



Dec. 3, 2015

Dear Bellingham and Squalicum High Schools Neighbors,

We are so excited to share with you that we have started the process to build the first phase of turf, lighted fields at Bellingham and Squalicum high schools. This project is possible thanks to voters who approved a bond to fund this and other school facility projects in November 2013.

A High School Turf Fields Advisory Group is in the process of being formed and will provide input into planning the fields. The group will be made up of students, staff, parents and neighbors.

The purpose of this letter is to share the exciting news with you about these projects, and to invite you, if you are interested, to apply to serve on the group **by noon Dec. 10**. You may apply online at bellinghamschools.org or pick up an application at the District Office, 1306 Dupont St. We have also been in communication with your neighborhood associations to make them aware of these projects. and invite participation.

It's important to us that you feel well informed about your Bellingham Public Schools; therefore, we want to provide regular updates to you about this project. Since this planning work is just about to begin, we don't have many details yet. However, you can also follow the group's work online at <https://bellinghamschools.org/high-school-turf-fields-advisory-group> where meeting minutes and other information will be posted. The group also plans to share updates and gather public input in January or February before submitting a recommendation to me. Construction is anticipated to begin in spring 2016.

We appreciate your support of our schools and strive to be good communicators and neighbors.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Baker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Greg" and last name "Baker" clearly distinguishable.

Greg Baker,
Superintendent of Bellingham Public Schools