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Dear CPP Families -

I am writing to update you on the status of the Middle School Turf Field project.

We originally expected completion of this field late last fall. Unfortunately, after the turf was originally placed, the District's Facilities Project team observed that the field was not draining as designed and expected. At that time, the Project team directed the appointed Contractor to engage in remediation work to correct the drainage issues which involved the removal and replacement of finish stone underlying the turf. Following that work, in late fall and through the spring, the Project team observed continued irregularities and instability within the field resulting in ongoing and progressive settlement and an uneven, unplayable surface.

We have been proactive in our efforts to bring the field project to completion. Working with an outside consultant, the Project team determined a plan for remediation and reconstruction of the field. In July, the District solicited bids for this work. The Board of Education awarded this work to a new Contractor at its meeting on August 5th. Work is scheduled to begin in September with an anticipated completion date of late November. Importantly, the Board also authorized the initiation of litigation against the original Contractor and its Surety in order to recover the costs associated with the remediation and reconstruction work, additional consultant and professional service fees the District has incurred, and loss of use damages.

We understand this news is disappointing as we had hoped we would be able to use the field for the upcoming fall sports season. However, we will not accept a field that does not meet our standards for construction and performance and the safety of our students. While delayed, we will ultimately have a field that meets these expectations and is worthy of the long-term investment of the District and our community.

Respectfully,

M. Caulfield

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Superintendent of Schools