

Korb Field Renovation Project

Project Narrative:



The South Euclid Lyndhurst City Schools is beginning a major planned initiative to partially renovate the outdoor athletic complex at Brush High School, which is being called the ***Korb Field Renovation Project***. This scheduled undertaking comes as a direct need to replace the field turf, which was originally installed prior to the 2002 football season. At the time, the district was told to expect 8 full years of usage; it has been 11 years since then. The extended use beyond expectation is a result of meticulous care performed on the field on a regular basis. However, because of the amount of use, the time has come where the potential for injury is significant. The project is anticipated to begin in the spring and will be completed by the summer of 2013.

Usage of the facility extends to well more than half of the student population at Brush High School. Organizations utilizing the field on a routine basis include physical education and band classes, Varsity, Junior Varsity and Freshman Football, Boys and Girls Varsity and Junior Varsity Soccer, Varsity, Junior Varsity and Freshman Baseball, Varsity and Junior Varsity Softball, Varsity Track, the Arcettes and cheerleaders.

The district has deliberately prepared for this project, and has a funding plan in place to cover the entire cost, which is estimated to be \$634,100. A large portion of this cost will go toward replacement of the field turf, for which the district has set money aside, primarily from rental fees that the district receives through outside usage of the facility. By June of 2013, the district is estimated to have \$500,000, or 80% of the project cost, saved in a fund to cover the field turf replacement cost. The remaining balance will be allocated for a scoreboard replacement, for which district officials are currently soliciting sponsorships and advertisers.

Replacing the scoreboard makes critical sense for several reasons. First, the current scoreboard is not fully operational. Throughout last season, the scoreboard failed to fully function during home athletic events, at times appearing to be completely inoperable. Second, the message center on the scoreboard is permanently inoperative, and there is limited value to fixing it due to outdated technology. Third, renovation of the field turf presents a pragmatic opportunity to replace the scoreboard now, so that newly installed turf will not need to be removed in the future to support replacing the scoreboard.

For both major components of the project, the field turf replacement and scoreboard, the district is exercising prudence. A team of district administrators has performed nearly a dozen site visits to various schools to assess the quality of turf that could be installed by various vendors. Additionally, the project is being bid out through the state consortium. Ohio Schools Council's affiliation with the Association of Educational Purchasing Agencies (AEPA) has conducted a "National" bid process to facilitate the acquisition and installation of artificial turf. This process has revealed three (3) companies approved to utilize the AEPA purchasing program. Using this program has become increasingly competitive. These acts of due diligence demonstrate the district's desire to receive the best quality, most cost effective product.

As always, the district will remain open and responsive in communicating the various stages of this project. Already, several important resources have been prepared for the public, including an information fact sheet, a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), this project narrative and an exclusive page on the district Web site, found at www.sel.k12.oh.us/KorbField. The district will remain at the forefront of communications and asks for all formal inquiries to be directed to SEL Director of Athletics, Michael Murphy. Thank you for your support of the Korb Field Renovation Project and the South Euclid Lyndhurst Schools.