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Public Information Meeting
Alameda High School Athletic Field Project

Alameda Unified School District (District) continues to implement campus modernization projects identified in the District's July 2022 Master Plan Revision (Master Plan), funded through Measure B bond proceeds. As part of that process, the District is continuing its planning process for an athletic field to serve the Alameda High School athletic program. The new athletic field is to be located at 1801 Sandcreek Way at the site of the former Lum Elementary school and current temporary campus.

A public information meeting will be held to present information on the proposed project and receive feedback to assist the District in scoping its environmental review. District representatives and members of the design team will be present to provide information and answer questions. Meeting information, project background, a description of the project, and anticipated next steps follow:

Meeting Date: **Tuesday, March 3, 2026**

Meeting Time: **5:30 pm**

Meeting Location: **Wood Middle School (Temporary Campus)**
Media Center (Room P24)
1801 Sandcreek Way
Alameda, California

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Project Background

In 2023, the District conducted environmental review for the modernization project at Wood Middle School currently being constructed. The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review for the Wood Middle School Modernization and New Construction Phase 1 project was conducted in December 2023 and included the potential addition of a high school athletic field to serve Alameda High School at the location of the former Lum Elementary school and current temporary campus. At that time, the District committed to additional CEQA review of the field project and is now reaching out to the surrounding community as a first step in that process.

AHS Athletic Field Project Description

The proposed athletic field would include a synthetic turf sports field and all-weather track to serve the existing Alameda High School sports program. The existing facility at Thompson Field is undersized and cannot be brought up to standards based on property limitations. Therefore, the District proposes to locate the athletic field on the existing temporary campus site after other projects utilizing the campus are completed.

The facility would include existing portable buildings that would be reconfigured as locker rooms. Restroom facilities would be provided for teams and spectators. Home and away bleacher seating would be located on either side of the field. Storage for equipment would be provided. Site access would generally be via the new access roadway adjacent to Rittler Park.

The District anticipates that the athletic field would have a capacity for 1,500 attendees with up to 950 attendees expected for typical football games and events. Graduation could include up to 1,500 attendees and would occur one time per year in the morning. The Island Bowl event would occur every other year and include up to 1,500 attendees. It is possible the District could lease the facility in the future for weekend sports by use permit.

The athletic field would have lighting for evening events and games. It is anticipated that six light poles would be installed and utilize Musco LED lighting to minimize light spill onto adjacent properties. Lighting would only be turned on during school events and would not be used after 10:00 p.m.

The District's anticipated use schedule is shown below.

AHS New Sports Field Intended Use Schedule					
Sport	**Start of Season**	**Number of Hosted Games/Events**	**Typical Attendance (Game)**	**Typical Attendance (Practice)**	**Time of Event**
Football	July	5 (Varsity/JV)	500-800	60	4:30 (JV) 7:00 (Varsity) ending by 10:00
Flag Football	July	10-12	50	40	6:30p (JV) 7:45p (Varsity) Showcase: 8:00a – 5:00p (Sat)
Soccer	Oct/Nov	Up to 25 (boys and girls)	200	70	4:30 (JV) 6:30 (Varsity)
Track & Field	Spring	4-5, possible 2 weekend events	300-600 (multiple teams)	150	Practice: 4:00pm – 6:30pm Meets: 3:30pm -7:30pm Invites: 9:00am – 6:00pm (Sat)
Middle School Track & Field	Spring	Similar to above	Less than above	Less than above	Weekday afternoons

Next Steps

The 2023 CEQA document committed the District to a project level analysis of potential athletic field impacts, including the following: Geotechnical Investigation, Acoustic Analysis, Air Quality Analysis, Lighting Analysis, and revisiting the Traffic Analysis. The District will use information received and concerns raised at the public information meeting to scope its environmental analysis under CEQA. The District anticipates providing the environmental review for public comment in summer 2026.