

On January 12, 2016 the voters of the MSCD approved a Building Project that included \$15,510,000 in work intended to improve the internal functioning and condition of the two MCS buildings as well as to address the condition of the athletic fields at both the Elementary School and High School campuses.

Since that time, the majority of the inside work has been completed, with a few punch list items remaining to be completed.

The work that was performed on our athletic fields continues to be addressed, with the following steps having been taken over the course of the Project, listed in chronological order:

Phase 1 athletic fields (Elementary School)

- Summer of 2016, District awards contract for Phase 1 fields to HMA Contracting and construction begins. Fall of 2016, fields are seeded with limited germination prior to winter. Due to imported contaminated soil, the contractor replaces the baseball infield with sod and reseeds other select areas.
- Spring/Summer/Fall of 2017 – field development/maintenance performed by the contractor. Grass growth is weak and areas of bare soil are extensive. Limited irrigation is provided. Weeds begin to develop.
- Spring/early Summer 2018 – District rejects request of contractor for substantial completion of contract.
- Summer/Fall 2018 - HMA pursued a more aggressive approach to fertilizing, irrigating and over-seeding the fields. Weed infestation expands and identified as the single greatest issue to address.
- Early 2019 -Board of Education approves emergency application of pesticides to control weeds for both phase 1 and 2 fields.
- Spring 2019 - HMA will be applying the herbicide once the moisture is out of the fields and the ground temperature is acceptable. HMA will continue to irrigate, fertilize, mow and maintain the fields through summer, 2019. With follow up over-seeding to fill in bare spots and establish a healthy turf through fall.
- Fall 2019- Fields will be reassessed to determine when they may be able to be turned over to the District.

Phase 2 athletic fields (High School)

- Original bid awarded to HMA Contracting in December of 2016.
- Spring/Summer 2017- HMA installs underground utilities and limited grading for the upper parking lot.
- May 2017- Concession building bids rejected and deleted from the project scope of work.
- Fall 2017- The District terminates HMA's contract for convenience to adjust the work scope.
- March 2018- adjusted work scope is bid and awarded to William J. Keller & Sons.
- Spring 2018- Keller begins work to construct all 4 fields - soccer, baseball, upper soccer and softball fields. In parallel, the electrical prime contractors install underground electrical components and the soccer field lighting (lighting of the baseball and softball fields is deleted from the project scope of work).
- Summer 2018- sod is installed at the soccer field (and portion of the baseball field due to fields overlap). Installation of the remainder of the sod at the baseball field follows.

- Fall 2018- soccer field is available for competitive play in the second half of the season. The District accepts ownership of the lower sodded fields once play begins. Upper soccer field/softball fields are constructed. Sod was laid in fall 2018 in 2 phases. Perimeter (non-field) disturbed areas seeded. Sparse growth and continuation of crab grass development.
- Spring 2019- final construction work is scheduled to begin as soon as the moisture is out of the fields and the ground temperature is acceptable. Keller to treat perimeter seeded areas with pesticides to control crabgrass. Over-seeding of the perimeter areas will follow and follow up seeding will most likely occur in the late summer/fall of 2019.
- Summer 2019- District anticipates the upper soccer/softball fields will be completed and will be accepted by the District.
- Late fall 2019- Final inspection to determine when acceptance of the perimeter areas can be provided.

We will continue to address our concerns with the contractors and other Project representatives on a daily basis, and have arranged for additional conference calls as well as face-to-face meetings to occur in the next few weeks and beyond.

The Board of Education and administrators would like the community to know that we will continue to be diligent in our efforts with regard to our fields. We truly appreciate and support how important these fields are to our athletes and their families as well as to the Greater Mayfield community, and want nothing less than full resolution.

Please be assured that, while we are being as transparent as possible, as with most organizational situations, there are certain legal concerns that we are not at liberty to share at this time. We welcome your thoughts, either in writing through letter to the attention of Kathy Dougherty, Interim Superintendent, Mayfield CSD, 27 School Street, Mayfield NY 12117; by email (dougherty.kathy@mayfieldcsd.org) or by phone (518-661-8207).

Thank you for your understanding as we continue our work on these issues on behalf of all of our constituents.