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## UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Office of the Director of Facilities*

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**Thursday, February 8th, 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.

### **Work in Progress**

Bothman has demobilized all of their equipment, supplies and construction fencing from Witter.

As of Monday, 2/5/24, the synthetic turf field and the unsurfaced track are open.

### **Parking Restrictions**

Parking restrictions on Palm, Park View and Winsor as of yesterday, 2/7, are lifted. All no parking signs have been removed. No parking restrictions will be needed until the first week of June. I will advise at least one week before the summer parking restrictions are needed. We are working with Bothman on the summer track repair and resurfacing schedule.

Parking restrictions on El Cerrito will remain lifted. It is very unlikely parking restrictions will be needed on El Cerrito during the summer track resurfacing work.

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 locked during school hours: Monday-Friday from 8:30am to 3pm.

We will keep the gate open for pedestrian access to the off-leash dog area outside of school hours and on weekends.

### **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.

The next Witter Construction update will occur as soon as Bothman has confirmed the track repair and resurfacing schedule, no later than the first week of May. 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,

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PUSD, Director of Facilities/Construction Manager

**Witter Sports Complex reopening message to all user groups regarding access and parking- updated Thur 2/8/24**

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 today, Thur 2/8 for a PHS soccer game 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 (PPD enforcement will heighten next week and beyond once security is no longer in place):

- 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. (as a reminder, public use of the Witter Facility is strictly prohibited during the PUSD school day and after school/weekends during PHS athletic practices/games/events)  
(for pay, commercial/personal trainers, etc.. are never allowed at Witter unless a PUSD approved permit has been issued)

**The Witter Field sports complex only has 14 parking spaces.** The parking lot is usually full at 3pm each weekday. During large PHS game events, PUSD will hold multiple spaces for attendees that have ADA placards, further limiting the number of available parking spaces.

For today, Thur 2/8 and Fri 2/9, PUSD will continue having 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.

Starting next week, Monday, 2/12, security will no longer be posted at Magnolia and El Cerrito. PUSD will notify residents on El Cerrito and Jerome at least 48hrs in advance the next time security is needed (large Witter Events)

Please email me with any questions or clarifications.

Regards,

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