

July 14, 2025

Dear Cheltenham Community,

I hope this message finds you doing well, enjoying a relaxing and restful summer. I'm writing today to deliver important stadium project updates that reflect our progress and unwavering commitment to delivering an exceptional facility for our students and community.

Facing unavoidable delays due to permitting complexities and an unusually wet season, we are moving forward with a strong sense of urgency. These variables, while beyond our control, have shifted the project timeline; however, our commitment to maximizing this season's play at CHS has not wavered. While the current completion target is set for the first or second week of October, we are actively working with the contractor to explore every option to accelerate progress. Our top priority is to create opportunities for our student-athletes to compete at home as much as possible, and we are pushing hard to make that happen.

Despite the challenges, significant progress has been made. Just this past week, the project received approval from the Montgomery County Conservation District for removal of earth materials. Significant demolition of bleachers and track has occurred, and access fencing has been installed around the site. Contractors are now working on underground utilities, continued demolition of the bleachers and removal of soil from the playing surface.

Our priority remains providing a meaningful and spirited experience for our student-athletes and fans while construction is underway. As such, some home varsity football games have been relocated to a neutral site for this season. Neutral sites will be reserved as a contingency for additional home games if the updated timeline is not met. Additionally, all junior varsity games will be played away. Rather than playing all varsity games on the road, the following contests will now be hosted at Wissahickon High School, (521 Houston Road, Ambler, PA 19002):

- Friday, August 29 at 7 p.m. vs. Central Bucks East
- Friday, September 19 at 7 p.m. vs. Bensalem (Homecoming)

We understand and share in your frustration. We know how important it is for our students, families, and community to come together under the lights of our home field, especially for milestone events like Homecoming and Senior Night. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience or frustration this may cause and appreciate your patience and flexibility during this time.

We'll keep you informed every step of the way and remain confident that the end result — a modern, state-of-the-art stadium complex — will be well worth the wait. Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you in the stands as we proudly represent Cheltenham on the field this fall.

Sincerely,

Dr. Brian W. Scriven
Superintendent of Schools