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Nathan S. Davis Elementary Celebrates New Schoolyard Through Space to Grow: Greening Chicago Schoolyards

WHO: Healthy Schools Campaign and Openlands
WHAT: Ribbon Cutting Celebration for new schoolyard transformation through Space to Grow
WHEN: Chicago Public Schools' last day of school: Tuesday, June 19, 3:15pm
WHERE: Nathan S. Davis Elementary School, 3014 W 39th Pl, Chicago, IL 60632
WHY: Nathan S. Davis Elementary is the tenth schoolyard transformation completed through the Space to Grow program, creating opportunities for the school community to play, learn, and grow while positively affecting the local waterways. The new features at Davis Elementary include:

- turf field and track
- playground equipment for all ages
- basketball courts
- outdoor classroom
- rain gardens
- native gardens

Space to Grow is an award-winning, innovative program led by Healthy Schools Campaign and Openlands to transform Chicago schoolyards into vibrant outdoor spaces that benefit students, community members, and the environment. Space to Grow uses a unique model that brings together capital funds and leadership from Chicago Public Schools, the Chicago Department of Water Management, and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago. Davis Elementary is the first of six schools to celebrate new schoolyards through the program in 2018.

VISUALS: Students and neighbors celebrate new schoolyard, gardens, and playground; ribbon cutting ceremony with students and organizational partners.

INTERVIEWS: Alderman George Cardena
Commissioner Randy Conner, Chicago Department of Water Management
President Mariyana Spyropoulos, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago
Elizabeth Alvarez, Chief of Schools for Network 8
Principal Rocío Rosales-Gaskin
Claire Marcy, Senior Vice President, Healthy Schools Campaign
Jerry Adelman, President and CEO, Openlands

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