering if all the logs are actual real logs or fake wood? I am concerned obviously about splinters but also the long term sustainability of something like that.</p> <p>We had many wonderful toys before construction and upon showing my three children the future play ground they all asked where the old equipment was. They liked the colorful slides, the tetherball, the spider web to climb.</p> <p>If anything was changed my oldest son going into 5th really wants longer monkey bars to challenge himself on something that has more than 6 bars. He loves Ninja War courses so if something more along those lines could be incorporated all our boys would be fan of that!</p> <p>It seems like a lot of work and money could be spent on this new plan and I think my children aren't looking for mounds to run up and down on, we have hills everywhere. They really just want some great slides, swings and some of those old classic toys.</p>
4/23/2019 7:05:37	Spring Creek	I am concerned with ticks. Pennsylvania is the leading state of cases of Lyme disease and these nature playgrounds are the perfect habitat for them to propagate where are children are playing.
4/23/2019 9:27:27	Ferguson Township	I'm excited to see more natural elements in place with the chance to use creative play!
4/23/2019 10:04:18	Ferguson Township	You have my full support! I love the nature-based open-play. It's difficult not to compare our playground with the other schools', and I am hoping we could have more space intended for empathy, emotional regulation, social cues, or quiet thinking accessible during recess for the little ones. My kindergartner comes home with all kinds of drama-filled stories of social interactions at recess :)
4/23/2019 11:03:51	Mount Nittany Elementary	I am a staff member at MNE. One thing we always complain about is MUD. Kids miss recess on days where we could be outside but because of the mud they don't get full use of the playground area. They often walk the track and lose free-play time. Other schools do not have this luxury and might possibly miss recess all together. This also happens in winter because it turns to ice. It would be nice to see the muddy/ grassy areas changed to a more weather friendly surface. Something Comparable to the surface at Bernel Rd. Park.
4/23/2019 13:46:00	Radio Park	It would be nice to have a basketball court. The design is beautiful but coming from a mom of boys it seems to need more equipment.
4/23/2019 13:58:38	Ferguson Township	Appreciate the natural materials and look alongside the traditional playground space.
4/23/2019 14:49:55	Spring Creek	<p>I just showed it to my 3rd grader and kindergartener; the third grader immediately said, "Where's all the play equipment?" She liked it but said she would "put in some slides and stuff."</p> <p>My kids went to Penn Mont in Altoona for awhile, and they have this lovely sort of natural outdoor play area that seems similar to what is shown for Spring Creek. BUT, they also had a LOT more time outside and more time to develop the sort of imaginative and social play those areas would work well for. I don't think this sort of area is well suited for kids who get 20 minutes to play. They need some quick climbing and large muscle movement activities. I hope that the area also includes basketball courts and the existing play equipment (the orange and purple slide etc.)</p> <p>I also wonder how well the piles of logs and wood will fare in harsh PA winters.</p> <p>I'm also disappointed in how the playground committee was hand-picked. In the future, I'd like to see the entire community of parents invited to be a part of these committees. If you have more interest than space can accommodate (What a great problem to have!), then perhaps there could be an application or a lottery.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>

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4/23/2019 16:11:11	Park Forest Elementary	My daughter loves monkey bars. A climbing structure and swings would be nice for the students. Perhaps a rubber or soft surface underneath in case of falls would be helpful.
4/23/2019 16:45:58	Spring Creek	I love naturalist playgrounds, but please, please, include more man-made elements. They could still be "unstructured" but include climbing webs, slides, monkey bars/gymnastics beams, etc. Things that challenge kids physically and provide the kind of core-muscle development that today's kids are lacking from playscapes made of stairs and walkways.
4/23/2019 16:55:35	Radio Park	I am very disappointed with the proposal. My kids are also sad and not at all excited about logs in place of some type of jungle gym. Where are the slides, the high climbing structures, the fun? It seems like most of the elements at RP encourage kids to sit or be alone as opposed to playing together. The ropes course - one person climbs at a time per section, the spiky log walk - one person at a time, the zip line - one at a time. Climbing webbed octagons and other large playground equipment pieces allow lots of kids to play together in one space even-ing the playing field between those with different skills and abilities to still be able to come together. Also the logs and wooded area do not look practical given the wet and cold weather we experience in this area fall through spring. What is the point of spending lots of money on this project only to have the kids remain confined to the black top or stuck indoors with day after day of indoor recess? I really hope some changes will be made.
4/23/2019 18:32:35	Radio Park	I am very concerned of the lack of playground equipment in this design. I believe there needs to be more swing sets added as well as slides and other vertical climbing structures. That seems like the designers were more intrested in providing an all natural plan than a place space for active children.
4/23/2019 20:36:36	Radio Park	I personally feel the design is not safe for the majority of the children in radio park. Zip lines, stacks of logs and boulders, the little caves under the earth mounds? When there are only 4 teachers on the playground at one time, these areas are not safe (especially if the are wet, frozen or covered in snow). I'm also concerned about the amount of space for the new play area. Will it be fenced in so children can't wonder off in the trees and also so strangers can't walk into the area? I understand the school is trying to encourage more creative play and I'm all for that but there are some kids that want to play basketball or soccer as well. I don't feel the design accommodates those students. Hopefully in the coming months the design will be revised to be easier on the staff and more safe for all the students, kindergarten through 5th grade. Thank you for taking the time to read my comments.
4/23/2019 20:57:32	Ferguson Township	I really like the "natural" aspect of these designs - feels much more like "playing in the woods" than just the traditional playground equipment. But I also like that there are traditional pieces like swings, etc. since kids do enjoy those as well.
4/23/2019 21:02:02	Spring Creek	I would like nature to be incorporated as much as possible. Hills to roll down, sled down in the winter, lots of areas to run and play hide and seek. Large rocks that kids can leap on would also be great. Climbing trees would also be great. Swings are always loved. Maybe some tarzan ropes?
4/23/2019 21:29:01	Ferguson Township	It would be great to have more natural play areas where kids can enjoy and interact with nature. Also native plants and more trees would be wonderful, giving more shady spaces and spaces that could be enjoyed even in the rain. Active spaces are important for exercise and sports, as well as spaces where kids can go to be away from more high density areas. Thanks for working on this!
4/24/2019 8:17:29	Corl Street	I'd like to see more climbers and equipment that inspires imaginative play, such as bridges and platforms. A fitness circuit would be fun!
4/24/2019 11:18:42	Radio Park	Although the plan looks beautiful I am concerned as a recess para with the amount of space that kids would be allowed to cover in one recess with only a few adults on watch. If there were a way to be able to fence or gate some of the sections (like the wooded play area) then they could explore within an appropriate sized space for their age/grade. They could split the days up that they are allowed wooded area play space or blacktop/playground equipment space. I also see a lack of slides, more swings and sand play areas. Ziplines are fun but cause more injuries than they should on playgrounds. I hope you will seriously reconsider some of the plans and tweak them as necessary for Radio Park.
4/24/2019 12:45:19	Park Forest Elementary	I really like the idea of adding the nature scapes to the playgrounds. However, I am a bit concerned that too much of the traditional equipment will be taken away. I'd love a good mix of both. I am in favor of expansions and lots of options. A child's recess is imperative for their development.
4/24/2019 16:18:11	Corl Street	Care should be made to ensure that playground equipment isn't overly expensive.

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4/24/2019 22:45:51	Radio Park	The plans for the play grounds, while they look natural and fun, worry me. At Radio Park, half of the proposed playground is in wooded area, with low visibility for adults. Aparatuses, such as the log piles seem very unsafe. The other issue that I'm concerned about is poison ivy and ticks (both of which my kids have come home with just being at the edge of the woods at Radio Park).
4/25/2019 8:16:20	Radio Park	I am very concerned about the extremely high cost of these playgrounds. The last playgrounds we built were in the 50-100K range and these are in the 250-500K range and possibly more. I can't support using public money for these playgrounds at this cost which is five times or more what we could build them for. That combined with potential increased maintenance costs to maintain these playgrounds make them financially not in the interest of our community. I think the district needs to move in a different direction and pay more attention to being better financial stewards of the community's tax dollars.
4/26/2019 7:28:13	Radio Park	Seems like it lacks equipment for the amount of students compared to the old play ground and covers a large area which I heard cost a lot of money for ground cover.
4/26/2019 16:45:32	Easterly Parkway	See saws are amazing and teach kids basic physics, which would coincide with their simple machines unit in 3rd/4th grade. In addition, it teaches teamwork and collaboration through fun on the playground.
4/26/2019 16:49:13	Easterly Parkway	Planting trees is extremely beneficial to wallflowers who like to read in the shade (or make houses out of sticks for bugs that live in the trunk). Even though the selection of trees at Easterly is not currently sparse, planting more RIGHT NOW would be a great way to get kids excited (watch a tree grow, care for it, etc.) and ensure a constant presence of trees as the years go on so that all the trees are not the same age and will easily replace one another.
4/26/2019 16:50:37	Easterly Parkway	Get the students involved in the planning of playgrounds during their neighborhood/playground planning unit in 1st/2nd grade! It will be a very cool opportunity to plan for something that may actually be realized, and you can get student input on possible playground features.
4/27/2019 20:03:40	Radio Park	I am concerned about the enormous surface area of the playground. It is so spread out, and I not sure how 4 adults will be able to supervise 70 plus kids out there. I am concerned that there is not a climbing piece of equipment, steps, slide, etc. (like the one we previously had at Radio Park). I know that there is some type of ropes course with ziplines....my concern is that this will not be accessible or safe for the kindergarten and 1st grade students. We are the only school that was not able to keep any of our old equipment (the others schools' older equipment all contain some type of a climbing structure). What will we do when the bad weather arrives likely from November - April- which parts of the playground WILL be accessible during bad weather (which can be many days in State College, PA. I also have concerns about the large circular swings that can hold multiple children. Without an adult close by, these types of swings can be very dangerous for younger students. We have witnessed this first hand at Bernel Park. Thanks for giving the community an opportunity to express our concerns.
4/29/2019 21:11:45	Park Forest Elementary	I would be in favor of natural play spaces that incorporate nature exploration and creativity using natural materials. Ideas for these can be found if you google natural play spaces. You can also see images for natural play spaces on google. Park Forest is lucky to have forested areas, and I hope that any new playground design would include more trees, not less. Thank you.
5/1/2019 17:05:26	My children have moved c	While my children are no longer in elementary school, as a taxpayer and supporter of public school education I generally follow the goings-on around the district. I question both the estimated expense per playground and more importantly, whether staff will be able to keep students safe with so many nooks and crannies. Pardon my crassness, but the proposed nests at Radio Park and the tunnels shown at a couple schools look like the perfect place for kids to touch each other's privates. The sight lines for teachers and staff look ill-conceived. In addition to the already high proposed cost of these playgrounds and the apparent need for more groundskeepers, will the district also have to pay for additional staff to monitor recess? What plans are in place to ensure students are being safe and behaving appropriately behind the stacks of logs and piles of boulders? I believe play areas such as this are better for public spaces, where the expectation exists that parents/caregivers monitor their own children, not for areas where large groups of children play and small numbers of staff are expected to keep them safe.
5/4/2019 12:25:22	Radio Park	I like that there seems to be share, I think that's important. My daughter said her classmates loved the swings when they went on a field trip so maybe more of those. I also don't see any slides, which are always fun. Thanks for sharing the plans with us and asking for input.
5/4/2019 20:56:32	Radio Park	My first grader greatly desires a slide and a climber for the playground.

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5/6/2019 11:53:53	Spring Creek	For the new Spring Creek playground, we would appreciate equipment that allows children to engage in higher intensity/activity level exercise for maximum health benefit -- for example, structures that encourage climbing, running and jumping. These options are particularly important for children (e.g., boys) who need greater expenditure of energy during recess to be able to focus better during academic lessons in school.
5/6/2019 13:15:01	Ferguson Township	Enjoying the concepts and general themes. There are areas with boulders and log piles (retention) that may attract nesting snakes. Our area has active copperheads and timber rattlesnakes as it nears the base of the mountain. We try to avoid wood and rock piles around our property to avoid the risk of snakes.
5/6/2019 13:32:27	Corl Street	I like the overall concept for the Corl St. Playground. My only concern is the lack variety on equipment. As it is right now, there are swings and log-and-rope equipment on the side. I am concerned that children will grow tired of these games very quickly. My daughter likes a lot the dome and 'spider' of the current playground. I personally don't think the log-and-rope will be popular in the long run. Although it has several activities, I would prefer to use that space with more traditional and diverse equipment: monkey bars, the dome, the spider, see-saw sets.
5/6/2019 14:25:03	Corl Street	love the nature-based theme!
5/6/2019 15:26:52	Spring Creek	We would love to see a continuous walking track of some kind, in order to provide lap walking/exercise for the students and staff. Also, some kind of building feature using river rocks I think would be a fun addition to the playground (similar to the Arboretum). Thank you for considering.
5/6/2019 21:33:39	Corl Street	I am conserved and frustrated that there is no significant climber or slides for the children. I know that natural playgrounds are "all the rage" but that rage will be short lived when enough children are in the ER getting debris taken out of wounds and being put on antibiotics for the infections that wood injuries cause. Having come from a natural playground at Hort Woods I can attest to the large number of injuries and the scarring to legs and faces that falling on wood causes. If the concern is getting kids into nature: a) they will find it - in what ever environment including roof top play yards and b) there are such better ways to get them into nature than taking away their climbers and making a "fake nature" on school grounds. I am also worried about issues of accessibility for all children (including those with physical disabilities) to play. There is still not enough play time in the school day, so kids must physically make the most of the time they have. Please give them the equipment to build large and fine motor skills and bravery. Slides, ladders, monkey bars, geometric shapes to climb and swing from - this is what's important for their growing minds and bodies. Buying into natural playgrounds is investing in a fad that is bound to fail.
5/6/2019 21:35:14	Easterly Parkway	I'm so glad you are doing this and the designs look great (fun natural elements, inspiring), thank you!!
5/6/2019 22:46:03	Corl Street	Nature-based play is wonderful and essential for kids. The nature-based elements currently in the Metcalfe designs are interesting conceptually. I wonder though if the teachers will allow the kids to play in between the hills, on piles of logs, on the fallen tree in the rocks, and inside the tunnel? Currently kids are not allowed to play anywhere they can't be seen. As the rules are now, the kids would not be allowed to hide inside a tunnel or in between hills. What are the teachers' and recess para-professionals' opinions on how this playground will work functionally? Will there be attractive nuisances on the new playground that will be off-limits even though they were just built? Second, what is the expected functional lifespan of the pile of logs? Again, I think kids climbing on logs is great, but dead trees lose their bark and start to decompose. How many years until there will there be a large pile of unstable, rotting logs in the middle of the playground? The Rod Forest would be better than the pile of logs because it would be easier to replace / remove. Similarly, are the fallen trees actually real trees (that will decompose)? Who will test the structural soundness of the decomposing tree branches or will the kids be prohibited from climbing, hanging, or swinging on them? My kids play in nature frequently, and they often climb on fallen logs and trees, but I don't expect those same fallen logs and trees to support 200 kids climbing on them for 30 years.
5/7/2019 11:03:51	Corl Street	I would appreciate the kids having an open, grass field to play sports like soccer, football, kickball, tag etc., at recess. The area identified as 3 Grass Area on the Corl Street plan includes "Landscape Mounds" and a garden, which would not allow for an open grassy play space. The kids at Corl Street really enjoy having an open, grass field to play on and have missed it during the construction.
5/7/2019 11:36:06	Corl Street	I have children at Corl Street. Please DO include flat, open, grassy space for the children to run and play games. Please DO NOT include grassy, landscape mounds or garden as there isn't space. [2]

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5/7/2019 14:23:08	Corl Street	The plans for Corl Street look interesting, modern, and updated for that area. My concerns are safety; for the high looking objects to climb on, and also possible insect, snake, and small animal interest in the voids of the objects. Is the deadfall and log objects real wood? Would they be treated or smoothed (splinters)? How long are those objects estimated to last?
5/8/2019 12:45:12	Corl Street	I'd rather see traditional playground equipment in addition to some walking and garden spaces. My child loves the playground equipment that's there, especially the current climbing structure. He also likes to play soccer and basketball, so keeping those areas is important. Inclusion of more green areas and shrubs makes me concerned about ticks, as they are very prevalent in this area.
5/8/2019 12:50:04	Corl Street	That tunnel seems like it would get gross pretty quick, especially with all the rain we get
5/8/2019 12:55:02	Spring Creek	I would like to see the playground with multiple play structures (similar to the old Houseville equipment, in addition to an updated basketball area (one or two hoops) and some open space for general running around. I think having a combination of play environments is extremely important so that every child's needs will be met during this very important break in their long day of school work.
5/8/2019 12:55:46	Spring Creek	Terrible design. I spend my days telling my kids not to climb on trees and that's literally all there is. My kids want swings, slides, safe climber equipment. Please reconsider
5/8/2019 13:00:09	Easterly Parkway	While improvements are always welcome and I appreciate the idea behind making the landscape look "more natural," the monkey bars are the equipment that my kids were most excited about when they started at EP and played on most throughout their time at the school. I advocate for the plans to include more traditional playground equipment for students to climb on and hang from. The form doesn't allow me to choose more than one school.
5/8/2019 13:56:18	Radio Park	I'm very concerned with the plans for the RPE playground. Much of the planned play area seems to be very close to (and even beyond) the tree line. The teachers have already expressed concern that having kids in both the blacktop area and the lower fields presents a challenge because they cannot keep a line of sight on all of the kids. Having kids in the tree area seems like it would exacerbate that problem. Additionally, I am concerned about how useable much of that area and the built in equipment would be much of the time because of how wet that area gets and stays during rainy weather. The tunnels seem like something that looks like a good idea on paper, but in practice will be problematic--the look like they will collect dirt, water, animal droppings (and animals), and potentially other hazards. In addition, it would be difficult to see kids who were in those tunnels and keep track of when they go in and out. Radio Park had some well loved play equipment that was specifically saved during the construction, but I don't see it included in these plans. Nor do I see areas for groups of kids who want to play team sports or basketball hoops. While I like the areas for creative play and independent play, I would prefer to see some of what is cherished by the students be maintained. All of this looks like something designed to be what an adult thinks a child would want.
5/8/2019 15:47:29	Mount Nittany Elementary	What I see in the plans is grassy knolls that will have to be mowed (somehow), large sheets of metal that will be hot to the touch and lots of wood that will not last.
5/8/2019 16:28:11	Ferguson Township	I am a K2 Para at Ferguson
5/8/2019 17:27:49	Mount Nittany Elementary	This seems like a waste of money that can be used for other purposes. I am all for fixing playgrounds where the equipment is worn, but it seems unnecessary to add the natural elements.
5/8/2019 18:01:32	Mount Nittany Elementary	I would love to see some shade so the kids can get Out of the sun. The new design proposed looks amazing and I would love to see that implemented.
5/8/2019 19:28:51	Corl Street	I am concerned about visibility with this new plan (will teachers be able to see kids at all times?) also, there seem to be several places where kids could jump from hi spots (pile of logs, log path walkway). I like the idea of this natural playscape, but it is important that space is left for kids to be able to safely run around as well.
5/8/2019 19:41:11	YSCP	Playgrounds need more shade trees and more opportunities for kids to explore nature in a hands-on way.
5/8/2019 21:45:01	Ferguson Township	my son has mentioned he wished there were more swings

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5/8/2019 21:52:13	Radio Park	I do not like the over-designed 'natural' playground. My negative opinion of the proposal comes from the five years that my child went to Penn State's Hort Woods with a similar design, which in the end limited children's spaces for spontaneous gameplay, sports, and the like. The design looks good to adults but in the end, it is not used by children for active play in the same way that open-ended play space is. If part of this design is used with more space for open-ended play, that would be a compromise.
5/8/2019 22:03:26	Park Forest Middle	I think that only playgrounds that are truly in need of repair should be renovated. I'm tired of the tax increases.
5/8/2019 22:04:12	Spring Creek	My boys would love more ninja warrior type obstacles (monkey bars, zip line, dome climbers, etc.) They are also excited to have the tether all back, basketball courts and some shade trees.
5/8/2019 22:20:58	Easterly Parkway	I am not seeing much on the way of things to do that don't look like something my kid is going to just jump off and hurt themselves. The long metal walk paths, I am not sure of their purpose. If it is metal that is going to get very hot and we have frequent skateboarders in the area, that will look like a good place to do skateboarding, which I am sure isn't the purpose. The kids also do track and field day is that still going to be accomplished with the new layout? How long are the kids going to be without a playground? Students want to play basketball, baseball, football, four square areas at recess will there be areas for this? Since more areas will be concrete will the school allow more flexibility of the no go zones with regard to snow? Are areas of the playground going to be grade specific?
5/9/2019 9:03:27	Radio Park	I want safety to come first. Please use equipment for children that makes it easy for teachers to observe students. Please make the playground equipment be usable all year round.
5/9/2019 12:00:56	Spring Creek	I am concerned that the proposed playground equipment will not be challenging enough or exciting enough for my children. My children really enjoyed the old Houserville playground equipment. They really enjoy playing on all the playgrounds that CRPR provides the community. My children want to be physically challenged when they are playing. They want different types of things to climb on like ropes, ladders, rock walls, bars. They want different types of big slides. They want monkey bars and different types of swings. They want a lot of swings. They want bridges to walk over connecting two different play areas. They would also like something that they can spin on, a merry-go-round, or spinning seats. They want tunnels to climb through. I would like to see something they could balance on whether it's a balance beam, pebble path or a pebble bridge. I would also like to see something where they could make music.
5/9/2019 13:55:34	Ferguson Township	We love the playground; I am hopeful new equipment may be purchased for children with disabilities to be all-inclusive.
5/9/2019 21:00:31	Ferguson Township	I enjoy seeing the mix of natural playscapes and traditional equipment. I find that swings and climbing equipment seem to be the most popular equipment currently. There are also children who like to play ball in open spaces and those who like to explore the and play in the natural areas. I also love the idea of the open air classroom.
5/9/2019 22:02:01	Radio Park	While I love the idea of nature based play and we go camping regularly, our kids favorite structures are the jungle gyms, monkey bars, and structures that allow them to go up, down, through and around. I'd like to see a mix of "natural" features but also play structures for mixed abilities. Our kids seriously miss what Radio Park had and would love to get at least some built structures back.
5/10/2019 8:41:45	Radio Park	My children enjoy playing soccer and football, as well as wall ball with their friends. Please consider the importance of asphalt for our children. This is necessary for the winter months and rainy days so that we maximize outdoor recess. When younger, our children enjoyed climbing on the large play structure. I hope our current equipment will be re-installed this summer so that our students have a playground upon returning in August.
5/10/2019 8:47:39	Park Forest Elementary	My family is psyched about the landform-based play and the potential to be educated in a passive way through their play time on the playground. We love how unrestricted the planned spaces are, how there are challenges built in for the imagination, and there is a lot of inspiration for group play and social learning. The teacher lookout areas in some of the plans were such good ideas, too. At our child's current SCASD school (not PFE), the children are often relegated to a smaller area because the para-professionals watching them "don't want to walk around" so much. With all due respect to the amazing professionals, if there's a solution that gives the kids some sense of calm and refuge but also provides the safety of a lookout, we're all for it.

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5/10/2019 9:14:06	Park Forest Elementary	Thanks for sharing an early look at the playground concept designs. I am a landscape architect with two kids in SCASD. At first glance, I suspect some parents might be concerned about the lack of traditionally recognizable play equipment. However, the concept designs present a positive step away from antiquated equipment and ideas about how children play and learn. The proposed plans illustrate progressive ideas about how children can safely activate their imaginations, explore their worlds, and engage in social activities that are becoming common in newly constructed play areas throughout the country. They might take some getting used to for those of us who grew up with the more traditional climbing structures - but these designs are going to be a positive environment for our children.
5/10/2019 11:38:55	Easterly Parkway	I did not see any playground equipment where students can hang (monkey bars, dome climber, etc) this is a gap that will hinder upper body strength development! A bunch of swings and hills seems rather minimal.(My son is also seriously concerned there is no field for football/soccer)
5/11/2019 7:40:25	Gray's Woods	The chopstick bars need moved from behind the basketball hoop. Teachers need a clearer line of vision to the "hill" and "island" areas. The path up the hill will be very nice. Grassy hill area is often too muddy to be useable eliminating a lot of space. Will matted areas be plowable when snow falls? Intermediate students need monkey bars or something to climb or hang from. Enclosed tunnels are a safety concern as once again students are out of sight. The huge slide and sitting areas are fantastic use of a currently non useable space. Space will have to be shared with primary and intermediate children at the same time. There will not be definitive space between the two areas which may become a safety concern. Love the natural look and woods feeling and additional trees added to provide shade in sitting area.

[1] Responder updated this value.

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