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Office of the President
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Members, Board of Trustees:

NAMING OF THE UK EARLY CHILDHOOD LABORATORY PLAYGROUND

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the naming of the playground at the Early Childhood Laboratory (ELC) as the Elliott Family Outdoor Learning Lab.

Background: Dr. Edward C. Elliott is a passionate alumnus and supporter of the University of Kentucky. Dr. Elliott graduated from UK's College of Medicine in 1979 and is a third-generation University of Kentucky graduate. Dr. Elliott and Mrs. Elliott care deeply about childhood development and the care of children and have agreed to fund the renovation of the playground at the Early Childhood Lab in the College of Education with a gift of \$150,000. This gift will fully fund the renovation and provide a fund for upkeep and enhancement. Not including this gift, Dr. Elliott's total giving to the University of Kentucky is \$340,902.

The Early Childhood Lab (ECL) playground equipment is currently over 20 years old and was relocated to its current space when the ECL moved into its new facility at 621 South Limestone Street, Lexington, in 2015. The land where the current playground is located has drainage issues. The new playground will consist of two levels and will be graded to improve drainage which will allow for the use of PIP surfacing; a poured rubber surfacing that is durable, soft, shock-absorbing, does not splinter and is hypo-allergenic.

The Advisory Committee on Naming University Property has reviewed this request and found it to comply with Administrative Regulation 9:5 and recommends approval of this name designation.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____