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\$85,000 sought for playing field at Curley K-8 School in Jamaica Plain

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By Matt Rocheleau, Boston.com Staff

Organizers raising money to help pay for a long-awaited multi-purpose playing field at the Curley K-8 School in Jamaica Plain say they need \$85,000 over the next 50 days to reach their goal.

The [capital campaign](#), which began about a year ago, aims to raise a total of \$260,000 by March 1.

The campaign has collected \$175,000 so far. And organizers said the next \$10,000 collected will be doubled through a matching grant.

Six years ago, a schoolyard improvement effort at the Curley 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.

To help fund the field project, organizers began a capital campaign last year. About two weeks after the effort 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 programing.

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

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