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FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS CREATES MORE PLAYGROUND INCLUSIVITY



The Farmington Board of Education and Superintendent Kathleen C. Greider are pleased to announce that new playground communication boards and signs have been installed at West District, Union, and West Woods Upper Elementary Schools. These communication boards were made possible by a generous grant of more than \$5,600 from the Noah Wallace Fund. The Fund has supported innovative educational projects and programs in the district for decades. Each

year, faculty are invited to submit proposals, and the Fund's oversight committee chooses those that most closely align with its mission. Last Spring, district Speech and Language Pathologist, Cathy Magold and Special Education Educator, Rose Kay wrote the winning grant proposal, and the boards and signs were installed on the three schools' playgrounds last week. We thank the Noah Wallace Fund committee members for their service to the Farmington community and their support of the students, faculty and staff of the Farmington Public Schools.

The communication boards and signs display both words and symbols to help all students fully and collaboratively access playground activities. Collaborative play is not only joyful for our students, but it is an opportunity for countless essential skills to be developed. Students can express what they want to play with, what they



