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DANBURY TO MATCH FUNDRAISING EFFORTS FOR PEMBROKE PLAYGROUND

DANBURY, CT – On August 8, the Danbury City Council approved Mayor Mark Boughton's request to accept the \$130,000 donation raised by teachers, parents and the Danbury community for a handicap-accessible playground at Pembroke Elementary School.

Mayor Boughton announced that he has been working with our Finance Department to find the necessary \$140,000 needed to complete the project. These funds will come from the Open Space bond. The Department of Public Works will provide the labor for this project and plans to have it completed this fall.

Leigh Viviano, a special needs teacher at Pembroke Elementary School, helped lead the fundraising initiative that not only addressed repair needs, but also increased the number of ADA compliant playground equipment so that students with special needs could have a safe place to play.

"When I was approached about this project, I knew immediately that this was something we needed to make a reality. It took some thought and creativity, but we are proud to be able to provide the rest of the funding needed," said Mayor Mark Boughton. "As Mayor, to see the kindness from residents and businesses who donated to this project, I am truly proud of Danbury's sense of community action. We are excited to get this playground open and are hopeful that it will provide a safe, fun space for all of our students."

The playground will be available to the public after school hours and on weekends.

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