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To: Salt Lake City School District Board of Education
Superintendent of Schools

From: Isaac Astill, Executive Director Auxiliary Services

Subject: Sports Field Needs – Interim Solutions During High School Construction

Summary:

As the district prepares for upcoming high school construction projects, it is critical to address the temporary loss of athletic fields at both West High School and Highland High School. These sites host a large number of student-athletes across multiple sports, and the removal or disruption of field access has significant implications for programming, scheduling, equity, and student engagement.

A district-level review was conducted to evaluate short-term and cost-effective solutions. Options to share fields across East, Highland, and West were found to be impractical due to the number of programs and scheduling conflicts. Renting facilities off-site would not support track programs due to limited regional availability and high cost for short-term benefit.

To mitigate disruption, we are recommending targeted investments at several district sites to create viable temporary homes for baseball, softball, track, soccer, and lacrosse. These investments will preserve programming, allow regional scheduling, and minimize impact on surrounding communities.

Proposed Site Improvements and Estimated Costs:

1. Glendale Site – Track/Soccer/Lacrosse (West High Programs)

- 210' x 355' field, 6-lane track
- Add: Locker room, restrooms, scoreboard, bleachers, pits, storage
- Estimate: \$4–\$5 million

2. Backman Elementary – West High Baseball

- LF: 300', RF: 260', CF: 310'
- Add: Tree removal, dugouts, scoreboard, backstop, irrigation, sod
- Estimate: \$2.5 million

3. Mary W. Jackson Elementary – West High Softball

- LF/RF: 250', CF: 302'
- Add: Dugouts, scoreboard, fencing, irrigation, sod
- Estimate: \$2.0 million

4. Clayton Middle School – Highland High Softball

- LF/RF: 250', CF: 308'
- Add: Dugouts, scoreboard, fencing, irrigation
- Estimate: \$2 million

5. Dilworth Elementary – Highland High Baseball

- LF: 281', RF: 330', CF: 338'
- Add: Dugouts, scoreboard, fencing, irrigation, sod
- Estimate: \$2.5 million

Total Estimated Cost: \$14–\$15 million

These improvements can be phased to align with bond construction timelines and will serve as a bridge to support student-athletes while primary campus fields are offline.

Requested Board action:

This item is presented for discussion and planning purposes. Feedback is requested to finalize field strategies and budget recommendations. The goal is to integrate these projects into broader capital and bond planning to ensure continuity in athletic programming districtwide.

Attachments:

Power Point Attached.



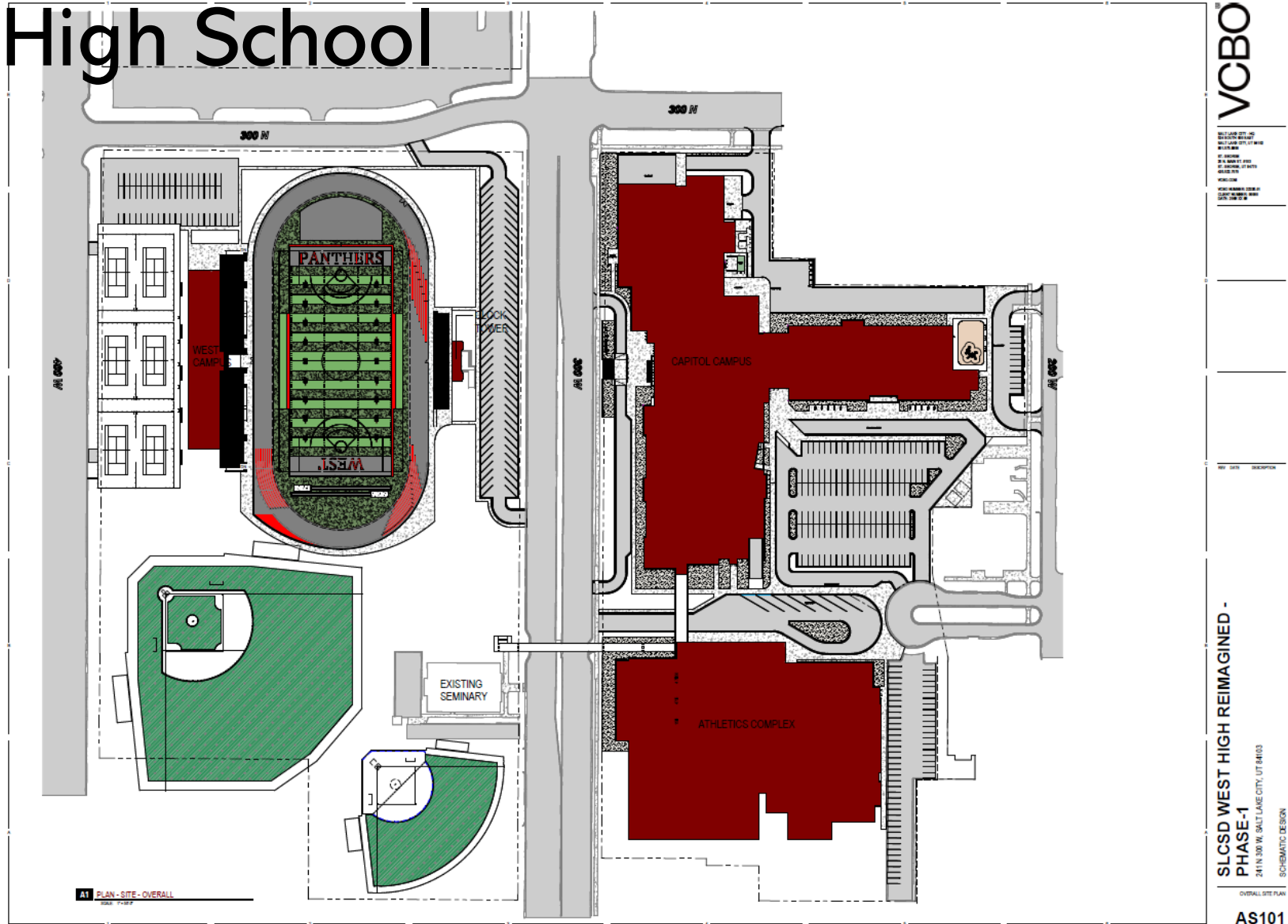
District Field Needs During Construction

Conflicts and Proposed Resolutions

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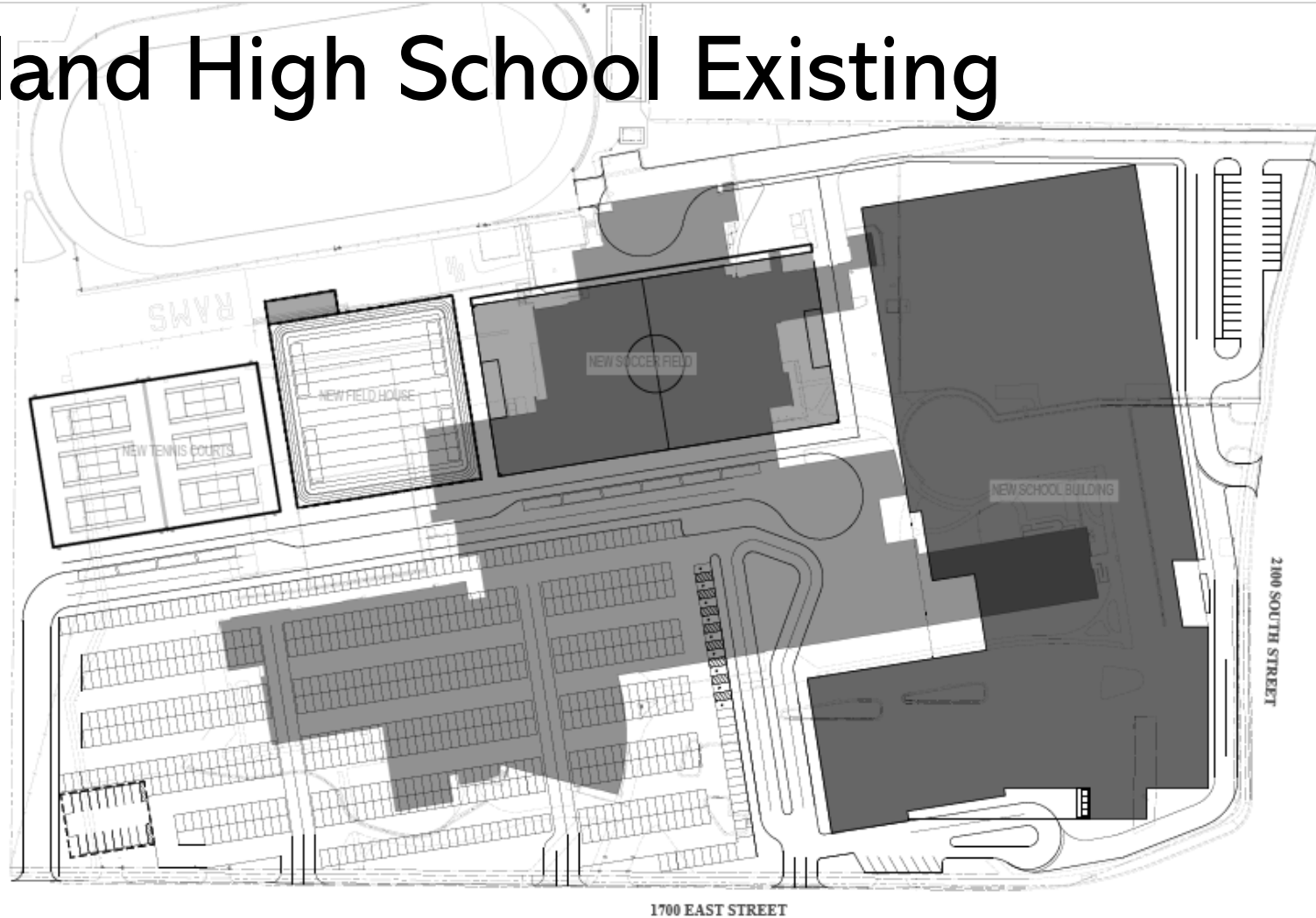


West High School





Highland High School Existing



SLCSD - HIGHLAND HIGH SCHOOL REBUILD
SCALE: 1" = 100'-0"

NAYLOR WENTWORTH LUND ARCHITECTS
NORTH →



HIGHLAND HIGH

Sport	Proposed Site	Approximate Cost	Number of Years Needed
Track	U of U Track	\$100k per yr.	1-2 years
Soccer	Rosslyn Heights Complex	Already budgeted	4 years
Lacrosse	Rosslyn Heights Complex	Already budgeted	4 years
Baseball	Dillworth	\$2.5 million	2 years
Softball	Clayton	\$1.5 million	2 years
Football	Highland High	--	--
Tennis	Rosslyn Heights Complex	Already budgeted	4 years



WEST HIGH

Sport	Proposed Site	Approximate Cost	Number of Years Needed
Track	Glendale-McBride	\$4 million (w/ grass)	6-7 years
Soccer	Field upgrade (same)	\$5 million (w/turf)	(same)
Lacrosse	(same)		(same)
Baseball	Backman	\$2.5 million	5+ years
Softball	Mary W Jackson	\$2 million	5+ years
Football	Share fields with Highland and East	No cost.	1-2 years
Tennis	Liberty Park or share Rosslyn Heights	\$10-\$30 per hour per court. \$60k per year.	5+ years



OTHER OPTIONS

Sport	Proposed Site	Approximate Cost	Number of Years Needed
Track	U of U Track	\$100k per year.	6-7 years
Soccer			
Lacrosse			
Baseball	Smith's Ball Park	Estimate \$1 million per yr.	No more than three years.
Softball	Smith's Ball Park	Estimate \$1 million per yr.	No more than three years.
Baseball	Herman Franks Park	Used by Little Leagues ?	5+ years
Softball	Herman Franks Park	Used by Little Leagues ?	5+ years
Football	Share w/ East and Highland	Low Cost	1-2 years
Tennis	Liberty Park or share Rosslyn Heights	\$10-\$30 per hour per court. \$60k per year.	5+ years



Options

- **Share Existing Fields – East/Highland/West**
 - Limited access and disruption to the entire HS student bodies
 - Can share across two schools but impossible to share one field with three schools.
- **Rent Other Facilities**
 - No facilities within the area that would accommodate the track
 - Temporary Location for Baseball/Softball with only 3 years available or would affect league use.
 - Potentially Expensive for limited uses.
- **Build additional fields on existing properties**
 - \$14 - \$15 million needed.
 - New spaces are not adjacent to High Schools



Glendale: Track, Soccer, Lacrosse

Field Details

- 210' wide, 355' long
- 6 lane track

Needs

- Locker room and bathroom facility
- Scoreboard
- Bleachers
- Track and Field Pits
- Equipment storage
- Track repair and refinish

Estimate: \$4 or \$5 million





Backman: West Baseball

Field Details

- 300' Left Field, 260' Right Field
- 310' Center Field

Needs

- Trees Removed
- Dugouts
- Scoreboard
- Backstop
- Infield and irrigation installation
- Concrete removal and sod installation

Estimate: \$2.5 million





Mary W. Jackson: West Softball

Field Details

- 250' Left Field, 250' Right Field
- 302' Center Field

Needs

- Dugouts
- Scoreboard
- Fencing
- Infield and irrigation installation
- Asphalt removal and sod installation

Estimate: \$2.0 million





Clayton: Highland Softball

Field Details

- 250' Left Field, 250' Right Field
- 308' Center Field

Needs

- Dugouts
- Scoreboard
- Fencing
- Infield and irrigation Installation

Estimate: \$1.5 million





Dilworth: Highland Baseball

Field Details

- 281' Left Field, 330' Right Field
- 338' Center Field

Needs

- Dugouts
- Scoreboard
- Fencing
- Infield and irrigation Installation
- Sod replacement

Estimate: \$2.5 million





Questions?

Thank you!