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Dear Ashwaubenon School District Families and Staff,

Work continues on Ashwaubenon's Goelz Field, improving and converting it from a natural turf football field to a synthetic turf multi-use field. A little more than a year ago, a committee comprised of community members and parents started work on this project, called JAGfield. To date, over \$900,000 of the \$1,000,000 needed has been raised, all in the form of private donations. The project is expected to be completed in time for the upcoming 2013-14 school year.

Many Ashwaubenon residents may remember the new multi-use synthetic surface field site and the green space between Ashwaubenon High School (AHS) and Parkview Middle School being a landfill. This area was a landfill prior to 1964 and before any school district facilities were constructed in this location. Because of this and excavation being required for installation of synthetic turf, soil testing was done. The soil samples at the surface tested safely below Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) and Wisconsin Department of Health Services (WDHS) contamination thresholds. The WDNR and WDHS have given the district approval to proceed with the JAGfield project and to continue using the Track & Field and Baseball areas this spring.

Student safety is the school district's highest priority and the district will take whatever steps necessary to ensure student safety. The district is working with the WDNR and has hired an environmental engineering consultant to develop a plan for the green space between AHS and Parkview. That green space has some areas of PCB concentration below the surface. The green space has since been fenced off and measures will be taken to further eliminate potential exposure in the future. That area's existing turf and layer of soil have served as a protective barrier to help reduce any risk of exposure.

The improved facility will benefit a much higher number and wider variety of student and community groups. Ashwaubenon High School, Parkview Middle School and youth programs expected to benefit from the project include football, marching band, physical education classes, track and field, baseball and softball. The improved facility, which currently hosts other area events such as Special Olympics, football camps and track meets, will meet the requirements to host more WIAA tournament events.

The Ashwaubenon School District would like to thank the donors who have shown such great community support by contributing to this project. They also thank the JAGfield committee members for all of their hard work. This will be a great improvement to one of Ashwaubenon's centerpiece attractions and community gathering place!

For more information on this project, please visit the website at www.JAGfield.com. You can also contact me at bhanes@ashwaubenon.k12.wi.us or 492-2905 extension 1003.

Sincerely,

Brian Hanes, Superintendent
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