

**ELK RAPIDS SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
December 8, 2025**

ACTION ITEM: Soccer Complex Dedication

FOR ACTION:

Today, we proudly dedicate the Elk Rapids High School soccer complex — a tribute to their decades of service, generosity, support, and vision. Dean and Gene Veliquette have been champions of soccer, youth development and education in our region. In 1999, the Elk Rapids played the inaugural game against Suttons Bay and won 2-1. In addition, in 1995, they founded the Cherryland Youth Association (CYA), which has since awarded over 100 scholarships to Elk Rapids High School seniors — recognizing students who embody leadership, character, academics, and a team-first spirit. Our soccer fields stand as a symbol of community, opportunity, and the enduring legacy of two men who believed in giving back.

RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends that the Board of Education officially dedicate the Elk Rapids High School soccer field and officially change the name of the fields to the “*Dean & Gene Veliquette Soccer Complex.*”