

September 13, 2018

Dear Zoning Board Members,

CHCA has had a need for additional indoor athletic practice space for years now. While we have been blessed with excellent performance spaces, the number of practice courts and athletic conditioning spaces has been in short supply. We currently have just two full length basketball/volleyball courts on this campus with far more teams needing them, resulting in our student athletes practicing until late into the evenings. We also lack athletic training equipment and space to support the growing number of athletes using these services. Lastly, we are short on locker room space for the many teams we concurrently host.

Given all these needs, and the fact that they must be proximate to the current school building, we are proposing the movement of our baseball field to an alternate location, and using the current space to host a new athletic fieldhouse. Some other items of note regarding this proposed facility:

- We are basically adding three basketball/volleyball courts (one court will temporarily host robotics), turf areas to support winter practices for our lacrosse, soccer and baseball programs, two locker rooms and a weight training area.
- We are not adding any new students as a result of this new facility.
- No contests will be held in these facilities. They are for practice only.
- Parking needs will be limited adjacent to the building due to this being a practice only space for current students. Current on campus auxiliary parking will provide more than enough spaces.
- We have designed a new drive lane to this new facility from our current parking lot. This lane will proceed just to the east and north of the tennis courts to access parking, a drop off area and for emergency access. NOTE: We had contemplated an additional curb cut on Snider Road, but felt that the easy right turn after entering the parking lot was safer than an additional access point onto Snider Road. Any backup of traffic in high use times will be internal to the site as access to the property from Snider and Kemper Roads is not affected by this new drive. The only point of congestion (which we will manage on site) is when a drop off at the gym has occurred and folks want to regain access to Snider Road from the new service drive. We will post staff at congested times to handle this traffic, as we do with all events where flow is potentially impeded.
- Our Robotics program will be temporarily housed on one of the courts within this new facility until we can finish the fundraising for our new Research and innovation Center across from the high school on Kemper Road.

We anticipate breaking ground next spring on this project and have it ready for occupancy next fall. Thank you for your consideration of this project.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Brunk", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Randy Brunk
Head of School