

## RATIONALE:

Since the complete renovation of the stadium in the mid-1990s, the crown of the field has dissipated resulting in drainage issues, especially after heavy rains. This is coupled with the added heavy usage from the LP football program, LP Youth Football Program and LPHS Marching Band. Over the past several years, the field is typically in very poor condition early in the fall athletic season. This impacts the school's programs access onto the field in addition to frequent rescheduling of LP Youth Football games.

The installation of an artificial surface will result in the following benefits to LPHS and our community:

1. Athletic teams will be able to practice on the field every day instead of using the practice field just east of the stadium. The added time in the stadium will provide our student-athletes and coaches with more practice on the field in which compete. Currently, our football team will typically spend one day in the stadium each week – and that is usually the Thursday walk-through.
2. The LPHS Marching Band will be able to conduct practices in the stadium on a daily basis, thus putting our student-musicians in the best possible position for performing well during competitions since their time will have been on a proper football field. With an artificial surface, Howard Fellows Stadium will become an ideal location to host a Marching Band competition – which is one of the goals of our Band Director.
3. LPHS PE classes will be able to access the field on a regular basis – especially in the fall – for curricular experiences. Currently, PE classes do not access the field in the fall since our building and grounds crews are working in the stadium during the week cutting the grass and prepping the field for athletic competitions.
4. The LPHS Youth Football program will never have to worry about disrupting Saturday and Sunday games because of the field not being safe for playing conditions.
5. LPHS currently spends between **\$19,450 & \$26,450 per year** maintaining the field (see below). This includes water, seed, fertilizer, chemical treatments, staff wages, fuel, field striping, and aeration. The savings we would expect will be used by the District to begin saving for the time in 12 to 15 years when the artificial surface would need to be replaced.

Water - \$6,000.00-\$10,000.00 depending on weather

Seed - \$450.00

Fertilizer - \$1,500.00

Chemical treatments - \$2,500.00-\$3,000.00

Mowing -\$2,500.00-\$3,000.00 wage

Fuel - \$1,500.00-\$2,000.00

Field striping - \$4,500.00-\$6,000.00 based on number of home games and band needs

Aeration - \$500.00

**An artificial surface would save the District at least**

**\$20,000 annually.**



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## *Howard Fellows Stadium Field of Dreams Project*



### GOAL:

Replace the natural grass playing surface in historic Howard Fellows Stadium with an artificial playing surface in order to increase usage within LPHS and the community.

### DISTRICT COMMITMENT:

This project will **ONLY** progress unless funding can be secured so that it is a **ZERO TAX INCREASE** to the District 120 property tax owner.

# Field of Dreams...view from above....



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LASALLE-PERU TOWNSHIP HS  
ATHLETIC IMPROVEMENTS  
LASALLE, IL  
SYNTHETIC TURF PLAN 1

JOB # 1000000

DATE: 12/04/2019

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## Projected Cost for the Installation of an Artificial Surface:

**\$1,000,000**

### DONOR RECOGNITION LEVELS:

- Howard Fellows Circle ~ \$100,000 +
- Cavalier Pride ~ \$50,000 to \$99,999
- Sir Ranier Society ~ \$10,000 to \$49,999
- Red & Green Club ~ \$5,000 to \$9,999
- Patrons of LP ~ \$1,000 to \$4,999
- Team LP ~ \$500 to \$999
- Friends of LP ~ \$100 to \$499
- Stadium Squad ~ \$25 to \$99

The typical state of the field after rain and generally early in the fall season. For the last several years, the condition of the field has impacted the marching band, LP football team and Youth Football Program. The Field of Dreams will permanently eliminate this from happening again.



We would love for your company or you personally to be a part of helping renew the playing surface in historic Howard Fellows Stadium.

The District is seeking community partners that can make either a one-time payment or dedicated 10-year annual payment to help support at least half the cost of repaying an alternate revenue bond that LP would issue to pay for the upfront costs of installing artificial turf. This project will only progress if funding can be secured that will result in a **zero property tax increase**.

The goal is to pay back the bond over a 10-year period. With an expected cost of \$1,000,000, the District needs to secure \$100,000 per year to make the annual loan payment. LPHS is seeking community partners that can help fund up to at least 1/2 the cost of the project (\$500,000). All donors will be honored with their name prominently displayed in a permanent dedication housed within the stadium.

Proposed options to help renew Howard Fellows Stadium:

(CIRCLE THE PREFERRED OPTION)

- \$500 annual contribution for 10 years: \$5,000 total
- \$1,000 annual contribution for 10 years: \$10,000 total
- \$1,500 annual contribution for 10 years: \$15,000 total
- \$2,000 annual contribution for 10 years: \$20,000 total
- \$2,500 annual contribution for 10 years: \$25,000 total
- \$3,000 annual contribution for 10 years: \$30,000 total
- \$3,500 annual contribution for 10 years: \$35,000 total
- \$4,000 annual contribution for 10 years: \$40,000 total
- \$4,500 annual contribution for 10 years: \$45,000 total
- \$5,000 annual contribution for 10 years: \$50,000 total

Other dollar amount of \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ years

One time contribution amount of \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**Return this commitment card to the address below. If you are sending a one-time contribution, please make checks payable to LP High School and send along with this card.**

LaSalle-Peru Township High School  
Attn: Dr. Steven Wroblewski, Superintendent  
541 Chartres Street, LaSalle, IL 61301

Field of Dreams Commitment Card