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Lino Lakes Elementary PTO  
725 Main St.  
Lino Lakes, MN 55014



Dear Community Supporter,

Lino Lakes Elementary STEM School has recently renovated our circa 1960's school. Our School and PTO are in the unique position of fundraising to rebuild our playground as part of the renovation. The new playground will comply with the current playground safety standards and the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) and will provide all children and families of the community with a safe, fun and accessible place to play.

The proposed project is intended to create a safe and collaborative play space for Lino Lakes Elementary students during the day and community families during non-school hours. The desire to integrate STEM lessons and Spanish language translations into the equipment signs will deliver learning in a fun environment.

A current teacher whose children previously attended Lino Lakes Elementary shared the following: In talking to my own children that went to Lino Lakes, my youngest stated, "*It would have been great to have a new playground. There would have been more things to do, offer kids that don't want to play on the soccer or football fields. Plus, more kids could be included.*" I think the last part of my son's statement rings true. There are kids that are unable to use the playground due to different abilities. Having a new inclusive playground would be a wonderful experience for everyone! As a STEM school the possibilities for using the equipment for lessons, is another aspect that would be amazing.

### **Our playground project is being built in two phases.**

Phase 1: Build the main structure of the playground – cost \$125,000 plus some sand removal and installation of concrete curb. Planned installation dates August 8-10, 2019.

Phase 2: Build the satellite pieces of the playground – cost \$45,000.

Upon completion of the installation, the PTO plans to integrate the playground into the teaching curriculum by installing individual signs on each piece of equipment highlighting STEM features and the Spanish translation for the equipment.

### **Have we met our Phase 1 goal?**

The PTO has been fundraising towards the playground project; we have been awarded a \$50,000 matching grant towards playground equipment from Burke Playgrounds. We have raised \$55,000 towards the cost of playground equipment and supervised installation.

***\$105,000 will be used to install as much equipment as we can on August 8-10, 2019.***

### **How can you help?**

At this time, we are seeking sponsorship from area businesses and corporations in the form of cash donations as well as in-kind donations of goods or services to help us reach our goal. See the attached Sponsorship Levels and Equipment Sponsorship Document to find the sponsorship level that is right for you or your company.

For all monetary donations or in-kind services valued at \$500 or more, the donor name will be permanently recorded on a playground sign. All donations are tax-deductible.

Every donation counts both large and small, and we appreciate any donation that you are comfortable making towards our project and would like to thank you in advance for your generosity.

If you have any questions regarding the playground, please don't hesitate to contact either of us directly at [linolakespto@gmail.com](mailto:linolakespto@gmail.com) or by phone at 651-341-4944 or 651-982-8851.

Sincerely,

*Maria Masten    Scott Geary*

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## Current playground



## Proposed Playground (Conceptual)

