

COMMUNITY ACCESS FRAMEWORK AND FACILITIES PARTNERSHIP MODEL

Purpose

This document outlines the proposed framework for expanding community access, in the event the bond proposal passes, to Kimberly School District facilities, including future bond-funded facilities such as the fieldhouse, auditorium, and athletic fields. The intent is to create a structured, transparent, and equitable system that ensures District facilities are available to all community members when not in use by school programs.

OVERALL CONCEPT

The District will continue to prioritize student instruction, activities, and school-sponsored programs. When facilities are not in use by the District, they will be made available for community use through a formal partnership structure with a community-based organization referred to as the “Community Group.”

The District is committed to ensuring equitable access to facilities for all Kimberly-based youth teams including travel teams, recreation teams, KYA, etc. and all Kimberly patrons. Use of these facilities will be scheduled fairly and transparently under District oversight so that all groups have consistent opportunities to practice, play, and host events. The addition of new and expanded facilities will allow the District to broaden its community access framework by establishing a formal relationship with the Community Group, ensuring that community use is fair, transparent, and consistently managed under District scheduling authority.

This approach ensures:

School programs remain the top priority

Community access is structured, fair, and transparent

Facilities are used efficiently and benefit the entire Kimberly community

COMMUNITY GROUP STRUCTURE

The Community Group will be established as an independent nonprofit organization with the following characteristics:

- Governed by a volunteer board of directors representing community stakeholders
- Organized as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit entity (or equivalent charitable organization)
- Responsible for coordinating community facility use requests and partnerships
- Serves as a collaborative partner with the District, not a controlling authority over facilities

The Community Group does not own, operate, or control District facilities. It functions as a coordinating and support organization to expand community access in alignment with District policies.

DISTRICT ROLE

Kimberly School District will:

- Retain full ownership and control of all facilities
- Maintain final authority over all scheduling and facility use decisions
- Ensure school programs receive priority access at all times
- Approve and oversee all facility use agreements

JOINT USE AGREEMENT (MOU)

The District will enter into a formal Joint Use Agreement (MOU) with the Community Group that will:

- Define facility access when school programs are not using spaces
- Allow for shared use when feasible and appropriate
- Establish insurance and liability requirements
- Require compliance with District policies and safety standards
- Provide for fair and equitable access to facilities for community members

ACCESS MODEL

Facility use will follow this framework:

- School programs have first priority at all times
- When facilities are not scheduled for school use, they are available for community use through the Community Group
- When possible, facilities may be shared between school and community users to maximize availability

BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY

This structure ensures:

- Expanded access to modern facilities for all community members
- Transparent and equitable scheduling practices
- Strong partnership between the District and community stakeholders
- Efficient use of taxpayer-funded facilities

SUMMARY

This proposal creates a sustainable, structured partnership model that preserves District control while significantly expanding community access. It ensures that new and existing facilities serve both students and the broader Kimberly community in a balanced and transparent manner.