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Dr. Norbert J. Kennerknecht  
Director of Buildings and Grounds Services  
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Dear Dr. Kennerknecht:

I would like to thank you and the other committee members for allowing me to speak at last evenings committee meeting. Our playground committee greatly appreciates your consideration regarding this matter.

Enclosed please find five copies of the original photographs, which were submitted to Mr. Richard Pascuzzi with our letter dated May 23, 2005. I apologize for not including these with your copy of the letter. In addition, I have enclosed 5 copies of the GameTime quotation for costs associated with the purchase of new posts and hardware required for reassembly of the existing structures, colored elevation of the two structures as a combined unit, and a more detailed design layout drawing for your use. Please feel free to distribute these copies.

Our committee realizes that there are some legal issues that need to be addressed before a decision can be made. Furthermore, we understand that the issue regarding the effect these playgrounds have on the marketability of the existing school building structures must be considered. Our proposed request to relocate the structures is based on the understanding that, should the Warren County School Board decide to dispose of the playground structures separate from the school buildings at Jefferson Elementary and North Warren Elementary, they would consider allowing these structures to continue to serve the children of the Warren County School District at the Russell Elementary School location.

As discussed during the committee meeting, it is our intent to have the uninstallation and reinstallation of the playground structures done by a community unbuild/rebuild process that is observed and inspected by a certified professional. Per my discussions with Dennis Bolitho, GameTime Representative, since the Warren County School District will remain the owner of the playground equipment all remaining warranties will transfer with the structures, the new posts and hardware will carry the full warranty and GameTime's \$50,000,000.00 Product Liability Insurance will remain intact.



As I indicated the Russell Elementary PTA has set aside approximately \$8,000.00 currently toward this project. In addition, we have begun fundraising through a "kiss the pig" contest for the children during the final week of school, which brought in approximately \$500.00, a "buy a post" campaign that was sent home to all Russell Elementary Families and will be utilized for community donations, and a "save your pennies" campaign for the children of Russell Elementary, as well as, beginning to complete various grant applications.

We are aware that there have been significant funds (in excess of \$200,000) drawn through fundraising efforts from the Warren County Community for newer playground facilities for the new Warren Elementary School, South Street School, Youngsville, Jefferson Street and North Warren Elementary within the last five years and that, with our declining economic condition throughout Warren County, it is going to be difficult to raise the necessary funding through community contributions. It is our hope that, if we are permitted to relocate these structures, the cost of such an event will minimize fundraising needs from the same organizations throughout Warren County who have given graciously to support these other structures, as well as the Warren County School District.

Thank you again for your consideration. Should you have any questions or need any additional information, please feel free to contact me at 814-728-6010 (8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m). or 814-757-5689 (evening).

Sincerely,



Heather C. Gray

Russell Elementary PTA Playground Committee Chairperson

Enclosures: Photograph Copies (5)  
Cost Quotation (5)  
Colored Elevation (5)  
Design Detail Drawing (5)