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Dear Neighbor:

As many of you are already aware, the School Committee has discussed the **proposed installation of a practice wall** at the Sprague fields during a couple of its meetings this Fall (in particular, on September 17 and October 1). By way of background, this is a project that was originally brought forward by the Playing Fields Task Force (PFTF) when private funding became available and was earmarked for installing such a resource so student athletes could practice their catching, throwing, and other repetitive eye-hand coordination activities. The Committee has been asked to consider this project given that the proposed location for installing the practice wall is on school property (as a reminder, the original diagram showing the three proposed locations under consideration is included on the other side of this page). We sincerely appreciate your engagement in this process and all the great input received to date.

At its meeting on October 1, the Committee determined that the next step should be to conduct further community outreach regarding 3 out of 4 options, in particular, **Option 1** (by the Facilities Management Department or FMD building), **Option 2** (near newly renovated tennis courts) and **Option 3** (near playing fields). To that end, we would like to invite interested residents to a **Community Forum on the Proposed Practice Wall** to be held at the **Sprague School Library on Tuesday, November 5 from 6:30 to 9:00 pm**. We will upload the final agenda to wellesleyma.gov/1213 in advance of the meeting.

Prior to the meeting, we encourage you to consider:

- taking a walk around Sprague Fields - proposed installation sites should be marked off
- visiting Weston's sports wall (444 Wellesley St.) to get a sense for how a similar wall looks
- reviewing the document posted online at wellesleyma.gov/1213 containing photos and links to videos (to get a sense for noise level) from practice walls in Weston and Concord-Carlisle

We appreciate your patience as we continue to work on improving our playing fields. In the meantime, please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of David A. Cohen in blue ink.

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SPRAGUE FIELDS PRACTICE FIELD & PRACTICE WALL

LOCATION OPTIONS

6/17/2019

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0 300 600 Feet
1 inch = 60 feet

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