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

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

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 18th:

- 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) if you would like to provide input and cannot attend the meeting.