

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

March 27, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chair  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 Capitol Building  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
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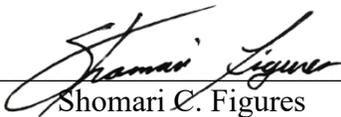
Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the MCPSS Playground and Safety Modernization Initiative in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Mobile County Board of Education, located at 1 Magnum Pass, Mobile, AL 36618. The funding would be used to provide new, code-compliant playground equipment for schools in the Mobile County Public School System with the greatest need. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will install safe, student-friendly equipment at schools currently without playgrounds, beginning with Collins-Rhodes Elementary and Robbins Elementary, and replace unsafe equipment identified through a districtwide audit. This investment will promote safety, accessibility, and healthy physical activity for young students across Mobile County, ultimately reducing future Medicaid spending as healthier students become less reliant on the healthcare system.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

  
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Shomari C. Figures  
Member of Congress