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### **Park Development Approved by School Board**

ESTACADA, Or.— The Estacada School District School Board has voted to move forward on a strategic partnership with the City of Estacada to begin the 2018 Estacada School District Facilities Development Project. This project will provide the City of Estacada with the easements necessary to connect Cemetery Rd. to the new Campanella Estates housing development and to extend Broadway to connect with new roads that are currently under construction, all through Estacada School District property. Estacada School District will receive funding through City of Estacada Park SDC funds for the majority of the construction required to create athletic fields and park space for the community on twenty previously unutilized acres owned by the district.

The Strategic Partnership agreement includes the following terms:

- Estacada School District will donate two easement areas as stated above to the City of Estacada
- The City of Estacada will extend their water main to service the new sports fields at no cost to the district
- The City of Estacada will construct a curb tight sidewalk for pedestrian use along Broadway Street
- The City of Estacada will complete stream rehabilitation to the portion of creek located on district property, will install storm water collection, and backfill the existing ditch running from Cemetery Rd. to Broadway St. on the property

- The City of Estacada will contribute \$130,000 to Estacada School District to defray the costs of constructing a restroom facility/concession stand in the newly created athletics fields
- Estacada School District will be responsible for developing sports facility fields in phases over time

Benefits of the partnership include:

- Will provide all Estacada residents with a park and athletics facility and community venue for sporting events that can be utilized for years to come
- Development of this area will improve connectivity and access to our schools
- Will provide the School District, community, and youth organizations with much needed expansion of athletic fields
- Will enhance safety on the twenty acres of land, and will improve line of sight to better monitor activity on school grounds
- Will decrease congestion and will improve flow of school related traffic

“The time has come for us to maximize and utilize twenty acres of previously unused district land. This partnership with the City of Estacada will enable us to provide recreational opportunities for community members and our student body for generations to come, and I’m very enthusiastic about this project,” said Ryan Carpenter, Estacada School District’s Superintendent.

For more information on this facilities development project, visit [http://www.estacada.k12.or.us/parents/district\\_parks\\_project](http://www.estacada.k12.or.us/parents/district_parks_project).

Estacada School District is dedicated to a transparent and informative public engagement process. Community members are encouraged to attend and provide comments following public board meetings, or to submit comments and questions to [communications@estacada.k12.or.us](mailto:communications@estacada.k12.or.us) or call 503-630-6871 ext. 2911.

- Feb. 14, 7 p.m. – School District Board Meeting, EHS Choir Room
- Mar. 14, 7 p.m. – School District Board Meeting, EHS Choir Room
- Apr. 11, 7 p.m. – School District Board Meeting, EHS Choir Room

ABOUT ESTACADA SCHOOL DISTRICT – The Estacada School District’s mission is to equip every student with the skills necessary to be competent, resourceful and successful. For more information, contact: Maggie Kelly at 503-630-6871 x2911.

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