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#### MEMORANDUM

TO: Diane Waldron, Clerk, Board of Finance

FROM: Jeffrey R. Steeg, Assistant Corporation Counsel 

CC: Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu  
Wyland Dale Clift, Corporation Counsel  
Chris Cassin, Athletic Director  
Roger Rousseau, Purchasing Agent  
Catherine Carbone, Board of Education Superintendent

DATE: July 27, 2020

RE: City of Bristol v. Sprinturf, et al

As you may well be aware, there have been significant problems at both the synthetic fields at Bristol Eastern High School and Bristol Central High School. At both fields, the synthetic turf and pad appeared to shrink and pull back from the protective nailer board, making the fields unplayable.

The Corporation Counsel's Office has been involved in active negotiations with the manufacturer of the synthetic field components. The manufacturers have agreed to replace the synthetic fields at both schools and hope to commence work in the near future at no cost to the City of Bristol. A new warranty will be provided.

At Bristol Eastern High School however, the drainage around the track circumference will require additional repair. The contractor who installed the drainage has elected not to participate in the settlement. Our office is requesting an appropriation of \$70,000 which should be sufficient to complete any necessary repairs to the drainage and track surface. We are confident in recovery of those funds from the responsible parties. The value for full field replacement at both schools is estimated to exceed one million dollars.



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To: Diane Waldron, Comptroller, Clerk for the Board of Finance  
C: Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu  
Office of Corporation Counsel  
Catherine M. Carbone, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools  
Chris Cassin, BOE Athletics Director  
From: Roger D. Rousseau, Purchasing Agent   
Date: July 27, 2020  
Re: **Repair of Synthetic Turf Fields at Bristol Schools**

The Office of Corporation Counsel is requesting appropriation of funds toward repair of drains at the synthetic fields; in an effort to expedite such repairs, I have been working with the design team for development of a specification to accommodate said repair, and expect to have specifications this week.

All of the interested parties have expressed interest in a quick turnaround of these repairs for full field use. The design team has familiarity with three to four contractors with specialized experience in this specific drainage repair; in the interest of achieving completion of the work in a timely manner, it has been requested that the City directly solicit bids from these known installers, without full solicitation but with sufficient due diligence.

I am comfortable with pursuing completion bids in this manner for this specific work; if this manner of procurement is to be pursued, it would be appropriate for the **Board of Finance to issue a formal waiver of bids**, with the provision that the City pursue due diligence to ensure the lowest cost for completion of this work.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance on this matter.