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**Memorandum**

October 1, 2020

From: Shanthi Gonzales, Vice President & School Board Director, District 6

To: Education Partnership Committee & Oakland City Council

Regarding: Terminating the City Lease of Greenman Field

**Background**

Greenman Field (along with the city-operated park and Carter Gilmore baseball field) is owned by OUSD but has been operated and maintained by the City of Oakland since 2005, primarily for the use of Babe Ruth Little League. Under the current lease, the City maintains the fields and the park and is supposed to make Greenman Field available to students on the Havenscourt and Lockwood campuses for consistent recreational and athletic use. In practice, getting regular access to Greenman Field for student use has been challenging, in part due to the difficulty maintaining the field during inclement weather. The impact on students has been to have very little access to green space and to have to travel across the city for athletics.

Assuming that Measure Y is adopted by Oakland voters in November 2020, OUSD will have funding available to create a turf field at Greenman Field that can be used by students year-round, as well as by Babe Ruth Little League when not being used by students.

**Financial & Operational Impact**

The resolution proposed for City Council approval would terminate the existing lease and return possession of Greenman Field to OUSD, for OUSD to build a turf field, which the OUSD Buildings and Grounds Department would assume maintenance of.

Carter Gilmore Field and the park would continue to be maintained by the City of Oakland, under a new lease to be negotiated.

**Equity Considerations**

Students attending school on the Havenscourt and Lockwood campuses are over 80% free and reduced lunch-eligible students, predominately Latinx and Black students. They need and deserve consistent access to green space for both recreation and athletics. They should not have to travel to Fruitvale for soccer practice, putting an undue burden on low-income families. Year-round access to a turf field would allow us to expand athletic

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offerings for female students, helping us to address Title 9 and enhance offerings for students that are shown to increase engagement and academic achievement.

We will continue to make Greenman Field available to Babe Ruth Little League when not in use by OUSD students, and the City will maintain possession of Carter Gilmore Field for continued use by Babe Ruth Little League. This language is included in the resolution and will also be included in a new lease.

**Coordination with other efforts**

The OUSD Legal Department is working with the City on renewing the joint use agreement between OUSD and the City of Oakland, but we would like to begin work on upgrading Greenman Field to a turf field right away (assuming Measure Y is passed in November 2020). Because it is unclear when the negotiations on the joint use agreement will be concluded, I propose that we not hold up the work on Greenman Field.

In light of the pandemic, open space for students is more urgent now than ever, and it would be ideal to have the field available when students return to school, to assist with social distancing efforts.

**Legal Considerations**

The proposed lease and joint use structure are very common and straightforward and there are no additional issues or concerns that I am aware of.