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Co-Chair Girod, Co-Chair Nosse, and Members of the Subcommittee,

For the record my name is Frank Caropelo. I proudly serve as the superintendent of the Reynolds School District. Reynolds serves approximately 9000 students in East Portland, Rockwood, North Gresham, Fairview, Wood Village and Troutdale. I am here to advocate for your support for funding for a turf athletic field at Reynolds High School.

This request is fundamentally about equity, access, and opportunity. Reynolds High School serves one of the most diverse student populations in one of the most economically underserved areas in our state. For decades, improvements to this facility have been deferred because our district has had to prioritize immediate student needs requiring additional counselors, social workers, language interpreters, support and special education staff to the point where today Reynolds High School is the only 6A high school in Oregon without an all weather turf field. Our students compete against schools with reliable facilities, while we must rent field space elsewhere or play on unsafe field conditions.

Facilities that are often taken for granted in more affluent communities, including safe and reliable athletic fields, remain out of reach for many Reynolds students. For families already facing economic hardship, relying on passing local school bonds to fund capital improvements is simply not a realistic path forward. This turf field project represents an opportunity for the state to take a step toward addressing a longstanding disparity and ensure our students have access to the same foundational resources available elsewhere in Oregon.

We are not asking for a lavish stadium or even grandstands. We are simply asking for a safe, durable playing surface that our students can use for PE classes, athletic practices, and competitions year round, like every other public high school in the metro area. The Oregon National Guard and Community Development Sports Alliance have both pledged in kind support for this project, helping to reduce overall costs.

Furthermore, in an underserved area with limited recreational infrastructure, this field would serve not only our students but also youth organizations and families across the community.

We ask for your support so that our students no longer have to step off the bus at other schools and wonder why their own school is lacking. They deserve the same basic opportunities as every other student in Oregon.

Thank you for your time and consideration.



We lead with equity to educate and support all students to graduate with the skills and confidence to thrive.



REYNOLDS HIGH SCHOOL



As the only OSAA Class 6A school in the state without a synthetic turf field and a non-regulation athletic track, RHS student-athletes currently travel off-campus for games and meets, missing out on the pride and convenience of a true home field.

This new project will transform the existing grass practice field into a new, high-quality synthetic turf field and a regulation-sized track. These improvements will directly benefit our students. Athletes will compete on campus and all students will feel the impact of a school environment that supports their growth, health, and school spirit.

This is more than a construction project—it's a commitment to equity, opportunity, and pride for the students of Reynolds High School.

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