

January 7, 2025

**Re: Request for No Cost Extension of Award # 04CH011490-05-01**

Polk County Board of Education is requesting an additional 12 months no-cost extension for the grant awarded with a budget period 7/1/2024 - 6/30/2025 to replace the existing preschool playgrounds at Polk Central, Saluda, and Sunny View schools in the amount of \$460,348. If approved, the new budget period and project ending date will be 6/30/2026.

We received notice of this award just as Hurricane Helene impacted our area which required our district to focus on efforts to assist our families and ensure our facilities were taken care of. The timeline to complete the project by 6-30-2025 is of concern. RFP for the project will be released in January and selection of vendors in February. Weather in our area could easily cause delays during the Winter months. In addition, the disruption to outdoor learning will be greatly impacted as the playgrounds will be demolished. The Summer of 2025 is the ideal time for the project to be completed.