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## UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Office of the Director of Facilities*

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**Friday, February 2nd, 2024**

Re: Witter Field Renovation Project Update

Dear Neighbors,

Thank you for your continued patience with the Witter Field renovation project.

This message provides an update on anticipated parking restrictions and other impacts for the beginning of February.

I have also attached progress photos showing the ongoing work at the site.

### **Work in Progress**

The turf field is complete and will open for PHS Athletics Monday, 2/5 after school at 3pm.

PUSD will have security personnel stationed at the top of El Cerrito for at least one week starting Monday, 2/5 3pm-7pm

Refer to PHS Athletics Witter Field Sports Complex re-opening access/parking notification letter below.

Home soccer playoff games will be held on Tue 2/6 and Thursday 2/8.

We can also open the track for PHS/PMS track practices and to the public.

(track will not have surfacing or lane striping but it will be safe to run on but not compete on)

(PHS track will be able to throw shot put and discus on Witter)

(PHS track will not be able to pole vault, long jump or high jump on Witter)

We can also open the turf field for the start of LAX season.

Bothman will start removing the temporary construction fencing tomorrow, Sat 2/3.

The fencing and the rest of the materials and equipment will be hauled off site early next week.

### **Parking Restrictions**

Parking restrictions on Palm, Park View and Winsor will remain in place Monday 2/5 through Wed 2/7.

Parking restrictions may not be needed for all three days next week. I will advise as soon as restrictions can be lifted.

No parking restrictions will be needed after Wed 2/7 through the end of the school year, May 31<sup>st</sup>. Parking restrictions will be held to a minimum during the summer work starting Monday, 6/3.

Parking restrictions on El Cerrito will remain lifted

As a reminder, parking restrictions have been needed to assure emergency vehicle egress during construction hours. This is per the City of Piedmont Fire Department request.

### **Winsor driveway gate closure**

For your safety, the pedestrian access gate on the Winsor Avenue driveway, which many residents use to access the Piedmont Park off-leash dog area will be closed during working hours: Monday-Friday from 7:30am to 4pm. The gate will be locked and chained during these periods. Please respect this closure, as construction activity on the driveway could pose a safety hazard to pedestrians and dogs.

We will keep the gate open for pedestrian access to the off-leash dog area outside of working hours and on weekends. Please email me if you find the gate chained outside of designated working hours.

## **Updates and Contact Information**

The District remains committed to providing regular updates to the community regarding the Witter Field renovation. We understand that construction is inconvenient and disruptive, and appreciate your continued patience, understanding, and cooperation as we complete this important project.

I will provide another update on construction activity and parking restrictions in approximately one week, no later than Friday, 2/9/24. All updates will continue to be posted on the PUSD website at <https://www.piedmont.k12.ca.us/ref/facilities/witter-field-renovation>.

I remain the point of contact for questions and concerns. Please feel free to reach out to me anytime at [ppalmer@piedmont.k12ca.us](mailto:ppalmer@piedmont.k12ca.us) or by phone at (510) 594-2877.

Regards,  
Pete Palmer  
PUSD, Director of Facilities/Construction Manager

### **Witter Sports Complex reopening message to all user groups regarding access and parking**

Dear Community members, surrounding residents, PUSD staff, coaches, athletes & parents/fans, visiting team staff, coaches, athletes and parents/fans.

Please adhere to the Witter parking and access guidelines set forth in the following link: [witterfield.com](http://witterfield.com)

PUSD will block off parking on Wildwood Ave for visiting team buses on Tue 2/6 and Thur 2/8 PHS soccer playoff games starting at 3pm. There is limited parking on Wildwood Ave for visiting team vehicles.

Do not park in the following areas. PPD will be enforcing and will be issuing citations:

- Resident only parking spaces
- Blocking any driveway or part of a driveway
- Emergency access roads, bottom of El Cerrito & road leading to hardball field (no stopping, waiting or drop off is allowed)
- Emergency responder access - the Witter parking lot must remain clear at all times so an ambulance can pick up an injured player or a person having a medical emergency
- Red curb or ADA designated parking

The Witter Field Sports complex has just finished extensive drainage upgrades and has installed a state of the art, synthetic turf field capable of accommodating multiple sports and end users. We are reopening the synthetic turf to accommodate the PHS soccer playoffs, PHS LAX and track programs along with the PRD/PMS Track program . It is also the start of PHS hardball and softball programs that play on the natural grass fields.

During peak usage times 3pm to 7pm each there could be as many as 200 to 400 student athletes and coaches using the Witter complex. If there is a game such as the soccer playoff games next Tue 2/6 and Thursday 2/8, the number of people using the Witter Sports Complex could easily double to 800+ people

**The Witter Field sports complex only has 14 parking spaces.** The parking lot is usually full at 3pm each day. During the soccer playoff games, PUSD will hold multiple spaces for attendees that have ADA placards.

For next week, PUSD will be placing security personnel at the top of El Cerrito Ave at Magnolia Ave. Security will only let in residents of El Cerrito and Jerome Ave along with vehicles with ADA placards.

Bradley Smet, PHS Athletic Director will also give security a very short list of authorized people such as referees and coaching staff. PUSD staff that have parking authority above the yellow gate, (AA parking permit) will be allowed through as well.

Please email me with any questions or clarifications.

Regards,  
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