Project Overview & Partnership

This is a community asset on district property, with YMCA funding. The playspace will be limited to YMCA childcare use during the school day, with community access available in the off hours following district guidelines for use of courts, disc golf, and sand volleyball court use also on school grounds. Support of the district maintenance department will be required for repairs, while the YMCA oversees funding and daily inspections of the space for safety.

Site Plan & Property Impact

The proposed location is directly behind the child care corner of the Spring Grove YMCA closest to the new, side parking lot. This location is accessible from the parking lot and child care doors. Grass space is left between the playground and the preexisting gym for ball play.

- Total square footage for the design is approximately 7,930 SqFt.
- Boundaries include the building's preexisting brick wall, low maintenance natural shrubs lining the inner side (gym side), and a straight fence on the outer edge (parking lot side) for child safety while maintaining maximum accessibility for all.
- The project is built within the preexisting sidewalks and is in close proximity to a parking lot for public parking as well as construction access.

KOMPAN is an approved Pennsylvania COSTARS vendor, allowing eligible organizations to purchase directly without a separate public bidding process, subject to applicable procurement requirements. KOMPAN also has a national preferred vendor agreement with the YMCA, offering exclusive pricing and discounts. Together, these programs simplify purchasing, reduce costs, and streamline project completion. Additionally, KOMPAN Inc provides turn key installation including engineering, excavation, and installation.

Maintenance & Responsibility

Funding of repairs and maintenance will be assumed by the YMCA when indicated. It is proposed that the YMCA will budget consistently to a designated account towards the long term needs of the playground updates and repairs.

Daily inspections/monitoring will be completed by child care staff in order to monitor equipment safety and cleaning needs.

Replacement parts can be obtained by sending a picture to the KOMPAN representative or by utilizing the companies' app to obtain correct replacement parts and repairs.

Support is required from district maintenance for…

- Mowing around the play space and typical grounds maintenance.
- Repairs and coordination with the KOMPAN supplier on replacement parts.

The goal is to establish clear responsibilities before installation so nothing falls through the cracks. Below is a chart proposal for responsibilities from a maintenance perspective.

Responsibility	YMCA	School District	KOMPAN
Playground purchase	Primary	—	Supplier
Daily visual inspections	Proposed	—	—
Grounds maintenance	—	Proposed	—
Routine cleaning	—	TBD	—
Playground repairs	Funding	Proposed	Parts/support
Surfacing maintenance	—	Proposed	Guidance
Warranty claims	Proposed coordinator	Support as needed	Warranty support
Annual safety inspection	TBD	TBD	Documentation

Equipment Durability & Long-Term Value
KOMPAN's commercial-grade construction, material selection, corrosion resistance, replacement-part availability, and applicable warranties suit the collaboration needs between the YMCA and SGASD. Equipment durability ranges from 15-20 years, while ground surfacing ranges from approximately 10-15 years. Warranty information per material is provided within the additional handouts.

Safety, Accessibility & Surfacing
KOMPAN Inc has provided an ADA accessibility measure indicating that our proposed play space exceeds the ADA recommendations for ground versus elevated play structures as well as meets the number of play types required. (Two documents provided separately: 2-5 year old and 5-12 year old play items.)

Equipment is placed with appropriate fall zones as indicated and pictured on the 2D visual. Pour in place rubber and turf were selected for accessibility needs of our community, low maintenance requirements, and the ability to consistently maintain appropriate impact attenuation. Both surfaces are designed for accessibility, low maintenance, and consistent impact attenuation. Recommended maintenance includes:

- Routine Inspections – Check for cracks, tears, loose seams, separation, or deterioration.
- High-Traffic Areas – Monitor wear beneath swings, at slide exits, and around heavily used equipment.
- Drainage – Inspect for standing water, clogged drains, and proper subsurface drainage.
- Cleaning – Remove debris, leaves, dirt, and other materials to maintain safe, accessible surfaces.
- Accessibility – Ensure surfaces remain firm, stable, slip-resistant, and free of trip hazards.

Installation & Project Management
Due to the turn key construction benefits, KOMPAN can coordinate equipment, installation, and surfacing through one project team. The building process is unable to be phased due to ground surfacing selections; therefore, the building process will not begin until the funds are raised in full. Grant writing and fundraising will be completed by the YMCA to fund the installation of this project.

We would love to incorporate the Rocket Promise into this community space including providing high school students with hands-on participation when applicable such as working with the gardening/nature club, woodworking classes, and others as applicable.

Long-Term Partnership & Next Steps
Our goal is to help the YMCA deliver an outstanding playground for the community while making sure the school district is comfortable with what is being installed on its property. We understand that Buildings & Grounds will have a role in maintaining this space, so we're focused on the selection of durable materials, straightforward maintenance, proper installation, and clearly defined responsibilities. The Spring Grove YMCA is open to completing a written agreement regarding responsibilities and funding expectations as proposed above. Overall, we want this to be a long-term asset for the district, not an unexpected maintenance burden.

With the district’s approval our next steps would include establishing a maintenance agreement between the YMCA and the SGASD, as well as begin grant writing and fundraising to obtain funds for this space.

1. What exactly is being installed on district property?
2. What responsibilities and costs will fall on the district?
3. Is the equipment safe, durable, and easy to maintain?
4. How will installation affect district property and operations?

Five questions to be ready for

These are the questions I would expect from experienced Buildings & Grounds personnel:

- "What is this going to cost us every year?" Be ready with realistic maintenance requirements and identify any costs the district has agreed to absorb.
- "What happens when something breaks?" Explain parts availability, warranty coverage, repair coordination, and who authorizes and pays for repairs.
- "What happens to drainage?" Show how the site design handles stormwater and protects adjacent grounds.
- "How do we know this is safe?" Discuss applicable standards, accessibility, installation verification, and ongoing inspections.
- "What happens if the YMCA stops operating it?" The district and YMCA should address long-term ownership, removal, replacement, and restoration responsibilities in their agreement.

The presentation should feel approximately 75% facilities and operations, 25% playground benefits. Save the deeper discussion of play value, inclusivity, and child development for the YMCA leadership or full school board.