

New School and Community Playground at P.S. 19

Dear Parents and Guardians:

We are thrilled to announce that due to a generous grant from Council Member Rosie Mendez and the Trust for Public Land, the schoolyard at P.S. 19 will be getting a new playground. Starting this January, The Trust for Public Land and landscape architects will work with students, staff, parents and community members to design and build a new school and community playground on our schoolyard.

Established in 1972, The Trust for Public Land (TPL) is a nonprofit organization that is committed to bringing open space and recreational resources to communities underserved by parks. TPL's NYC Playgrounds Program has created 66 new playgrounds in NYC over the past 20 years. In addition, TPL has led community design at another 123 schools participating in the former mayor's Schoolyards to Playgrounds Initiative.

One of the unique features of TPL's Playgrounds Program is that students, parents and community members design the new park. Previous playgrounds have included running tracks, basketball courts, artificial turf fields, trees, gardens, outdoor classrooms, game tables, water fountains, playground equipment and murals.

The design team invites your ideas for the new playground! A bulletin board with a suggestion sheet will be located just outside the main office and student design sessions take place on Tuesday mornings from January 24 through April 24. There will also be a presentation from the Trust for Public Land and a chance to ask questions about the project at the **January 27, 8 a.m., PTA meeting**. TPL staff will also attend PTA meetings over the next three months to solicit feedback at various stages of design.

The P.S. 19 Asher Levy community is thrilled to be working on this project with TPL and we welcome your involvement!

Sincerely,
Jacqueline Flanagan
Principal