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Dear ACSD Neighbor,

As a homeowner with property in close proximity to the Dennis Ford Athletic Field, you are receiving this informational letter about the new turf complex and athletic building that is included in Phase 2 of the Amherst Central School District Capital Improvement Project, approved by voters in December 2022.

Phase 2 exterior site work at the athletic field that runs between Westmoreland Road and Kings Highway is scheduled to begin as soon as June 2, 2025. In early June, after our spring sports season ends, the construction crews will install signage, construction fencing, and erosion fabric along Westmoreland Road, Kings Highway and the residential properties on Washington Highway and Berryman Drive that abut the work area. Construction access to the site will be through designated gated entrances on Westmoreland and Kings Highway, with the primary entrance on Westmoreland. Crews have been coordinated to minimize construction traffic during student arrival / dismissal times for the High School and Middle School. The turf project construction will continue into late 2026.

Please note: according to our property surveys, your back fence is located on school district property. Our intention is to not disturb your fencing and the construction companies will do their best to work around the fencing in its current location. As part of our construction, drainage will be installed in the area adjacent to your fence. If it is determined that the fence is obstructing this drainage installation, it may need to be removed from our property. If that should be the case, we will notify you.

While this message pertains to exterior site work and is only being mailed to residents whose property borders the work area, we also wanted to point you toward the 2022 Capital Project webpage www.amherstschools.org/community/capital-project-2022. The site work at the athletic field is one portion of a larger three-phase project and we will post schedules, timelines, and site plans for each phase of work on the 2022 Capital Project webpage. This summer there will be exterior and/or interior work occurring at all of our school buildings. For safety purposes throughout the course of construction, we ask you to abide by the signs and not enter any construction areas.

We aim to be a good neighbor and keep the lines of communication open with our community. With that in mind, we have worked closely with our construction manager to reduce disruption as much as possible. If you have questions, please reach out to Mark Rampado, Amherst CSD Director of Facilities.

Thank you,

Anthony J. Panella, Superintendent