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Fundraiser to benefit \$250,000 capital campaign for playing field at Curley K-8 School in Jamaica Plain

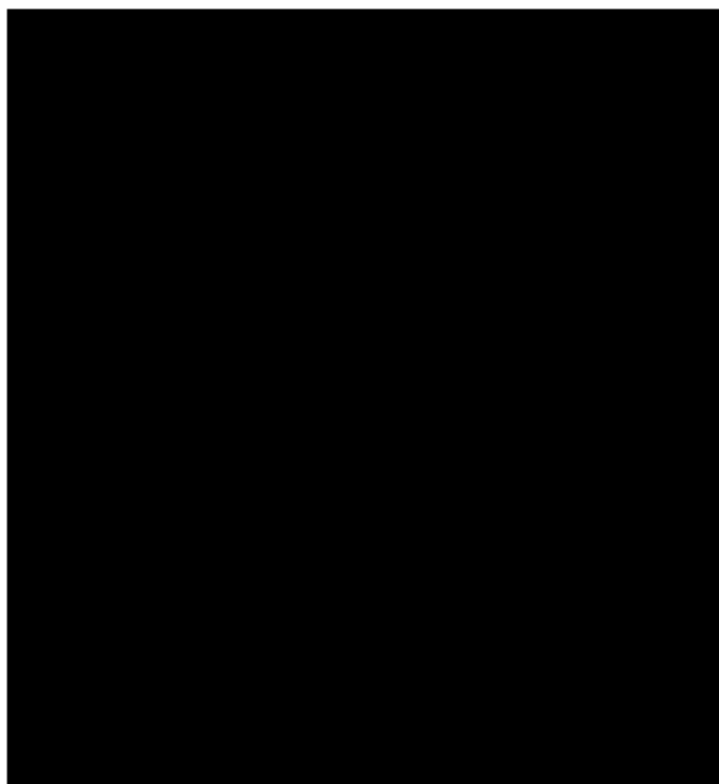
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A fundraiser on Saturday will benefit a capital campaign that hopes to raise \$250,000 to help pay for a long-awaited multi-purpose playing field at the Curley K-8 School in Jamaica Plain.

Parents, teachers, members of the city's neighborhood services office, City Councilor Matt O'Malley and neighbors of the school are expected to attend the event at the school on Saturday at 2 p.m., organizers said.

Five years ago, a schoolyard improvement effort called for an expanded green space, new playground structures, a mural, and an outdoor classroom to be built in a first phase and a playing field in a second phase.

The first phase, supported by a grant from the Boston Schoolyard Initiative, was completed within about two years, but the field has not had enough funding.

Earlier this year, the school launched a capital campaign to fund-raise for the field's construction.

About two weeks after the campaign began, the school received an [anonymous \\$50,000 donation](#) toward the project.

The new turf playing field, surrounded by a running track, would replace an aging, 14,000 square-foot asphalt lot. The proposed new green space would be used for physical education classes, school sports, informal play and after school programming.

"The completion of this project will help us fulfill a commitment to the health and wellness of all our students," organizers of Saturday's fundraiser said in an announcement. "By providing new avenues for physical activity and more access to the outdoors, a new playing field will help the Curley build strong minds, healthy bodies and a cohesive student body that understands and values the power of teamwork and an active lifestyle."

For more information about the field and fundraising campaign, visit www.playingfield.curleyk8.com.

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