

Good morning everyone:

Thank you for coming this morning for the softball field groundbreaking ceremony.

First, I want to thank Sudbury CPC and Friends of Lincoln-Sudbury Softball for providing the initial funding for the first phase of the project. I also want to thank Maureen Valente, Sudbury Town Manager, and Jody Kablack, Director of Planning and Community Development for the town of Sudbury for getting the initial IMA drafted and shepherding the process during its last stages. I thank Bella Wong, L-S Superintendent/Principal, and Glenn Fratto, L-S Director of Finance and Operations for their counsel and their work to make this happen. I should also thank Scott Carpenter, former L-S Superintendent/Principal and Mike Connelly, our previous Business Manager for their help for this project last year.

I want to acknowledge the important role played by Sudbury Board of Selectmen for approving the amended IMA and thank them. I heard from Selectmen Larry O'Brien and Chuck Woodard. They offer their support but could not attend because of work or summer vacations. I want to acknowledge the time and effort of all the LS School Committee members on this project, and in particular, Nancy Marshall and Gerald Quirk. Gerald worked many long hours meeting with the Park and Recreation departments and the CPC committees of Lincoln and Sudbury. He also worked on several versions of the draft IMA. Thanks, Gerald. Thanks Nancy for your leadership till now.

I also want to mention the support of Sudbury Park and Recreation and Todj Godjeck, its chairman.

At this time, I want to thank Lincoln CPC for their offer of assistance for this project. I also want to acknowledge the help of Lincoln Park and Recreation and Lincoln Board of Selectmen for their help during the process. Thank you Selectman Noah Eckhouse.

This project clearly shows the need for different groups to work together to achieve a common objective.

As we conclude this initial phase of this project, it is the intention of L-S School Committee to work collaboratively with the towns of Lincoln and Sudbury to address the future needs of the softball field and other fields. To this end, the school committee will convene a working group with representation from the selectmen, CPC and Park and Rec from both towns.

Soon after we conclude this ceremony, the LS School Committee is convening in an almost day-long meeting to attend to important issues that have a direct bearing on the mission of Lincoln-Sudbury. We have been having these late summer meetings for the last several years and we find them very useful as we can take the time to discuss important topics.

First, we will hear from the police departments of Lincoln and Sudbury. Then, we will hear about the educational technology at L-S and the summer educational development and evaluation work done by faculty and staff. We will hear entry reports from Bella Wong and Glenn Fratto as each of them transitioned into their respective roles. We will review the Superintendent's goals for the upcoming year. We will then discuss the school committee goals for the next year. So, we have a busy day ahead of us and if you have the time, please do join us as we meet.

Thank you.