

**ESTACADA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD AGENDA  
SUPPORTING DOCUMENT FOR ACTION ITEM**

**Regular Meeting of March 10, 2022**

**ITEM : Artificial turf field in Buzz Randall Stadium**

**PREPARED BY: Mike Waer**

**TYPE OF ITEM: ACTION ITEM: Authorization to Spend over \$50,000**

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** The Estacada School Districts Buzz Randall Stadium is a natural grass field. The use and accessibility of this field has been limited over the years due to the condition of the field, lack of drainage, and safety concerns.

During the 2021-22 football and soccer season, the field was limited to only be used by the High School Varsity groups. On average the field was used approximately 10 hours a week. This limitation to the use of the Buzz Randall Field has an impact on our community. The Estacada School District supports the community in the use of field space for recreational purposes, youth athletic programs, community events, etc. The District has limited field space and by removing this resource from use (to our community) does not align with the District's vision.

During the 2021-22 football and soccer playoff season, the Oregon School Athletics Association deemed the playing field unplayable due to safety concerns, resulting in relocating the High School teams home playoff game to a different location.

Benefits:

Purchasing and installing an artificial turf for the Buzz Randall Stadium will also improve key indicators for our student athletes and District.

1. Artificial turf improves the safety of our student-athletes:
  - a. 43% fewer ACL injuries occur
  - b. 23% fewer server injuries occur
  - c. 44% fewer concussion injuries occur
  - d. 33% fewer ligament injuries occur
2. Increase the use and accessibility of the field, from an average of 10hrs/week, to nearly 70hrs/week.
3. Decrease maintenance and grounds services, saving the district financial resources that can be placed back into the classroom.
4. Focus on one of the main pillars of the Estacada School District's strategic plan: *Up-to-Date Buildings and Facilities*. Within that pillar, one of the strategies is to upgrade facilities to ensure students and community members have access to quality and up-to-date facilities that support learning and strong partnerships.

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**RECOMMENDATION: To authorize the Estacada School District to spend over \$50,000 with Field Turf USA towards the purchase and install of an artificial turf.**