

CHRONOLOGY OF THE AGENDA ITEM

Board Agenda Item Title: Extension of Memorandum of Understanding Agreement with Trust for Public Land (TPL) until March 31, 2027

Background/Details

The DeKalb County School District (DCSD) began a partnership with the **Trust for Public Land**, a national non-profit organization, through the Memorandum of Understanding in June 2024 to improve several school campuses so that they can serve as community parks during non-school hours when not being used for school purposes during the school day. Per the MOU agreement, **TPL** has raised funds for four schoolyard projects, managed their design, and hired design consultants to create construction documents. Columbia Elementary School, Woodward Elementary School, Stoneview Elementary School, and E. L. Miller Elementary School were suggested by each Commissioner and accepted by the DeKalb County School District.

Contract Term

If the Board of Education approves the extension of the MOU with **Trust for Public Land**, the contract term would be effective June 25, 2026 – March 31, 2027.

Scope

TPL facilitated student-centered workshops providing students with an understanding of park design, development, and related career pathways. Input gathered from these sessions informed the conceptual design for each school. **TPL** then advanced these concepts into construction-ready drawings. The designs primarily include accessible pedestrian connections, site furnishings, outdoor classrooms, select play equipment, and a futsal court planned for Woodward Elementary School.

Next steps include finalizing procurement and donation approaches, securing Board approval for the MOU extension and project plan, and coordinating implementation timelines with **TPL** to ensure full utilization of grant funds prior to expiration.