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Hello,

As you navigate the many challenges of PUSD, I urge you to keep **trees** in mind. This may seem like a little thing but is a make it or break it factor for children spending time outside. Play areas or any outdoor area without tree canopy are subject to extreme heat in our ever increasing hot climate.

Construction and development typically treat trees like they are disposable and replaceable, but planting a new small tree while great, will not provide the benefits needed for several decades. (That is if they even survive.) We must preserve mature trees wherever they are on PUSD property they are valuable assets that are irreplaceable. Sunshades do not create the same cooling effect and they breakdown overtime shedding, micro plastics onto the play area.

Thank you for considering of our trees.

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UFAC commissioner writing in my individual capacity

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