

CONSENT AGENDA — ITEM FOR ACTION**SOUTHRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL/BASEBALL SYNTHETIC TURF PROJECT BUDGET INCREASE****SUMMARY**

Southridge High School is scheduled to receive synthetic turf varsity softball and baseball fields during the summer of 2024. This project was included as part of the 2022 bond. The cost for the project exceeds the available budget, and staff are seeking a budget increase from program contingency.

BACKGROUND

The 2022 bond includes a project to convert the natural turf varsity softball/baseball fields at Southridge High School to synthetic turf. This will also include a multipurpose soccer field overlay on the baseball field. This conversion will make the fields all-weather playable, and greatly increase the ability for the school to program them.

As the district has progressed with the design and bidding of the project, it has become clear that the initial budget for these fields is not adequate. The primary driver for this cost increase is related to the stormwater management facilities that were not included as part of the budgeting assumptions. This requires installing facilities to treat and detain the stormwater for the area of the field.

RECOMMENDATION

The superintendent recommends the board approve transferring \$1,700,000 (\$1.7 million) from the 2022 Bond Program Contingency to the Southridge High School Softball/Baseball Synthetic Turf Project.

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