

STS Playground Renovation Project 2023-24

Purpose: To expand and improve the current playground equipment, remove rusted and aged equipment, improve shade provisions and footing around the equipment.

Justification: Outdoor play is a critical aspect to child brain development and physical health. Our school serves children ages 3-14. We strive to provide an environment which enriches children not only academically, but physically and emotionally. Outdoor play stimulates the physical body and engages children in skilled and cooperative activities. Outdoor play equipment must stimulate and enrich physical activity, while providing safety. Shade options are critical, as is appropriate footing surrounding all structures.

Our current playground structure is 17 years old. It has deteriorated due to age and exposure to elements, requiring cordoning off certain unsafe areas. The installed rubber footing is also deteriorating and cracked in several areas. (Pictures attached)

Our proposed equipment upgrade will accommodate up to 15 learners at a time to utilize it (as opposed to 5 learners at a time in our current structure). This will greatly expand the opportunity for learners to engage with each other in cooperative play. The proposed equipment is attractive to grade levels K-8, offering different levels of play and making play more accessible to all learners.

Renovation Plan to be completed by February 2024

Action Plan

June 2023 (completed 6/3/23)

1. Remove swing set and monkey bars
2. Level off ground

December 2023

1. Remove play structure
2. Dig and pour cement footing for expansion

January 2024

1. Receive new equipment and contracted set up complete

STS Wellness Program: Playground Budget

Project Costs:

\$120,483 Exerplay equipment and labor

\$5,000 Additional expenses (demolition and site preparation costs)

Total Project Cost 125,483

Secured Funding:

\$10,000 Atherton Foundation Grant

\$1,000 Service Master Kauai

Total Secured Funding 11,000

Unfunded Balance 114,483

Grants and Other Funding Not Yet Confirmed:

Hawaii Community Foundation

Bank of Hawaii Philanthropic Grants

Kauai Business sponsorship

Private Donors/sponsors

Pictured: Current structure in deteriorated condition.





