

# Please attend the Community Input Meeting for the REDESIGN of Bloomingdale Playground!

**Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:00-7:30 p.m.**  
**P.S. 145/West Prep Academy**  
**150 W. 105<sup>th</sup> Street**

Family, friends,  
& kids welcome!

This project was initiated in response to our need for more equitable, inclusive public spaces for our children to play. A **universal design (UD)** approach to the design process will consider the needs of our diverse community and enable and empower children of all abilities to play together at Bloomingdale Playground. The **8 Goals of Universal Design**® will help create a more inclusive space for all of our children to play and engage with each other in a safe space in our community. UD goes beyond the current accessibility standards to encourage healthy living and social participation.

## 1 BODY FIT   2 COMFORT   3 AWARENESS   4 UNDERSTANDING   5 WELLNESS



## 6 SOCIAL INTEGRATION   7 PERSONALIZATION   8 CULTURAL APPROPRIATENESS

### Please come to this meeting to advocate for a universal design process!

Your whole family can share ideas, needs, and wishes for this new play space. Communicate with the designers about what you and/or your child needs to successfully play in the space. We need to learn about and share as many diverse perspectives as possible to create an inclusive playground.

### Consider these questions and bring your ideas to the meeting on April 18<sup>th</sup>

- What kind of play activities might your child/grandchild want specific to his or her abilities?
- What kind of equipment or areas would make your visit to the playground comfortable and fun?
- What supports are needed that are not available now? (lighting, shade, etc.)
- What barriers should be avoided that currently keep you or your child from playing together?
- What play equipment or activities would support the Goals of UD® & enable your child to...
  - feel included, safe, and comfortable
  - be aware of what other children need
  - understand how to use the equipment
  - make choices based on what he or she enjoys
  - experience different kinds of challenges
  - be treated and treat others with dignity and respect
  - play in a space that reflects his or her culture, neighborhood, and community
- If the current space doesn't meet your needs or the needs of the community, what improvements would make it better and increase your use of the playground?

**Your input is the most important part of the process. We hope you will attend.**

Please contact Catherine ([delazzero.cb7@gmail.com](mailto:delazzero.cb7@gmail.com)) if you would like to provide input and cannot attend the meeting.