



# Issaquah School District Interlocal Agreement Update

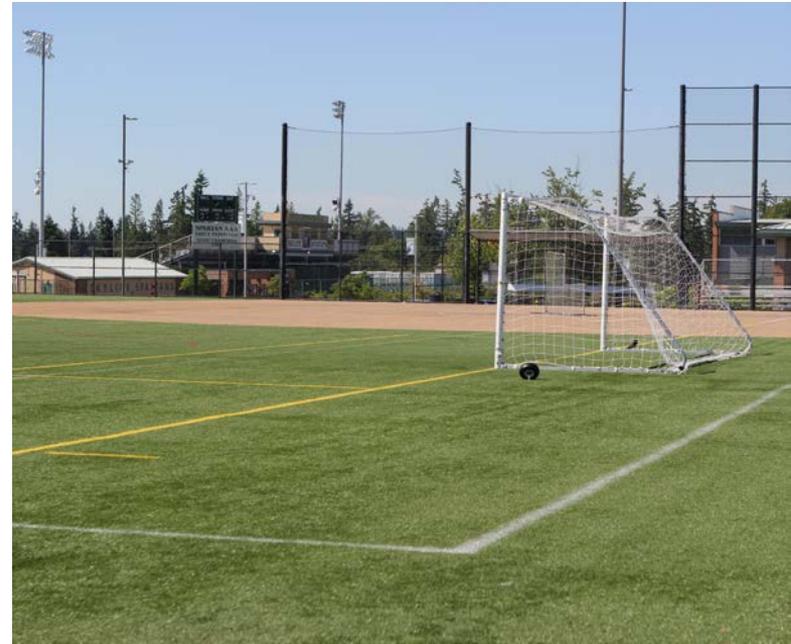
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# Introduction

## Status update on the Interlocal Agreement with Issaquah School District for shared use, development and maintenance of facilities

- The Agreement needs to be revised.
- Staff would like preliminary direction from Council before proceeding with negotiations.
- Revised Agreement will be ready for Council and District approval by May.



# Background

## The Interlocal Agreement was signed on September 21, 2004

- Allows the City and District first priority in the use of the other's facilities.
- The joint City-District cooperation extends to planning, development, operation and maintenance of facilities.



# Background

## Addendum #1, signed in 2005, authorized the City to develop the Skyline High School Community Sports Fields

- Upgraded natural turf to artificial turf and added lighting.
- City financed the project ≈\$2.4 million
- Identified shared field use hours and other terms of field use.
- City is the lead on scheduling, maintenance and capital repairs.



# Background

## Skyline Field Before



## Skyline Field After



# Background

## Over time community use hours have been reduced

- **2010:** 30-minute reduction on weekdays during fall and spring WIAA sports seasons.
- **2014:** 45-minute reduction on Wednesdays due to 9<sup>th</sup> grade sports team needs.
- **2017:** 30-minute reduction on M, Tu, Th, F due to changing bell schedule.  
*(Not yet implemented.)*



# Background

## August 2016: The District provided notice of termination

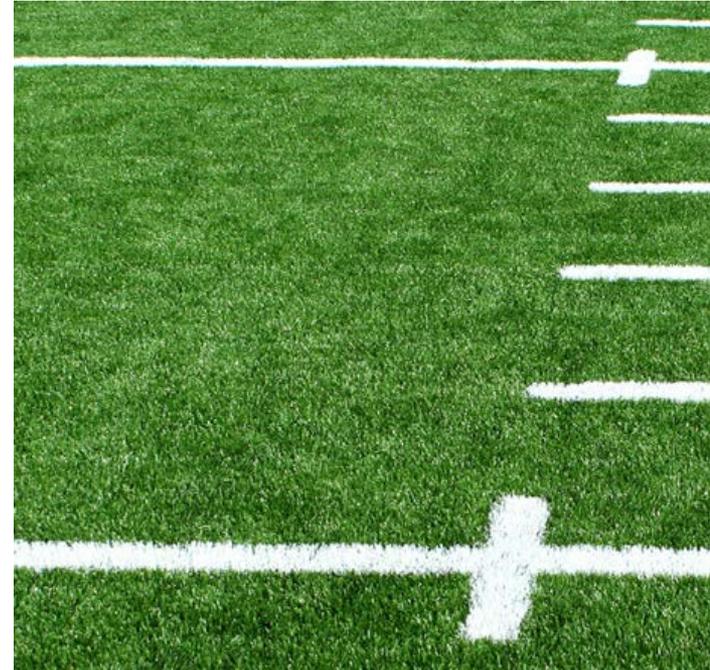
- The District was planning to change bell schedules in fall 2017.
- The District will not be able to meet Skyline field commitments for the community sports teams with the new bell schedule.
- The District expressed willingness to discuss amendments to Addendum #1 instead of termination.



# Background

## November 2016: MOU executed for the shared replacement of artificial turf on the Skyline field

- City and District committed to sharing the estimated \$1.4 million cost of the turf replacement.
- MOU called for the Interlocal Agreement to be renegotiated during Q1 2017.
- Revised Agreement will be ready for Council and District approval by May 2017.



# Issues with Current Interlocal

1. The Agreement has not been updated since 2004.
2. If terminated, there is no allowance for reimbursement of capital investments made by the City.
3. Community sports leagues must coordinate with multiple parties to schedule usage of artificial turf fields.
4. The High School schedule change will reduce community use hours for the Skyline field by 30-minutes on M, Tu, Th and F.
5. Scheduling and maintaining the Skyline field is time consuming for City staff to manage.



# Options for Revised Interlocal

1. District assumes responsibility for scheduling the Skyline fields, while guaranteeing reasonable hours for community use.
  2. District assumes responsibility for maintaining the Skyline fields, while ensuring that maintenance standards are being met.
  3. Review shared maintenance and capital replacement costs.
  4. Address reimbursement for capital investments if the Agreement is terminated.
- There may be other options to consider that are not listed here.**



# Next Steps

- Preliminary direction from the City Council before proceeding with negotiations and development of a revised Interlocal Agreement.
- Please note that all revisions will be subject to negotiation and approval by the School District.
- The revised Agreement will be ready for Council and District approval by May 2017.

