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Dear 2023 Tillie Fund Committee,

As a student, I believe that investing in a school's playground and classroom can significantly impact students' education and overall well-being. With a budget of \$1,000, there are a lot of ways to improve an elementary school's playground and classroom. There will be obstacles stopping me from achieving some goals. For example, an idea to improve the playground is to add some greenery to the area. Investing in planters, trees, and flower beds may not be enough and I'm not sure if I would be able to find anyone to volunteer to help plant the greenery. Having green spaces can help to create a more peaceful and calming environment, which can help students feel more relaxed and focused during recess and then that relaxed and calm feeling would transfer to the classroom. I went to Longfellow and personally met with all of the second graders and listened to their ideas of what they would like to have in and around their school. One of their ideas was they wanted books and learning games and these would help to create an engaging and interactive environment. Based upon all the ideas from the Longfellow second graders and my own brainstorming I decided to supply each classroom with a PE box.


You might be wondering what's a PE box? A PE box is a portable box filled with equipment that can be used for physical education activities. These boxes can also be used outside for the playground. These boxes would contain items such as balls, chalk, jump ropes, hula hoops, and other items that can be used for a variety of games and activities. By providing 16 classrooms with a PE box, we can give students the resources they need to participate in physical activities, and games they would want to play outside using the equipment. The benefits of providing a PE box to classrooms are numerous. Firstly, it can help to increase physical activity levels among students. Many students do not have access to sports or extracurricular activities outside of school, and providing them with the necessary equipment can encourage them to be more active during school hours. In addition to this benefit, providing 16 classrooms with a PE box is also cost-effective. Rather than purchasing expensive gym equipment or constructing a new sports field, a PE box provides an affordable solution to improving physical education programs in schools. It is also portable and can be moved from classroom to classroom, making it a flexible and an easy resource for teachers. Investing in a PE box is an affordable and effective way to support students' physical education and promote healthy lifestyles.

I would like to use the Tillie Fund Scholarship and invest in Longfellow Elementary School's physical fitness. Having a variety of equipment students can check out from their classroom teacher to use on the playground will encourage students to be more physical during recess and therefore be able to sit and listen when it is class time. With a budget of \$1,000, I can distribute \$62 worth of equipment to each classroom.

If you have any further questions or comments please feel free to reach out to me in the following ways:

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Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Victoria Vega". The script is cursive and fluid.

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