



MOUNT PLEASANT

Central School District

DID YOU KNOW? *FACTS ABOUT THE BOND* VOTE on MARCH 29, 2022

SCOPE

The scope of the project is exactly the same as was to be presented in March 2020 (but was cancelled due to Covid). It is a complete renovation of the existing athletic complex including: installation of an artificial turf surface, remediation of existing drainage issues on all other fields, a resurfaced track around the turf, LED lights for night games, a press box behind existing bleachers, and a concrete pad for utilities.

THE INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

Like a classroom space, it is essential that our athletic spaces be reliable for use and of high quality. The fields function as outdoor classroom spaces for our physical education programs. They are used by the entire 6-12 student body throughout the year. Weather, maintenance, and drainage issues often preclude us from using our grass fields. This can result in the loss of opportunities for students and athletes to compete and for the District to host other teams during regular and post-season competitions.

COST

The total amount of the bond is \$9,777,745. Because the principal and interest payments will be paid with retiring debt, it is structured to have no additional impact on our residents' taxes.

A COMMUNITY RESOURCE

As a community and school resource, we currently have one regulation field and two practice fields that are shared by all of the modified, Junior Varsity, and Varsity teams. On weekends and evenings, they are also shared with our community youth sports groups and for other community events such as Spirit Day or the Turkey Trot. This project funds three regulation fields for multi-sport use, and three regulation fields for baseball and/or softball.

WHY NOW

To maintain access to multiple fields during construction. the project is planned to break ground in November 2022 and be completed in three phases by September 2023. Each season, it is typical to have 20-40 games cancelled and/or rescheduled due to poor field conditions related to weather, which often results in added costs to secure other fields. These disruptions should decrease with turf and additional fields.

TURF

Turf decreases maintenance costs and water usage, is green year-round, expedites drainage after storms, increases available play time, frees us from seasonal limitations, decreases downtime after heavy-use, eliminates the use of pesticides and fertilizers, and lasts 10-15 years. Our project will use sand infill, which absorbs shock, stays cooler, and avoids the typical black crumb rubber particles frequently used for turf fields.