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**TOLLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL RECEIVES LOWE'S TOOLBOX FOR EDUCATION GRANT  
FOR OUTDOOR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AREA**  
*\$4,000 will provide funding toward the project*

**Tolland, CT** – The Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation has awarded a \$4,000 Lowe's Toolbox for Education® grant to Tolland Middle School and their Parent Teacher Organization for installation of an Outdoor Physical Activity Area that will be utilized by all students and integrated into their physical education curriculum. Tolland Middle School is one of 593 schools across the United States to be awarded a Lowe's Toolbox for Education grant during its fall 2016 grants cycle for improvement projects.

This exciting Outdoor Physical Activity Area supports and improves the current fitness-based PE curriculum, encourages physical fitness for the students, and gives them the ability to participate in a variety of team activities, games and sports. This new area can also be utilized by every teacher in the building in conjunction with the school's (nationally recognized) PBIS program which creates positive school environments for students. It will include two adjustable basketball hoop systems, up to four Tetherball courts, and four 4-square game areas. The project is scheduled to be completed by September 2017.

"Thank you to all who have worked tirelessly to secure the funds for this project! We are eager for the completion of the project so the space can be utilized for school activities as well as use by our community. Thank you to Lowe's for supporting us!" said Mary Grande, Tolland Middle School Principal.

Since its inception in 2005, Lowe's Toolbox for Education has provided more than \$45 million in grants to more than 10,000 schools, benefiting more than 6 million schoolchildren. Grants are available to K-12 public schools in the United States for a wide range of improvement projects. Schools may be eligible to receive Toolbox grants up to \$100,000. Parent groups and educators can apply by visiting [ToolboxForEducation.com](http://ToolboxForEducation.com).

To view a full list of projects by state, visit [ToolboxForEducation.com/winners](http://ToolboxForEducation.com/winners). Select the fall 2016 winners tab, which will list the school and the supporting Lowe's store available for assistance.

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