

## Measure J Field Update

I wanted to provide an update on the state of our fields that were redone at Traina, Hawkins and Monticello as part of Measure J. While we are thrilled with the results of most of our bond projects this past summer and fall, the fields are not where we had hoped they would be.

Due to some contractor related issues associated with the development of the turf playfields, and the District's desire to insure that the playfields are fully developed, prior to acceptance, the turnover dates have been pushed out from late December 2012 to Late March/early April 2013.

The primary issue causing this delay was the contractor's inability to control the irrigation systems at Traina and Hawkins. While Monticello did not experience the same problem, there are a few underdeveloped areas that require more attention.

Over the next few months the contractor will be working on weed abatement, infilling areas that did not properly establish, applying fertilizer to promote strong root development and fill low spots and ruts caused by mowers and any irrigation trench settlement that may occur over time.

It is anticipated that during the Months of December, January and early February, growth will be slow. However, during the months of late February and March, it is anticipated that the fields will start to reach maturity.

We are obviously not thrilled at delaying the opening of these fields. We know that they are often our classroom space for our physical education programs and venues for sports teams. What is most important is that we get great fields that will last us a long time. We believe that delaying the opening will ensure we get the fields our students and staff deserve.

I apologize for the delay and greatly appreciate everyone's patience as we continue to upgrade our sites. I am disappointed about the delay, but very excited to see the first group of students on those fields and tracks when the sun is shining next year.

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