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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Which sports and activities will benefit from the new field?

The new field will provide opportunities for a wide range of programs and activities across the community. It will directly benefit football, soccer, softball, and little league baseball by offering a high-quality, multi-sport surface designed to support both practices and competitions. In addition, the field will serve as an important resource for high school physical education classes, ensuring students have access to a safe and modern space for fitness and recreational activities. Beyond athletics, the facility will also support the band and other extracurricular programs that require outdoor practice and performance space. By creating a versatile venue, the new field will enhance the experience of countless students, athletes, and community members.

Why is now the right time to invest in this new field?

Now is the right time to invest in this new field because the current facility is no longer safe or sustainable for our students, athletes, and community members. A third-party engineering firm has deemed the existing facility unsafe, and critical infrastructure such as the sound system, scoreboard, and lighting are failing. In addition, the site offers limited parking, creating ongoing challenges for both participants and spectators. Addressing these issues individually would require a significant investment exceeding one million dollars, without solving the long-term limitations of the facility. By moving forward with a new facility now, we can provide a safe, modern, and functional space that meets the needs of today while positioning our community for future growth and opportunities.

What happens if the fundraising goal is not fully met?

If the fundraising goal is not fully met, the project will still move forward. We have prepared multiple-tier fundraising milestones to ensure that, at minimum, we can deliver a safe, playable facility that meets the requirements to host WIAA events. While this initial phase would provide only the essential amenities, it ensures that our students and community will benefit from a functional field in the near term. Importantly, this approach does not change our long-term vision or commitment to completing the full facility as originally planned. We remain dedicated to building a comprehensive venue that provides the highest level of opportunities for our athletes, students, and community members.

What is the expected timeline for construction?

The expected timeline for construction is approximately 5-6 months from the time work begins until the facility is complete. This estimate is based on standard project phases and assumes favorable conditions throughout the build. The start of construction, however, is directly tied to reaching our fundraising goal. Once the necessary funds are secured, we will be able to establish a firm schedule and move forward with confidence toward delivering a high-quality facility in a timely manner. This project isn't just about a field; it's about creating a safe, modern space that will serve our students and families for generations. By giving now, you'll help bring this vision to life and leave a lasting legacy our entire community can be proud of.

Why couldn't Schofield Stadium be updated instead of constructing a brand-new field?

Updating Schofield Stadium is not a practical long-term solution. A third-party engineering firm has deemed the facility unsafe, and critical infrastructure such as the sound system, scoreboard, and lighting are failing. In addition, the site offers limited parking and would require more than one million dollars just to address these immediate issues — without solving the broader challenges.

Because Schofield Stadium is located off-site from the high school, both our home and visiting teams must be bused back and forth for games to access locker rooms. This results in additional transportation costs, scheduling challenges, and lost time for our athletes.

A new on-campus facility not only resolves these concerns but also offers significant advantages for our students and community. A turf surface will allow spring sports to begin practices earlier in the season, when natural field conditions would not permit play. It will also ensure our athletes are preparing on the same type of surface they face in competition, as most of our opponents already compete on turf.

In short, while updating Schofield would be costly and limited in impact, a new facility provides a safe, modern, and versatile solution that will benefit our athletes, students, and community for generations to come.

How does the construction cost of a natural field compare to a synthetic turf field?

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What are the future plans for Schofield Stadium?

The future of Schofield Stadium will be determined by the School District of Antigo. We understand the strong tradition and community connection to the facility, and we know the district will carefully consider those values as part of its decision-making process. Our committee's focus is on raising funds for a new on-campus athletic field that provides students and fans with a safe, modern, and accessible experience, while the district evaluates the long-term role of Schofield Stadium.



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