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SMMUSD Supports Field on Civic Center Site

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education, along with Superintendent Dr. Ben Drati, announced support for construction of a field on the City of Santa Monica Civic Center site at its regular October 19, 2017 school board meeting.

A letter confirming this support was sent to City Manager Rick Cole in January 2018 outlining interest increasing field space for SMMUSD students and the community. The Civic Center space, located across the street from Santa Monica High School, will provide for greatly needed additional field space for student practices and games for competitive high school sports.

“Our school board is 100 percent in support of the community sports field on the Santa Monica Civic Center Site,” School Board President Dr. Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswin said. “And, our board members look forward to the incredible opportunities that will come from the construction of this field for our students and the larger community.”

Samohi recently completed the installation of a new softball field, along with renovation of the baseball field at the school, but is still short on field space due to the limited acreage of the campus housing 2,800 students. Currently, some student athletes must travel to off-campus fields for practice.

“We are looking forward to working with our City partners on a plan and value the City’s efforts to increase field space in Santa Monica,” Dr. Drati said.

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