

# USD 266 Maize Facility Needs Committee Report

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# Improvements – Sports Locker Rooms

- ▶ **Neither HS campus has outdoor locker facilities to support their athletic fields**
  - Long walks during games
  - No protection from weather for student athletes
  - Need restroom facilities for athletes
  - Need more storage space
  - Need a place for teams to meet
  - Football, soccer, baseball, softball, track
- ▶ **Recommendation – build outdoor athletic locker room facilities at each HS campus**
  - ~120 person capacity
  - Dual locker rooms (home/visitor)
- ▶ **Benefits**
  - Could include coaching offices, room for officials, restrooms, showers, meeting rooms, trainer room, and locked equipment storage

# Improvement – Athletic Field Turf

- ▶ **Current grass fields are stressed and high maintenance**
  - High maintenance fields are less likely to be considered for tournaments and state wide events
  - Year round maintenance of grass fields in KS is expensive, challenging, and labor intensive
- ▶ **Recommendation – install field turf:**
  - Baseball & Softball fields at both HS
  - Soccer field at MSHS
  - Establish long-term replacement plan for existing field turf football / soccer fields
- ▶ **Benefits**
  - High quality turf reduces injury
  - High quality fields create tournament revenue options
  - Can be used by various community teams as well (Maize Rec, YMCA)
  - Lower long-term maintenance costs
  - All-weather surface can be used at any time
  - Can be used for PE classes
- ▶ **Alternatives considered**
  - Continue current field maintenance program with consulting help to improve field quality year-round

# Improvements – Press Box

## ▶ **Current press boxes are inadequate**

- Not enough room for staff and media
- Missing out on media coverage and opportunities due to lack of space and outdated connections
- Coaches from opposing teams are sitting side by side with no privacy

## ▶ **Recommendation – Update Press Boxes at both HS**

- Expand size, technical capability, sound-proof & separate coaches boxes

## ▶ **Benefits**

- Increase media coverage for our student athletes
- Better coaching experience
- Activities could be streamed on internet by student production teams

## ▶ **Alternatives –**

- Leave current boxes as is
- Make dual direction to support press activities for football & soccer.

# Improvements– Multipurpose Athletic Facility

## ▶ District lacks adequate practice facilities

- Inclement weather for outdoor sports
- Swimming pool – use YMCA's
- Sharing bowling lanes with other districts

## ▶ Recommendation – Multipurpose Athletic Facility

- Indoor workout facility – outdoor sport friendly
- Pool – size to be determined
- Bowling Lanes

## ▶ Benefits

- Eliminates reliance on YMCA for continued swim programs (which is currently at capacity)
- Curriculum opportunities for PE students
- Creates inclement weather practice options
- Could partner with Maize Rec and/or YMCA for community uses of the facility
- Possible revenue from hosting tournaments, meets and from recreational use.

# Next Steps

- ▶ **Establish Facility Study Planning Teams**
  - Would review each recommendation & identify specific details for each project
  - Could determine if there's sufficient information that could lead to a bond issue
- ▶ **Could become part of next Journey to Excellence strategic plan**
- ▶ **Gauge Community Support**
  - Survey Constituents
  - Survey Parents & Staff
- ▶ **Potential Bond Issue Vote**