



## Town of Lexington Recreation Committee

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Dear Members of the School Building Committee:

We are writing to express our support for the proposed land swap between the Department of Recreation and Community Programs and Lexington Public Schools required for the Lexington High School project. We believe this land swap is essential to advancing the high school project while also preserving and enhancing the recreational resources that serve the broader Lexington community.

From the outset of the redesign process, the Recreation Committee has maintained that replacement fields and amenities must represent an **in-kind replacement** of those displaced by the new building. Specifically, we emphasize the importance of including:

- A regulation-size football field (multi-use)
- A regulation-size baseball field
- JV softball field
- A practice field
- A Little League field that replaces C4 field, which is currently the only Lexington field built to official Little League International specifications.
- One cricket field
- Relocated skate park (as it is Recreation's understanding that the current skate park will become the permanent home of the Track and Field program's throwing cage, currently located on the football practice field on Worthen Rd.)

Ensuring the replacement of the C4 Little League field is particularly critical, as its specifications allow Lexington's teams to participate in Little League International tournament play. Additionally, we feel it important to highlight that while there will not be the loss of field space for Little League play during construction, there will be the loss of a JV softball field during the period of construction that will require further consideration and planning across Recreation and Community Programs, LPS Athletics and Lexington Little League (which runs both baseball and softball programs).

We further recognize that the new site design presents an opportunity to not only replace lost facilities but also make enhancements. To that end, the Recreation Committee wants to use this letter and opportunity to emphasize Recreation's priorities for the site redevelopment plan:

### **Athletic Lighting**

We understand the challenges of balancing field activity with neighborhood concerns, but Lexington continues to face a meaningful deficit in available rectangular field space. We urge the School Building Committee (SBC) to adopt a staged approach to athletic lighting. Infrastructure for lighting should be

included in the initial design and installation, even if fixtures are not immediately added. This approach allows future flexibility while ensuring fiscal responsibility.

### **Active Use Amenities**

- Scoreboards aligned with intended field uses
- Adequate spectator seating, including accessible 1,000-seat bleachers with press box
- Sound systems for announcements and events
- Additional restrooms and/or portable unit space during peak seasons
- AED towers and Blue Light emergency phones
- Secure storage for equipment and maintenance
- Shade structures

### **Passive Use Amenities**

- Walking paths, multi-modal pathways, and boardwalks that connect across the site
- Bicycle racks and maintenance areas
- Watering stations, benches, and picnic tables
- Diverse vegetation and shaded areas

We also emphasize the importance of **design consistency** across all amenities—style, color, and size—so that the center complex aligns with other town fields and facilities. Universal accessibility must remain a guiding principle throughout the design.

In sum, the Recreation Committee fully supports the land swap as a necessary step toward delivering a new high school while safeguarding and enhancing vital recreational resources. By thoughtfully addressing the considerations outlined above, Lexington will achieve a multi-use complex that serves as a vibrant, accessible centerpiece for residents of all ages and abilities.

Thank you for your continued leadership and dedication to this process. We look forward to collaborating with the Select Board, the School Building Committee, and the design team to ensure that the final plan meets the needs of both students and the wider community.

Sincerely,

Lexington Recreation Committee

cc: Select Board

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