



Roseburg Public Schools

February 4, 2025

Subject: Letter of Support for Douglas County Youth Sports Park Grant

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Roseburg Public Schools, I am pleased to express my strong support for the Douglas County Youth Sports Park project and its request for a \$15 million state legislative grant. This transformative initiative will provide a state-of-the-art sports facility that will benefit youth and families throughout our community while serving as a catalyst for economic growth and regional development.

As an educational leader, I have witnessed firsthand the profound impact that youth participation in sports and extracurricular activities has on academic success, social development, and overall well-being. The proposed Youth Sports Park will offer accessible, high-quality athletic facilities that will provide local students and families with expanded opportunities to engage in sports without the burden of extensive travel for competitive events. These opportunities are especially critical in rural areas like Douglas County, where access to organized sports and recreational activities is often limited.

Beyond its benefits to student development, this project aligns with Oregon's priorities for economic growth and community resilience. The Youth Sports Park is projected to generate up to \$7 million in annual economic impact by attracting sports tourism, tournaments, and visitors from across the region. The influx of teams and spectators will provide a substantial boost to local businesses, hotels, and restaurants, helping to retain and attract professionals to our community by enhancing the quality of life.

Additionally, the park's dual-purpose indoor venue will serve as a vital disaster relief center, further strengthening the safety and preparedness of our community. Investing in this facility is not just an investment in sports infrastructure but a commitment to the long-term economic and social health of Douglas County.

I urge you to support this funding request to help bring the Douglas County Youth Sports Park to life. This facility will create a lasting legacy of opportunity, equity, and community pride while fostering a healthier, more vibrant future for our youth and families.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to supporting initiatives that enrich our communities. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide further information or assistance.

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