

# **CLAY COUNTY DISTRICT SCHOOLS**

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Phyllis A. May, Ph.D. Superintendent of Schools

TO: School	Prin	cip	als
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FROM: Michael J. Elliott M.J. Click Assistant Superintendent of Support Services

- DATE: March 15, 1996
- RE: USE OF EDUCATIONAL SITES FOR RECREATION BY OUTSIDE ORGANIZATION

Pursuant to the joint meeting we had with the Board of County Commissioner's Parks and Recreation Committee, several areas of understanding have been mutually agreed to. These areas include:

- 1. The School System will continue to support the County's sponsored organizations as the first priority for access to school sites for recreational/athletic use.
- 2. Each school will review the school site inventory (see attached), and confirm the number of available fields. Each school will also identify on their schematic site plans, how many teams can practice at their site at one time.
- 3. The County's Parks and Recreation Department will develop and provide a complete listing of who their sponsored organizations are.
- 4. The County's Parks and Recreation Department will develop and provide a school assignment by sectioning the County to identify which schools provide support to which organizations.
- 5. The Board of County Commissioner's Parks and Recreation Committee recognized that schools' recreation/athletic fields requires a "no-use" period (or recovery period) of time to regenerate.
- District staff of the School Board will work with school principals to identify the most appropriate "no-use" period of time.

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- 7. District staff of the School Board will work with the Parks and Recreation Department to establish a schedule for "use" and "no-use" as identified after working with school principals.
- 8. The "schedule" will be communicated by the County's Parks and Recreation Department to all County sponsored organizations.
- 9. The County's Parks and Recreation Department will review with the County sponsored organizations the possibility of streamlining the required Use Agreement documents. It was discussed that once it was determined what organization would be using what school site, the organization and school could develop "one" Use Agreement for all activities to be scheduled.
- 10. Maintenance of school sites was discussed. It was acknowledged that the increased pressure on school sites required additional maintenance such as increased fertilization. Consideration was expressed to distribute one to two dollars (\$1.00-\$2.00) of the fee charged to participants back to the schools in the designated section to help offset the impact to the school site. This will be discussed between the County's Parks and Recreation Department and the County's sponsored organizations.

Nothing, however, prevents the schools from negotiating with the organizations' help in maintaining the school sites.

- 11. It was recognized that the School System needed to protect their recreation/athletic fields to meet the needs of the School System first.
- 12. It was also recognized that the School System did not have enough fields to offset the growing need. The County identified several areas they are considering to increase the number of field areas available.

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13. Non-County sponsored organizations are discretionary depending upon availability after the needs of County sponsored organizations have been met.

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It is hoped that the above will, at least, reduce the pressure you are often confronted with in dealing with organizations wanting to use your recreation/athletic fields.

We appreciated meeting with County Commissioners, Buddy Griffin and Dale Wilson; the County Manager, Bob Wilson; and members of the Parks and Recreation Department. Dr. Phyllis May, Ben Wortham and eight principals and/or assistant principals also attended the meeting. Having all those present helped develop a better understanding of this situation, and all offered outstanding input.

Please return your review of the school site inventory and your school site schematic site plan (see #2 above) to me by March 29, 1996.

Should you have any questions or if we need to address something else, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

MJE/prs

Attachment:

cc: Dr. Phyllis A. May, Superintendent of Schools Ben Wortham, Deputy Superintendent Buddy Griffin, Chairman, Parks and Recreation Committee Dale Wilson, Vice-Chairman, Parks and Recreation Committee Bob Wilson, County Manager Jack Brooker, Director of Parks and Recreation Department All Assistant Superintendents

## SCHOOL SITES IN RELATION TO ATHLETIC ASSOCIATIONS

1) .	Orange Park Athletic Association:	OPAA
2)	Bel Med Athletic Association:	BEL MED
3)	Tanglewood Athletic Association:	TAA
4)	Middleburg Athletic Association:	MAA
5)	Eagle Harbor Soccer Complex:	EHSC
6)	Keystone Recreation Association:	KRA
7)	G. C. S. Athletic Association:	GCSAA

## OPAA & EHSC

- 1) Fleming Island Elem.
- 2) Patterson Elem.
- 3) Montclair Elem.
- 4) O.P. Elem.
- 5) Grove Park Elem.

#### BEL MED & EHSC

- 1) W.E. Cherry Elem.
- 2) S.B. Jennings Elem.
- 3) O.P. Jr. High
- 4) O.P. High
- 5) Ridgeview Jr. High

#### TAA & EHSC

- 1) Ridgeview Elem.
- 2) Lakeside Elem.
- 3) Lakeside Jr. High
- 4) Drs. Inlet Elem.
- 5) Tynes Elem.

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- 1) Clay Hill Elem.
- 2) Wilkinson Elem.
- 3) Middleburg Elem.
- 4) Lake Asbury Elem.
- 5) Wilkinson Jr. High
- 6) Middleburg High

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- 1) McRae Elem.
- 2) Keystone High
- 3) Keystone Elem.

### GCSAA & EHSC

- 1) C.E. Bennett Elem
- 2) GCS Middle
- 3) Clay High
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David L. Owens Superintendent of Schools

TO:	School Principals
FROM:	Michael J. Elliott Mike Assistant Superintendent of Support Services
DATE:	April 1, 1998

RE: USE OF FIELDS

This is just a reminder. In accordance with our agreement with the Board of County Commissioners, the month of April can be established by the School Principal as a "no-use" month to allow for regeneration of your fields. This no-use pertains to the Athletic Associations that you are under Facility Use Agreements with.

If you choose to restrict Athletic Association use during April, it would be appropriate to notify the Association accordingly.

The decision to restrict use during April is completely that of the School Principal.

If you have any questions, please contact me at your convenience.

MJE/prs Attachments:

Richard Fain District 3 Charles Fields District 4 Lisa Graham District 5 Memo



# Office of the County Manager

To From Date Re	<ul> <li>Board of County Commissioners</li> <li>Fritz A. Behring, County Manager G May 31, 2006</li> <li>Use of School Facilities for County Recreation</li> </ul>

Recently, Commissioner McGovern raised the issue of increased cooperation between the School Board and the County Commission regarding use of School Board facilities for County recreation purposes.

It is our understanding that the current policy of the School Board is that each individual principal has the ability to decide whether the facilities at their schools can be used by the public as a park. If the School Superintendent is saying that he wants the public to be able to use all school sites as parks, then the School Board will need to provide a new policy direction which will take that decision making authority away from the principals.

Attached for your information and review is a summary of public school inventory and the organizations that are using features at each site.

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