



May 12, 2016

Dear Squalicum High School Neighbors,

We are writing you again to give you an update on the High School Turf Fields Advisory Group process. After a community meeting on Feb. 24, and collecting written feedback from citizens, the advisory group submitted a recommendation to me. The recommendation includes the type of turf and infill they recommend for the new synthetic turf fields at Bellingham, Sehome and Squalicum.

After careful consideration, I have accepted their recommendation. You can read the recommendation online as well as review the work they have completed by visiting the advisory group's webpage, <https://bellingshamschools.org/high-school-turf-fields-advisory-group>.

These new fields mean more opportunities for our students to follow their passion and be healthy, active individuals. The synthetic turf fields and new lighting will allow students and our community to use these fields in the fall and winter months.

You'll see construction of the new Squalicum High School field beginning in late May or early June. We expect this field project to be completed this fall.

Without the support of voters who approved this bond in 2013, these facility projects would not be possible. We want to thank you for your continued support of our schools.

Sincerely,

Greg Baker

cc. Bob Putich, President, Barkley Neighborhood Association; Jim Brennan, MNAC Rep for Barkley Neighborhood; Roberta Walker, President, Northern Heights Community Association