

Hello,

My name is Bob Graham and I am the President of the Scorpion Athletic Booster Club. SABC supports all 22 athletic teams at ACHS with volunteers and fundraising. I would like to thank everyone who have spent many hours donating their time to help us achieve our goals as well as those who contributed financially to the boosters and our GotTurf campaign. I would also like to thank the staff at ACHS as well as the OUHSD board and all of its staff for helping us to achieve great things for our student athletes.

While our goal was to have the turf field in by the start of the 2015 school year, we have run into some challenges along the way but are confident that this project will be achieved after the fall sports conclude. Our goal is to be transparent and update everyone on the status of our ambitious campaign every month until we achieve our goal of a new turf field at ACHS. That being said here are the action items on our docket for turf:

1. We have raised the funding necessary to build a new turf field at ACHS via individual contributions as well as several grants and rebates.
2. We are currently waiting on DSA or Department of State Architect for the construction/ADA approval portion of the project which we should receive sometime in September.
3. After we receive the DSA approval we can then apply for our building permits which should take about a month.

I did receive some news I want to share about a recent court decision in Fresno regarding Lease Lease Back agreements between school districts and someone like SABC. The LLB is the method we were planning on using per the Memo of Understanding SABC entered into with OUHSD to install the turf field. As of right now the State of California is saying no one can enter into a new LLB. See the latest information below.

**ELA asks Calif. Supreme Court to review *Davis v. Fresno USD*
*Appellate decision creates confusion regarding lease-leaseback contracts and conflict of interest law***

This week CSBA's Education Legal Alliance asked the California Supreme Court to accept a Petition for Review filed by the Fresno Unified School District in *Davis v. Fresno USD*. In a letter to the Court, the ELA requests review because "this matter is 'necessary to secure uniformity of decision' and 'to settle an important question of law.'" The appellate court struck down a lease-leaseback school construction contract and found that the conflict of interest provision in Government Code section 1090 applied to the corporate contractor. The decision has caused significant confusion and uncertainty regarding lease-leaseback contracts and the applicability of section 1090. The result is that many facility projects have been put on hold, cancelled, or scaled back — harming students, districts and COEs, and taxpayers. Similarly, given the serious criminal and civil consequences associated with violating section 1090, districts and county offices of education need clear guidance from the Supreme Court as to its scope. For more on this case, please read the latest Legal Insights column on page 11 of the summer 2015 issue of CSBA's [California Schools magazine, available online.](#)

I have met with the OUHSD as well as legal counsel to determine our best course of action if the ban on LLB's is upheld by the court. At this time we have to wait for the appeal process decision. That being said SABC will continue to be proactive and approach OUHSD about alternative solutions to accomplish the turf field installation if the use of an LLB is not allowed. I will report to everyone where we are at when I get more information.

I would like to highlight some great improvements that OUHSD and SABC has made to our campus over the summer and recognize some key individuals that helped to make them happen:

1. A joint venture between OUHSD and SABC has resulted in brand new sod at Carl Thompson Field for the fall. SABC would like to personally thank Steve McFarland, Steve Dickinson and all of the staff from OUHSD maintenance as well as Mike Nunez and the kids in the ACHS Ag class for helping to make this happen.
2. The gymnasium has been stripped down and it is being re-surfaced as I type this. It will look amazing when completed! This was paid for by the district.
3. The PE area between the tennis courts and the weight room has been upgraded with new court designators. This was paid for by the district.

Take a look at these improvements when you have a chance. I know they will make our kids' school year more enjoyable.

I invite you to join us at our Booster club meetings which are held the first Wednesday of every month. Please check our website for the meeting location. This is the best time to have your voice heard and find out how the boosters help and how you can help the boosters.

In closing please know that the SABC is doing everything we can to get the turf installed for a state of the art facility for our kids, our school and our community and it takes volunteers to make this happen. That means we need you and your continued support going forward to make it a reality. Please join us at our monthly meetings to see how you can help. You don't have to be a sales person to help us, just a steward of your community who wants to make a positive difference for our kids' high school athletic experience.

Thanks again for everyone's support. I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting and during the 2015/2016 school year.

GO SCORPS!!!!

Sincerely,

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