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VISION
To create public recreation opportunities in San Diego neighborhoods through a joint-use partnership between the San Diego Unified School District and the City of San Diego.

play all day PARKS PROGRAM
The Play All Day Parks Program is a new initiative put forth by the City of San Diego Mayor’s Office and the Superintendent of the San Diego Unified School District in 2016 to break ground on over 45 new joint-use park sites in the next 5-10 years.

Over 45 new joint-use park sites

CITY AND SCHOOLS WORKING TOGETHER
The commitment to build over 45 new joint-use parks is an ambitious goal made possible by strong collaboration between the City of San Diego and San Diego Unified to expand recreational opportunities. The initiative strengthens the long-standing partnership between the City and San Diego Unified to maximize shared use of public facilities and resources for educational and community use. The new park facilities will be opened on existing school sites and constructed with both the City and Propositions S and Z bond funding. The City will commit to operate and maintain the new park facilities.
PURPOSE

Creative and innovative measures like the Play All Day partnership are essential in order to expand the current park and recreation system.

The City of San Diego has an extensive park system with over 41,000 acres of parkland, and is home to some of the largest and most unique parks in the country. Millions of residents and tourists visit our parks each year.

Research shows that people receive the most benefit from local parks and open space that are in close proximity to their homes. According to the Trust for Public Land, 23% of the population in San Diego currently live further than a 10-minute walk to a park or recreational facility.

Walkable parks and open space strengthen our communities, improve physical and psychological health, and make communities and neighborhoods more attractive places to live and work. One of the biggest challenges San Diego faces in building new parks is the limited amount of available land.

Joint-use partnerships with schools fill an essential gap in addressing the City’s need for more park land and additional recreational opportunities in our communities.
BENEFITS

Designating school sites for community recreational use during non-school hours increases access to recreational opportunities.

Schools are the center point of the communities that surround them. Children participate in physical education and recreational activities in school yards during school hours, but there are opportunities for community use when school isn’t in session.

Agencies and governments across the country are identifying joint-use school sites as opportunities in our communities. The benefits include:

Provide a place for physical activity

Strong evidence shows that when people have nearby access to parks, they exercise more. Regular physical activity has been shown to increase health and reduce the risk of a wide range of diseases, including heart disease, hypertension, colon cancer and diabetes. Physical activity also relieves symptoms of depression and anxiety, improves moods, and enhances psychological well-being.

Provide environmental benefits

Trees and other vegetation in parks reduce air and water pollution, help keep cities cooler and are a cost-effective way to manage storm water runoff. Environmental benefits include ground water recharge areas, storm water protection, reductions in heat island effects, and increased carbon uptake from trees and vegetation. Turf fields allow for water recharge into native soils and can provide a filtering effect for storm water pollutants.

Produce opportunities for social and community interactions.

Parks produce important social and community benefits. They make urban neighborhoods more livable, offer recreational opportunities for at-risk youth, children and families, and provide places in neighborhoods where people can feel a sense of community. Access to public parks and recreational facilities has been strongly linked to reductions in crime and, in particular, to reduced juvenile delinquency.
The City is partnering with San Diego Unified to use Prop Z funds to develop joint-use fields.

WHAT IS JOINT-USE?

Joint-use is when school property is utilized for public use when school is not in session. Currently, San Diego maintains 76 joint-use facilities in partnership with San Diego Unified School District and there are over 45 joint-use parks planned for the future.

The City of San Diego and San Diego Unified entered into their first joint-use agreement in 1948. The Play All Day joint-use parks will include a turfed multi-purpose field and a walking track. Most of the joint-use parks will also include paved hardcourts, playground equipment, off-street parking or a combination of these amenities. Each school site is unique and has different constraints and opportunities.

In 1948, the first joint-use park in San Diego was established.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Propositions S and Z, approved by San Diego voters in 2012, are San Diego Unified bond measures that created funding for capital improvement projects to repair, renovate and revitalize school sites. The District is using a portion of these funds to construct new turf fields at school sites that do not already have turf fields. At the present time, the City has a unique opportunity to partner with the District to produce joint-use facilities utilizing Proposition S and Z funds.

The City utilizes Development Impact Fees (DIF) collected in specific communities to fund the design and construction of the City-led joint-use projects.

In all cases, the City will provide maintenance and will operate the joint-use facilities during non-school hours.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR PARK SELECTION

The determination to jointly use the selected school sites were made in partnership with the school district. A number of factors were evaluated based on the specific merits of each site. The following guiding principles were taken into account in the selection of the Play All Day joint-use park sites:

- Pre-identified for school district funding
- On the school district’s schedule for implementation
- Identified in the Community Plan or Facilities Finance Plan as a future joint-use park
- Located in park-deficient communities
**PROPOSED PLAY ALL DAY PARK SITES**

1. Angier Elementary
2. Audubon Elementary
3. Benchley/Weinberger Elementary
4. Bethune K-8
5. Boone Elementary
6. Burbank Elementary
7. Carver Elementary
8. CPM Middle
9. Cubberley Elementary
10. Dewey Elementary
11. Encanto Elementary
12. Florence Elementary
13. Gage Elementary
14. Grant K-8
15. Hawthorne Elementary
16. Hickman Elementary
17. Holmes Elementary
18. Horton Elementary
19. Innovation Middle
20. Johnson Elementary
21. Jones Elementary
22. Lafayette Elementary
23. Linda Vista Elementary
24. Lindbergh-Schweitzer Elementary
25. Logan/Memorial K-12
26. Longfellow Elementary
27. Marie Curie Elementary
28. Marvin Elementary
29. McKinley Elementary
30. Montgomery Middle
31. NTC Pool
32. Nye Elementary
33. Pacific Beach Elementary
34. Pacific View Elementary
35. Paradise Hills Elementary
36. Perkins Elementary
37. Perry Elementary
38. Rolando Park Elementary
39. Rowan Elementary
40. Salk Elementary
41. Sandburg Elementary
42. Sequoia Elementary
43. Spreckels Elementary
44. Standley Middle
45. Taft Elementary
46. Toler Elementary
47. Tubman Charter
48. Wangenheim Middle
49. Wegeforth Elementary

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Note: The proposed list of Play All Day Park Sites is subject to modifications due to site constraints or other factors not known at this time.
CONCLUSION

With a partnership between the City and San Diego Unified, San Diego can maximize public resources, employ efficient land-use strategies, and rapidly increase the amount of park land available for public use and enjoyment.

Joint-use agreements are a win-win-win opportunity for all. San Diego Unified retains the land and receives assistance maintaining their joint-use sites, the City secures additional park land and park sites, and the public has better access and more opportunity to enjoy and participate in recreational opportunities in their neighborhoods.

Working together, we can provide a place for physical activity, increase the value of neighborhood residential property, provide environmental benefits, and create places where community members can develop social ties, share experiences, and build community bonds.