## **GREAT RECESS FRAMEWORK**



## Safety:

When thinking about building a great recess at schools, we always want the people on our playgrounds to feel safe. A safe playground is a place where students and adults are physically, socially and emotionally safe. When creating a safe play environment, we focus on three major areas: appropriate play space & equipment use, positive student behaviors and adult interventions and supervision.

## **Engagement:**

Recess should be a fun and engaging part of our students' day. Implementing systems and best playground practices, increases student and adult participation at recess. We recommend creating systems that include safe and healthy Games & available equipment, transitions to & from recess, adult & student participation at recess will create a space where students feel engaged at recess.



## **Empowerment:**

Our goal is to provide school communities with useful tools to independently run a safe and engaging recess that is fun.

When students and adults, really takes ownership over recess, it truly becomes a great recess. Empowering the adults and students to thoughtfully take responsibility for **play & games** at recess, student led **conflict resolution** and **adult modeling of positive behaviors** creates a consistently safe and healthy environment for the community.