

**State College Area School District
Office of Physical Plant
Ed Poprik, Director**

To: Board of School Directors

From: Ed Poprik

RE: **Memorial Field Update**

Date: April 8, 2013

Three distinct portions of the Memorial Field project are currently underway.

1. State College Borough mobilized on Monday, April 1 and began excavation of the sinkhole on Tuesday, April 2. The initial digging encountered more concrete than previously expected. This is likely due to previous bleacher stabilization efforts. Once a final point of refusal is encountered in the excavation project, installation of a reverse filter and a pre-cast concrete structure will begin. The field and street drainage will be piped to the pre-cast concrete. Efforts are underway to secure some form of temporary bleachers, in the vicinity of the sinkhole, for fall sports.
2. Mid-State Construction has mobilized and started their demolition activities. Periodic closure of the sidewalk on Fraser St. will be needed during the demolition, with closure (narrowing to the centerline) of the Fraser St. roadway scheduled for April 15. In order to allocate space for contractor needs on this very limited site, arrangements have been made for Central Office personnel to park in the Fraser St. garage until June 12.
3. We are currently negotiating contract proposals from several synthetic turf manufacturers/installers. As we did with the South Track Field in 2007, we plan on purchasing the turf through an existing Cooperative Purchasing Agreement. Within these agreements, commodities and services are competitively bid and then low bids are made available for members to utilize as they need. By utilizing bids from several Cooperative Purchasing agencies, we are evaluating multiple vendors to achieve the best value for the school district. It is anticipated a final contract will be brought for Board approval on April 22. A budget of \$600,000.00 has been allocated for this purchase.