

## **Action Item - 1**

**Title:** Acceptance of Donation from Lovefutbol for Exterior Playground Improvements at the Avery D. Harrington Elementary School (\$75,000)

**Board of Education Meeting Date:** 2/27/2025

### **Action Under Consideration**

The Administration recommends that the Board of Education authorize The School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent or his designee, to accept a Donation as follows:

- Name of Donor: Lovefutbol
- Brief description of item/good: Monetary
- Gift/Donation amount not to exceed: \$75,0000

### **Description:**

#### **Why is this contract needed?**

This contract is needed in order to accept a donation of \$75,000 in funds for a turf field installation in collaboration with the grant-funded Capital Improvements Green Stormwater Infrastructure project at Harrington Elementary School. In addition, Lovefútbol will lead a community engagement process that will bring soccer programming to Harrington and work closely with the staff and community at Harrington to create a site that can be used both during the school day as well as outside of school time. Love.fútbol will host a community build day in the fall of 2025, where school and community members will gather to construct benches for outdoor seating, install painted games on the blacktop, and implement other beautification projects as outlined by the final SDP design plan.

Lovefútbol specializes in partnering with underserved communities to plan, build, activate, and sustain their own recreational spaces and, as a result, strengthen their communities. Their projects involve in-depth community engagement, a critical focus on sustainability, and a project that engages with community partners.

#### **How is this work connected to the District's plan to achieve Goals and Guardrails?**

Guardrails 1: Welcoming and Supportive Schools -Every school will be a safe, welcoming, and healthy place where our students, staff, and community want to be and learn each day.

#### **How will the success of this contract be measured?**

This work will make the Harrington Elementary schoolyard greening project a complete schoolyard with painted games, learning spaces, and a turf field for sports and recreation. As a result, Harrington will be a more welcoming and supportive school as

well as a safer and healthier place where our students, staff, and community want to be and learn each day.

**When applicable, was a larger community of District community members and/or stakeholders involved in this selection process? If so, what groups and how?**

Lovefútbol selected Avery D. Harrington School due to the high levels of need in the neighborhood, the development of a West Philadelphia soccer corridor, and the existing SDP Capital improvement project on the schoolyard. In addition, Harrington indicated on SDP Office of Strategic Partnership's annual School Programming & Needs Assessment that the OST programming, schoolyard beautification, and sports-based youth development were priority needs.

**Related resolution(s)/action item(s)**

N/A

**Office Originating Request:**

Operations - Capital Programs