



## MEMORANDUM

**TO: Dr. Greg Baker, Superintendent**  
**FROM: Kulshan Middle School Field Ad Hoc Committee**  
**DATE: December 8, 2024**  
**SUBJECT: Recommended Kulshan Middle School Improvements**

### Introduction

In February 2022, Bellingham voters approved a bond measure providing funds to support improvements to middle school playfields. The Kulshan Middle School playfield is large and largely unusable for much of the fall, winter and spring due to standing water. The Bellingham Promise commits our district to developing students who are healthy and active individuals. A play surface that is usable despite wet conditions extends the amount of the school year that students can play field sports and have PE outside. The bond funds district work to assess, design, and construct improvements to the Kulshan Middle School field, including a synthetic turf field. Kulshan will be the first middle school turf field in Bellingham Public Schools; a committee of stakeholders convened to research best practices and propose a recommendation.

### Committee Work

A 11-member planning committee, including district and school administrative staff, P.E. teachers, coaches and parents, formed to work together to advise on the necessary design elements associated with the Kulshan field (em)16 T 0

committee was comprised of:

- Jessica Sankey, chief operations officer, co-chair
- Nikki Lockhart, assistant principal, Kulshan middle school, co-chair
- Curtis Lawyer, director of capital projects, co-chair
- Brian Smart, capital projects manager
- Mark Peterson, director, facilities and sustainability
- Jason Sytsma, teacher, Kulshan middle school
- Arlene Coppin, neighbor/community member
- Eric Alexander, parent
- Patrick Ulinski, athletics coordinator, City of Bellingham Parks and Recreation Department
- Alex King, facilities supervisor, City of Bellingham Parks and Recreation Department
- Jeff Burke, project engineer, DA Hogan
- Angie Ritchey, e

## **Recommendation**

As a result of its work, the committee recommends the site plan as shown below:

- The committee recommends the: