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**Rep. Hamzy: \$10,000 State Grant approved for Expansion of Playscape at Plymouth Center School**



***Grant from Office of Policy and Management will Help Fund Second Phase of Project***

The state Office of Policy and Management has approved a \$10,000 grant that will help pay for the second phase of the playscape expansion project at the Plymouth Center School, state Representative William A. Hamzy, R-78<sup>th</sup> District, announced today.

“The playscape at the Plymouth Center School has been an ongoing project of the school’s Parent-Teacher Association for about 11 or 12 years,” said Representative Hamzy who has been working to gain approval for the grant for several months. “This funding will help pay for the second phase of the project, which includes the installation of another slide, climbing equipment, a fireman’s pole, a Braille panel, and other equipment that will allow more children to use the facility at one time. The playscape is handicapped accessible, allowing children with special needs to enjoy it as well. It is a worthwhile project that benefits the entire town. I was pleased to help the PTA with its efforts to expand the playscape and look forward to working with them again in the near future.”

“We’re thrilled and excited to hear that the grant for the second phase of our playscape project has been approved,” said Linda Hotchkiss, president of the Plymouth Center School Parent-Teacher Association. “Our PTA volunteers have been holding fund-raisers for several years for this project and others that benefit the school and our students. In addition to the playscape, the school grounds include ball fields and other recreational facilities that benefit residents from throughout the community and are widely used throughout the year. Representative Hamzy told us about the grant, helped us apply for it, and worked with state officials to secure the funding. We’d like to thank him for his dedication and hard work on behalf of our school and the town.”

The playscape is a three-phase project of the Plymouth Center School PTA. The second phase of the project should be completed in time for the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year in September, Mrs. Hotchkiss said.