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TO: Ways and Means Subcommittee on Capital Construction  
FROM: Dr. Christopher Ortiz, Reynolds School District  
DATE: February 11, 2022  
RE: Lottery Bond Funds for Reynolds Athletic Fields

Co-Chairs Girod and Holvey, Members of the Committee:

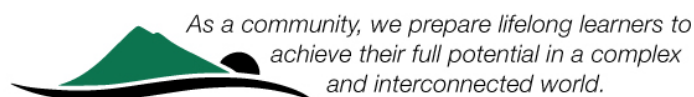
For the record, I'm Dr. Christopher Ortiz, Assistant Superintendent of Student & Family Services and District Operations in Reynolds School District. I'm here today to ask for support in upgrading our athletic facilities at Reynolds High School, which serves over 2,500 students making it one of the largest public schools in Oregon.

In Spring of 2021, our district conducted a long-range facilities planning process with a local architecture firm. The final report identifies a number of upgrades needed across all of our school buildings in the coming decade, from basic maintenance such as replacing flooring, plumbing, and electrical to profound upgrades in our HVAC systems and seismic protections. All of these repairs are necessary and will be prioritized by our district in the coming years.

These repairs are critical for student safety; however, they are not necessarily the upgrades our students would request. Our report also identified needed repairs and upgrades to our athletic facilities. This is an area where a short-term investment would have an immediate and significant impact on student experience and community engagement.

Our current athletic facilities are so lacking that for years we have been contracting with Mt. Hood Community College to use their stadium for our "home" football games. We have had neither the lighting nor seating to even consider Friday Night Lights on our Reynolds campus. This past year, we installed field lighting so that our athletes could safely practice football and soccer after dark. However, we still lack the capacity to host spectators, so we continue to host actual sporting events at Mt. Hood.

Reynolds estimates that the cost to build a new athletic stadium adequate for the size of our high school, is \$8.28 million all-in. This includes engineering and architectural design, permitting, and construction - including a new track and turf field. We have made roughly \$600,000 in upgrades thus far, but we are seeking legislative support in getting this done timely for our students.



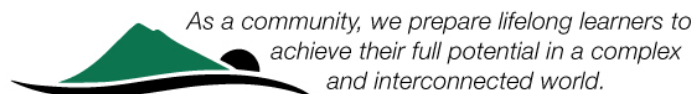
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As a district we really must prioritize those the health and safety upgrades identified in our facilities planning process. But that leaves our students and families traveling to Mt. Hood for their games. If the legislature provides this lottery bond funding, our district can continue to focus on those long-term health and safety upgrades and also provide our students the athletic facilities they deserve.

I think we can all agree that all students deserve to feel pride in their school campus. With your help we can ensure that our students do. Thank you.



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