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To: Coppell ISD Board of Trustees
From: Sid Grant
Date: July 19, 2011

cc: Dr. Jeff Turner, Kelly Penny, Denise Sullivan, Louis Macias

Re: Security Fencing for Lesley Field

With the significant investment the City of Coppell and the Coppell Independent School District are making to install artificial turf at Lesley Field, it is my recommendation that we provide security fencing and lock the facility when not in formal use by the District or the City. The chain link fencing would be eight feet in height with barbed wire at the top. *The fencing would be essentially the same as is currently at Buddy Echols Field.*

The primary reasoning for fencing and locking the facility is as follows:

- Help prevent vandalism to the new turf. (Given that Lesley Field is in a non-residential area, it is less visible to neighborhood community members, and therefore may be more susceptible to vandalism.)
- Prevent unauthorized use that would place excessive wear-and-tear on the turf. (We have had persons hitting golf balls, conducting unauthorized group football/soccer practice, training and running dogs on the grass turf and track...just to name a few of the unauthorized uses.)
- Prevent authorized City and District teams from the aggravation of having to remove unauthorized users at the time of authorized uses.

Upon securing the field from casual community use, we will likely receive some negative comments. However, we will post signs at Lesley Field that state that CMSN and CMSE tracks are available for individual (non-organized sport) community use, as well as, communicate the same through Express and the local media.

The pricing from our authorized fencing contractor, PDQ Fence Company, for the turn-key fence removal and replacement is \$29,214.00.

Recommendation: That the Coppell ISD Board of Trustees approve the replacement of the Lesley Field fencing at a cost of \$29,214.00, and approve the subsequent locking and securing of the facility when not in use by the City of Coppell or by Coppell ISD.