







MINNEOTA

VIKING PLAYGROUND PROJECT

Play Today. Grow Tomorrow.

Bringing families, students, and community members together to create a safe, inclusive playground where every child belongs.

CURRENT PLAYGROUND

Our current playground has served Minneota students well for many years, but it no longer meets the needs of our children or our school day.



Surface & Accessibility

- The existing wood chip surface damages students' clothing, is difficult to maintain, and must be frequently replaced.
- Younger students sometimes put wood chips in their mouths, creating ongoing supervision and safety concerns.
- It is not wheelchair accessible and does not support students with sensory needs, limiting equitable access to play.

Lack of Shade & Sun Protection

- Our students spend a minimum of 30 minutes outdoors every school day. The current playground offers little to no shade, leaving students and staff vulnerable to prolonged sun exposure during the warmer months.
- Limited shaded areas also reduce opportunities for students to cool down, rest, and fully engage in active play, particularly for those who are more sensitive to heat or sunlight.

Aging & Damaged Equipment

- The playground equipment has reached the point where welding and repairs are no longer a long-term solution.
- Current fixes are temporary band-aids, and it is only a matter of time before portions of the equipment are no longer usable.

OVERALL SITE PLAN VISION AND GOALS

Play. Grow. Belong.

We are committed to building a playground that is:

✓ **Inclusive & Accessible**

Designed so all children — regardless of ability — can play together

✓ **Safe & Durable**

Built with long-lasting materials and modern safety standards

✓ **Challenging & Engaging**

Exciting for older students while remaining developmentally appropriate for younger children

✓ **Protective & Comfortable**

Incorporates shade and sun protection for daily outdoor use

✓ **Community-Centered**

A space that serves students, families, and the Minneota community for years to come



MEET OUR TEAM



















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