



# **Olcott Stadium Focus Group V: The Feasibility of Upgraded Lighting**

June 4, 2024

# Structuring our Work

Community Survey Review  
Morristown High School Site Visit  
Future Process Outline



# Examining the Challenge of Enhanced Lighting

**Who:** Community focus group of stakeholders

**What:** Sharing perceptions of enhancing lighting

**When:** June 2023, December 2023, March 2024, April 2024, and June 2024

**Where:** Olcott Field; Bernards High School

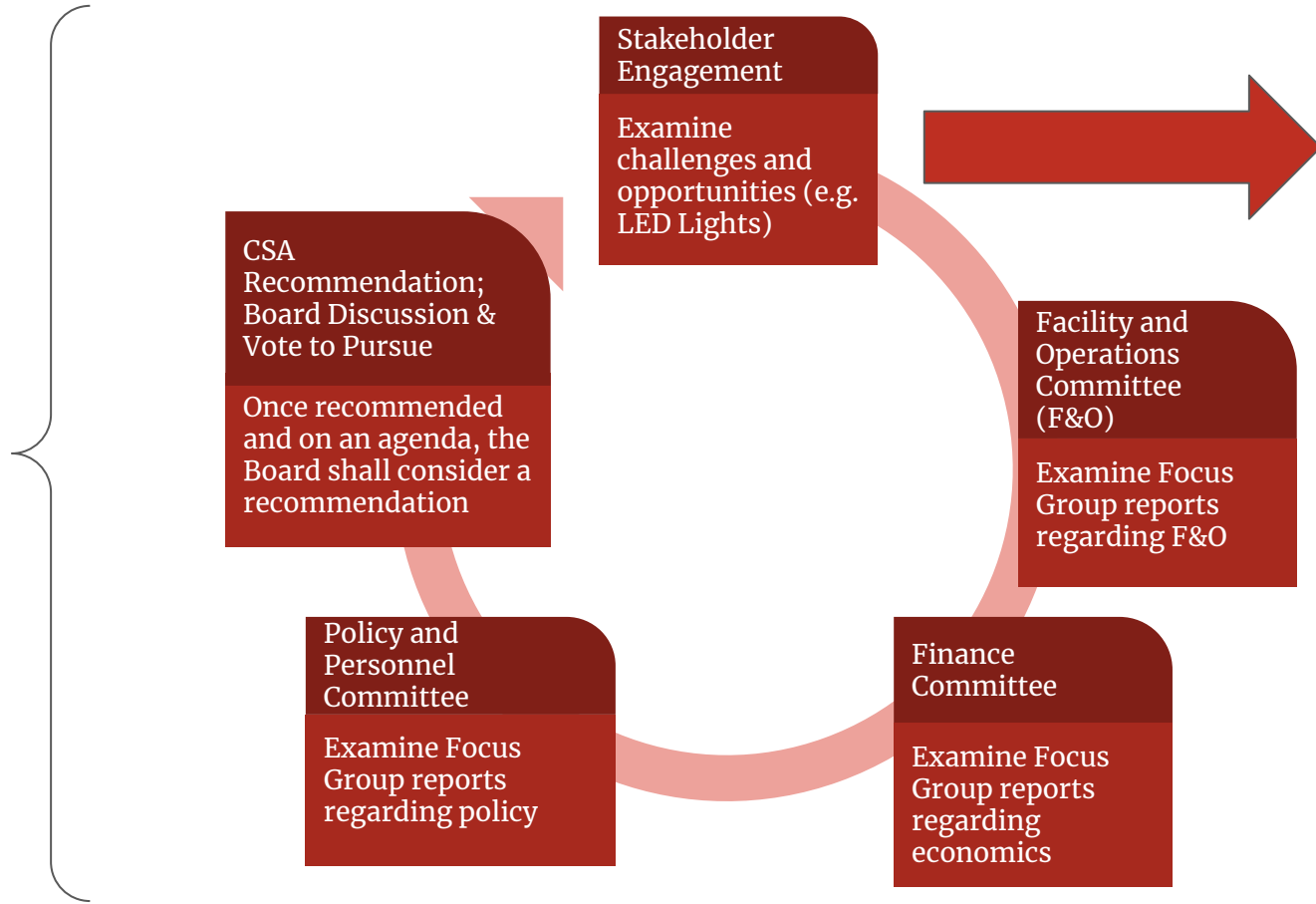
**Why:** Enhancing Lighting Quality



# 2023 Era Lighting Installations



*Assessment of additional implications*



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# Community Survey

## Participants

742 Overall

158 Students (21.2%)

53 Staff Members (7.1%)

41 Residents of the Olcott Region without school aged children in SHSD (5.5%)

35 Residents of the Olcott Region with school aged children in SHSD (4.7%)

104 community members without school aged children in SHSD (14%)

343 community members with school aged children in SHSD (46.2%)

# Community Survey

## Overall Results

Participation results reflect high number of community members with school aged children, district students and district staff that completed the survey

Participation results favor non-Olcott Region community members, which must be given strong consideration

Survey provides predictable results given participation results and stakeholder status

No bots; no 'ballot stuffing'

# Community Survey: Agreement-All Respondents

## Agreements

1. The installation of permanent poles and upgraded LED lights will provide a safely lit playing surface. (4.6)
2. The installation of permanent poles and upgraded LED lights will provide more precise illumination. (4.6)
3. The installation of permanent poles and upgraded LED lights will enhance the student experience at Bernards High School. (4.4)
4. The installation of permanent poles and upgraded LED lights will result in more evening field usage. (4.3)
5. Investigating permanent poles and upgraded LED lights has focused on balancing opportunities for students with being respectful of residents in the Olcott Avenue region (4.2)
6. The installation of permanent poles and upgraded LED lights are worth the cost. (4.2)
7. The installation of permanent poles and upgraded LED lights will result in more weekend field usage (4.0)

# Community Survey: Agreement-Community Members

## Agreements

1. The installation of permanent poles and upgraded LED lights will provide a safely lit playing surface. (4.7)
2. The installation of permanent poles and upgraded LED lights will provide more precise illumination. (4.6)
3. The installation of permanent poles and upgraded LED lights will enhance the student experience at Bernards High School. (4.5)
4. Investigating permanent poles and upgraded LED lights has focused on balancing opportunities for students with being respectful of residents in the Olcott Avenue region. (4.2)
5. The installation of permanent poles and upgraded LED lights will result in more evening field usage. (4.2)
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# Community Survey: Agreement–Olcott Region

## Agreements

1. The installation of permanent poles and upgraded LED lights will result in more evening field usage. (4.6)
2. The installation of permanent poles and upgraded LED lights will result in more weekendfield usage. (4.2)
3. The installation of permanent poles and upgraded LED lights will provide a safely lit playing surface. (4.1)
4. The installation of permanent poles and upgraded LED lights will provide more precise illumination. (4.0)

# Community Survey: Agreement–Students and Staff

## Agreements

1. The installation of permanent poles and upgraded LED lights will provide more precise illumination. (4.8)
2. The installation of permanent poles and upgraded LED lights will provide a safely lit playing surface. (4.8)
3. The installation of permanent poles and upgraded LED lights will enhance the student experience at Bernards High School. (4.6)
4. The installation of permanent poles and upgraded LED lights will result in more evening field usage. (4.6)
5. The installation of permanent poles and upgraded LED lights are worth the cost. (4.4)
6. The installation of permanent poles and upgraded LED lights will result in more weekendfield usage. (4.3)
7. Investigating permanent poles and upgraded LED lights has focused on balancing opportunities for students with being respectful of residents in the Olcott Avenue region (4.3)

# Community Survey: Commonalities Amongst Stakeholder Groups

## Agreement Amongst All Stakeholder Groups

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# Community Survey: Commonalities Amongst Stakeholder Groups

## Agreement Amongst All Stakeholder Groups Except Olcott Region Residents

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2. Investigating permanent poles and upgraded LED lights has focused on balancing opportunities for students with being respectful of residents in the Olcott Avenue region (4.2)
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# Community Survey: Commonalities Amongst Stakeholder Groups

## Agreement Amongst All Stakeholder Groups Except Community Members Not Living in Olcott Region

1. The installation of permanent poles and upgraded LED lights will result in more weekend field usage (4.0)

Please describe how the installation of LED lights will impact your experience as a resident, student, parent, or staff member. 742



Topics on Impacting Experience 290





# Key Takeaways From Our Stakeholders

Precision in lighting and enhanced lighting quality is not being debated amongst stakeholder groups.

Facility usage needs to be codified in policy if the Board elects to move forward with respect to evening usage, weekend usage and outside groups.

There is not full agreement with any one stakeholder group with the installation of LED lights.

There is not full opposition with any one stakeholder group with the installation of LED lights.

Neighborhood aesthetics

# Future Engagements

Board Committee(s) Review - Tentative (August, 2024)

Full Board Public Discussion - To Be Announced

Board Action - only if applicable (November 2024 Regular Public Meeting or later)

If Board acts on project - Superintendent and Business Administrator make fiscal arrangements to include the work as directed in the FY26 budget

