

Fairfield Public Schools
Fairfield, CT 06825

TO: Dr. Toni Jones and Members of the Board of Education

FROM: Thomas P. Cullen

DATE: July 18, 2017

RE: **Status and Update**
FWHS Artificial Turf Field and Tennis Courts Replacement Project
Town of Fairfield - TMS Artificial Turf Field Replacement Project

This is an update on the following 2017-2018 non-recurring projects:

- FWHS Artificial Turf Field
- FWHS Tennis Courts Replacement Project
- Town of Fairfield TMS Artificial Turf Field Replacement Project

These three projects were combined during the bidding process to reduce costs.

Three contractor bids were received on July 13, 2017 in the Town of Fairfield Purchasing Department. To allow field use during the 2017-2018 athletic season, the FWHS turf field construction will be delayed and will start on June 1, 2018. The other two projects will go forward as soon as an award is issued and a purchase order is completed and approved.

Due to the extended length of the bidding process, the FWHS turf field project delay was somewhat anticipated, but not officially confirmed until the bids were received last Thursday, July 13, 2017. Because of this, a proactive mitigation plan had already been developed with input from Jim Coyne, Dave Ebling, and Seth Fry. The plan included a proposal to repair the field for one more season of use. APW Construction provided a proposal to repair the field for \$14,500. This work will include the two lacrosse goalmouth areas, 1,000 lineal feet of seam repairs, and crumb rubber work across the field. Additionally, a proposal was also received from G-Max Testing, to perform safety testing prior to the start of the 2017-2018 athletic season.

The bidding process for engineering services was the greatest factor in the delay of the FWHS turf project. The Town Purchasing Department requested the engineering consultant services in order to bid the projects together and reduce costs. In the past, consultant services from proposals received during the budget process were used and projects could begin as soon as the RTM approved the funding.

In addition, the bids we have received identified long construction timeframes: 70 days for the TMS turf field, 90 days for the FWHS turf field, and 120 days for the FWHS tennis courts.

The TMS turf field will begin construction this summer and is projected to last 70 days. The Parks and Recreation Department will work with TMS administration in monitoring construction activities; the field will not be ready by the start of the school year.

The FWHS tennis courts construction will begin this summer and is projected to last 120 days. There should be no impact to the March 2018 tennis season, barring any unforeseen conditions or weather issues.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this information, please feel free to contact me at (203) 255-8373.

Thank you.

c: Meg Brown