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Dear Mrs. Allen:

First, let me apologize for such a late response to your e-mail. I do appreciate your inquiry as to funding for improved playground facilities. My staff has checked with the Mississippi Department of Education and there are no state funds or grants available for this type of project. Also, the United States Department of Education is not soliciting grant applications for improved playgrounds.

I wish you well in any local fundraising activities for this worthwhile project. Again, many thanks for your inquiry and for your volunteer services at South Side Elementary.

Very truly yours,

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