



CHITTICK ELEMENTARY SCHOOLYARD PROJECT UPDATE MARCH, 2024

Thank you for your continued interest in the Chittick Elementary Schoolyard construction project!

We are excited to share with you that **we will be starting construction the first week of April!**



Existing playground

We know that the Chittick Elementary Schoolyard is an important part of the community and we understand that having the entire schoolyard closed for the duration of construction is difficult for many. We appreciate your patience during our renovation, and look forward to reopening the schoolyard in September with a completed playground that is beautiful, safe and accessible.

Construction is scheduled to occur over the Spring and Summer, with completion in Fall 2024. This means that the site will be closed for construction, however kids and families will be able to access the side yard along Radcliffe Rd. for recess and outdoor activities.

Our contractor is Metro Equipment Corp, and we are happy to be working with them on this exciting project. They have constructed, and are currently constructing, many successful projects for Boston Parks in the past.

WHAT YOU WILL SEE

Over the first few weeks you will see:

- Construction fencing installation
- Tree protection installation
- Demolition of the current stairs, retaining wall and play equipment

Safety and Access

- School dropoff will temporarily shift further up Radcliffe Rd. Students will enter the lot, walk down a set of steps to the schoolyard. Construction fencing will border each side of a path and guide students to the cafeteria entrance.
- This temporary access will allow the contractor to demo and rebuild the stairs at the Radcliffe Rd entrance first. Once the stairs are rebuilt, the access into the school will return to normal.

ANTICIPATED CONSTRUCTION TIMELINES

- April - May: Mobilization and demolition
- May - July: Drainage, play equipment, curbing, paving, safety surfacing fencing and site furniture
- August - September: Landscaping and electrical

OTHER ITEMS:

Please use [311](#) to document non-emergency issues relating to park use, and 911 for emergency situations relating to public safety. Construction questions and concerns can be directed to Priyanka Vankina, Project Manager for Boston Parks and Recreation (priyanka.vankina@boston.gov).

Project Website:

<https://www.boston.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation/improvements-chittick-elementary-school-yard>