

HERNÁNDEZ SCHOOLYARD PROJECT

Together we can do this for our kids and community!



HISTORY

Our current schoolyard was built about 15 years ago, designed and supported by the Hernández community of families, staff, neighbors, and friends. Like many others, our schoolyard was funded by the Boston Schoolyard Initiative, which doesn't exist anymore. As Hernández families know well, our schoolyard now is in desperate need of replacement. Much of the play equipment is broken to the point of being unusable. Schoolyard designs have also changed a lot over the last 15 years, with the best yards providing varied outdoor places for students to play, learn, rest, and be active.

CURRENT PROPOSAL

In the spring of 2015 we were awarded an anonymous grant to jumpstart our schoolyard planning. Last year our 7th grade students (our current 8th graders) led a community investigation and survey process. They interviewed students from different grades, visited multiple playgrounds around the city, and researched playground equipment. Due to this work, we were lucky to be selected as one of five schools to receive funding from Boston Water and Sewer to redo our grounds. Boston Water and Sewer will pay for a portion of the grounds resurfacing and the development of green infrastructure for innovative learning, but we still need to raise the money for playground equipment and new surfaces.

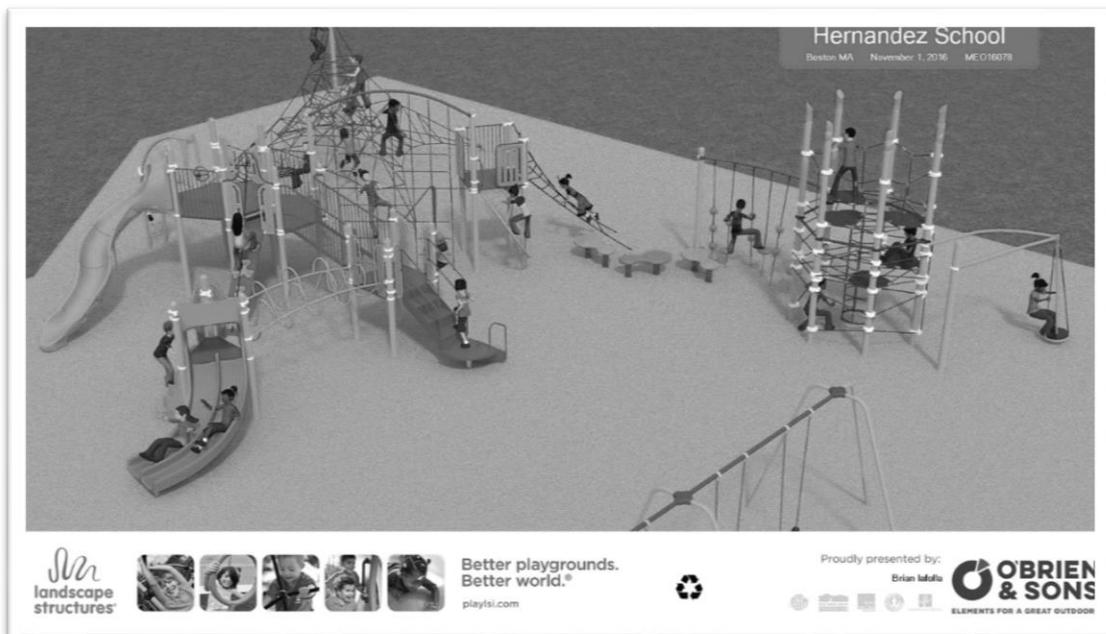
Our current proposal brings together the Boston Water and Sewer project with the work of our students and will allow space for an **AMAZING schoolyard** with updated and creative play structures, an outdoor learning classroom, a turf field for soccer and other games, and rubber surfaces under the play structures. The project also includes demolition of the current concrete "amphitheater" and other needed maintenance including improvements to a retaining wall, fencing, and other waterproofing.

Many people have spent time and energy laying an amazing foundation for this work.

Now we have the opportunity to see it through and create an incredible space for play and learning for our students and our community!

FINANCIAL DETAILS

Play structures and safe surfaces are expensive. We need to raise \$500,000 more to make our vision a reality.



Comments? Ideas? Please let us know! Contact Christy at christy.pardew@gmail.com or 617-913-7672.

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