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**Memorandum**

To: Chelsea School District Board of Education  
From: Michael J. Kapolka, Superintendent  
Subject: Recommendation for Field House Construction Project  
Date: May 4, 2026

Dear Members of the Board of Education,

I am recommending that the Board of Education approve the construction of the Chelsea School District Field House as part of our continued commitment to expanding student opportunities and providing year round access to a high quality, flexible indoor facility that supports athletics, extracurricular programming, and community use.

Over the past several months, the district has engaged in a thoughtful and deliberate process with Rand Construction and Clark Construction to refine the initial bid concept, value engineer the design, and bring the project into a clearly defined scope and cost. This work included careful consideration of the building's size, orientation, and long term functionality, including the ability to expand the facility in future phases.

To support this project, I recommend moving forward with the construction proposal provided by Rand Construction in the amount of \$3,734,670, along with an additional \$106,330 for interior finishes and equipment, including batting cages, portable pitching mounds, and protective netting. The total recommended investment for the project is **\$3,841,000**.

The facility is designed to provide a flexible, multi use indoor space that can accommodate a variety of student activities, including athletic training, physical education, and extracurricular programming, while also creating opportunities for broader community use. The design emphasizes durability, flexibility, and long term value for the district.

Funding for this project will be supported through a combination of privately donated funds, totaling approximately \$1.8 million, with the remaining balance of approximately \$2.041 million funded through the district's sinking fund.

This investment represents an opportunity to enhance our facilities in a way that directly benefits students, supports program growth, and reflects the continued support of our community.

Michael J. Kapolka, Superintendent



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