



**Nampa School District No. 131  
Request for Proposals  
Elementary School Playgrounds**

**Addendum #1—Questions & Clarifications**

As provided for in Section 2 of the General Proposal Conditions & Requirements for Elementary School Playgrounds Request for Proposal due to the District on March 7, 2019, the following specification updates and clarifications will supersede prior-issued specifications or provide additional information as stated.

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**Re: Area borders**

**2/4/2019**

**Q:** Will there be new concrete poured at each site? Can the asphalt be one of the borders or would you prefer to have concrete poured against the asphalt?

**A:** Each site will require pouring new concrete borders. Each site will have pits that abut to existing asphalt, and both pits at Snake River will abut to sidewalk on one side. We expect concrete borders to be poured on all sides, and those borders can be poured against the existing asphalt and/or concrete. Where the borders will abut to asphalt, we would like the asphalt saw cut so as to create a clean edge.

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**Re: lowa pit size**

**2/4/2019**

**Q:** Does the new pit for lowa need to be 5500 square feet as indicated on the overhead view, or is that at designer discretion?

**A:** No, the size and shape of the lowa pit is at the discretion of the designer. The footage shown is for scale reference and not necessarily a suggested size or shape.

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**Re: Park Ridge pit size**

**2/4/2019**

**Q:** For the new pit area for Park Ridge, you show 8000 square feet. Is that your goal for the area?

**A:** We do not have a specific size goal for Park Ridge. The size and border outline shown is an approximate identification of potential pit location, and for scale reference. The size and shape are not necessarily design suggestions.

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**Re: ADA swing**

**2/4/2019**

**Q:** ADA swings must be in a bay with another ADA swing or a tot swing—do you have a preference?

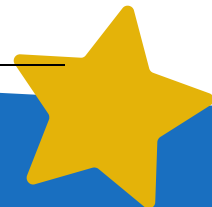
**A:** We do not have a preference and will leave this to the discretion of the designer.

**Added comment 2/5/2019:** While we do not have a preference, the specifications call for a 5-12 age range for all equipment, with some consideration to attachments appropriate for kids of Kindergarten age. We do not anticipate children under this age to be using the equipment, so a swing designed for a toddler would fall outside our target age range.

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**Re: Swing preference**

**2/4/2019**

**Q:** Do you like disk-style swings?

**A:** We do not take a position on swing type; the proposal should offer whatever type swing the designer chooses to offer.

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**Re: Removal of old equipment**

**2/4/2019**

**Q:** Will we be removing old equipment in addition to hauling away the old wood fiber?

**A:** The District will handle the removal and disposal of old equipment. Old wood fiber on the locations of new pits will be the responsibility of the contractor.

- Snake River will have wood fiber to be removed/hailed from both pits
- Iowa will have wood fiber to be removed from the new pit; fiber from the pit being abandoned will be handled by the District.
- Park Ridge wood fiber will be mostly or completely removed/hailed by the District. Some wood fiber may require removal/hauling by the contractor, should the new installation overlap a portion of the old pit. This would have to be a site decision, at the onset of work.

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**Re: Site grades & borders**

**2/5/2019**

**Q:** You ask that the top of the poured borders be flush with the ground, but where site topography is such that staying on plane with the ground would result in a non-level surface, will you allow the border top to be above grade?

**A:** Yes; our primary concern with being level to grade is with the expected/intended entry/exit points, which are typically abutting to asphalt or concrete with these three projects. A border that extends above grade along other edges is acceptable.

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**Re: Existing chips reuse**

**2/5/2019**

**Q:** Do you intend or expect us to reuse the existing wood chips in the new installations?

**A:** Where the chips are relatively new (installed within this current school year), we do support reuse—primarily at Park Ridge and Iowa, as those pits received considerable amounts of added material. At Snake River, we are less concerned with reuse.

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**Re: Grass areas adjacent to Snake River north pit**

**2/5/2019**

**Q:** Should we plan to leave the small grass areas adjacent to the north pit at Snake River intact, or include that footage in our pit layout/plan?

**A:** Please include that ground in the plan. With respect to the oddly-shaped area on the west edge of the north pit—figure for the border to land somewhere in that space, and the District will lay asphalt up to the new border (after you've finished). Please set your plan to leave approximately four feet of asphalt to be installed and we





will adjust accordingly. DO NOT include installation of the asphalt in your proposal; the District will handle that portion separately.

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**Re: Concrete borders**

**2/5/2019**

**Q:** Are the concrete borders within the scope of the work?

**A:** Yes. Please refer to Attachment 1/Detail 1 for specifications pertaining to the borders.

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**Re: Reuse existing swings**

**2/5/2019**

**Q:** Do you want to reuse existing swings?

**A:** The District's assumption is that removing and resetting existing swings may not be possible without damaging those swing sets. Additionally, a number of the swings we would be replacing are in less-than-ideal shape, and replacing those is necessary. Where existing swings are in proper condition, and can be removed/relocated/reset without damage, we would accept reusing swing sets.

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**Re: Handicap accessibility to equipment**

**2/5/2019**

**Q:** Should we include handicap accessibility to the equipment?

**A:** Each pit should have an appropriate access ramp for access to the area itself. Access to the equipment via "inclusive" items would be appropriate, whether accessible transfer points, ramps, or other items that accommodate inclusive access to the equipment.

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**Re: Chip hauling**

**2/5/2019**

**Q:** Should we plan to haul excess chips from the sites, particularly where the new pit will not overlay the existing (specifically, Park Ridge)?

**A:** Per a prior question & answer, please plan to salvage as much of the chip material from the existing pit as is practical. Please include in your proposal hauling and disposing of the excess, unused chips with the other excavated materials.

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**Re: Single/Separate structures at Park Ridge**

**2/5/2019**

**Q:** Specifications call for separate structures for grade groups at Park Ridge. Do you want two completely separate structures, or can we propose a structure with "ends" geared toward those grade groups and connected via bridge or similar items?

**A:** We will accept proposals with either a two-rig set up or a continuous structure, connected via bridge(s) or other items.

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**Re: Iowa pit location—extend into asphalt**

**2/5/2019**

**Q:** Given the District desire to avoid moving irrigation lines if possible, may the proposed pit at Iowa extend into the asphalt area, toward the school building?

**A:** Yes, we will accept a proposal that extends into the existing asphalt area.

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**Re: Wood fiber requirements & depth**

**2/8/2019**

**Q:** The specifications don't seem to specify wood chips as the surface, and aren't clear on required depth. Are you requiring wood fiber surfacing, and at what depth?

**A:** Section 8 of the Project & Proposal Specifications & Requirements states the "play area surface should be 'engineered' wood fiber material at a depth necessary given the proposed equipment." As the particular equipment is at the discretion of the respondent/designer and thus unknown, a pre-prescribed depth of wood fiber cannot be given. The District's expectation is the wood fiber will be a depth in any proposal will be appropriate given the equipment included in the respective proposal. We further assume the wood fiber depth will be uniform across the installation.

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**Re: Swing reuse**

**2/8/2019**

**Q:** Regarding the potential reuse of existing swings—the decision to reuse any particular swing set will be at whose discretion? The District or the contractor? How shall we account for such in our proposal?

**A:** The decision regarding reusing any particular swing set will be made jointly by the District and the contractor, based substantially on the contractor's experience and expertise in evaluating the reusability of the swing set, with particular attention to safety. For the purposes of the proposal, we suggest including swing sets necessary to the design and assuming no reuse of existing equipment, with added notes regarding any cost difference (lesser or greater) that may be realized by reusing existing equipment. Reusing any particular swing set is not a condition of any proposal or project.

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**Re: Large format posters**

**2/8/2019**

**Q:** May we include large format posters as part of our proposal(s)?

**A:** Large format posters will be accepted as part of the proposal submission, and will be exempt from the digital file requirement under Section 11 of General Proposal Conditions & Requirements. Any content of such posters (printed illustrations, renderings, layouts, etc.), however, should be included with both the printed and digital file submission materials.

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**Re: Swing pads**

**2/8/2019**

**Q:** May we include swing pads in the proposal(s)?

**A:** No; our experience with swing pads is they are a maintenance problem and potentially pose safety issues in time.

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**Re: Wood fiber reuse—volume & acceptability**

**2/8/2019**

**Q:** How should we account for unknown volume and acceptability of any reused wood chips? On which sites do you anticipate reusing chips?

**A:** We do not anticipate reusing any fiber at Snake River. At Park Ridge and Iowa, any removed fiber will be piled on site; suitability of the fiber for reuse as a base layer in the new installation will be made jointly by the District and the contractor, and an estimate of the volume will be made prior to the ordering/installation of any new fiber. For the purposes of the proposal, we suggest including the full volume of wood fiber necessary to completely fill the proposed installation, and including notes as to any cost differences (greater or lesser) that may be realized through reuse.

**Re: Setback requirement along drain at Snake River?**

**2/8/2019**

**Q:** Do we need to consider any setback requirements at Snake River, should we propose to extend the footprint of the north pit?

**A:** The drain area is a surface water drain only—using ground contour—and does not include any subterranean structures. We expect expanding the footprint up to four feet from the existing edge (toward the surface drain) could be accomplished without requiring any re-contouring of the ground; thus, we would prefer to keep any expansion of the existing footprint to within approximately four feet of that edge.

**Re: Underground services at Iowa**

**2/8/2019**

**Q:** Are you aware of any underground services at Iowa? Will you do a locate for such?

**A:** We do not expect to have any underground services beneath the playground asphalt area at Iowa. We do not plan to do any location of services (though please note that such is the responsibility of the contractor(s) once project awards are made).

**Re: Student counts—Recess**

**2/11/2019**

**Q:** How many kids do you typically have on the playground at any time?

**A:** Some approximate headcounts by time periods, per school:

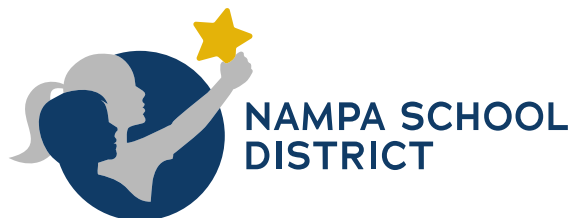
	Before school (Peak)	Lunch/AM/PM Recess
Iowa	400+	240
Park Ridge	300+	150
Snake River	400	150-200

These are counts of how many kids might be on the *playground* at the recess periods listed, not necessarily on the *playground equipment*; we do not expect to be able accommodate a school's entire student population on the play equipment at any particular time. The capacity of each school is greater than the Peak figure shown, so the peak count could be higher in future school years. The schools do segment lunch and recess times by grades and/or grade groups, so the recess figures are more controllable than any before or after school count.

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**Re: Musical instruments**

**2/22/2019**

**Q:** The prior projects included musical instruments. Do the District or individual schools wish to have those included in the current projects?

**A:** Musical instruments are not listed as either “should include” or “must not include” in the bid specifications, and at this time neither the District nor any particular project school expresses a preference for or against inclusion of musical instruments. They are allowable and may be included at the discretion of the designer and respondent.

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**Re: Net climbers**

**2/22/2019**

**Q:** Can you clarify the District’s requirements regarding net climbers?

**A:** The District wishes to avoid installations with net type climbers as a *significant* feature of the installation. Large, stand-alone net climbers would be considered significant. Examples include, but are not limited to, “pyramid” or “spider web” style net climbers. The District will accept small net climbers that are attachments to larger play structures, though designers should take care to not include what might be considered an excessive number of such attachments.

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