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Dear Collingswood Schools' Families:

At its April 30, 2018 meeting, the Collingswood Board of Education voted unanimously to demolish the existing grandstand/stadium structure behind Collingswood High School. Due to significant safety concerns, the structure will be fenced off immediately with demolition planned for summer 2018.

Current Status

As of Friday, May 4, the grandstand area has been secured with fencing. Portable bathroom facilities have been ordered and are on site. We are also working on securing storage facilities for district, team, and theatre equipment.

Graduation

The Board of Education, as well as high school and district staff, are committed to providing a memorable graduation ceremony in the Shields Stadium for all members of the Class of 2018. The planning process is well underway. As plans are finalized, additional information will be provided to members of the senior class and their parents.

Track and Field Day

Track and Field Day for students in grades 4 and 5 will take place, as scheduled. Alternative seating arrangements will be necessary, but all other aspects of Track and Field Day should remain unchanged.

Fourth of July

At its April 30 meeting, the Collingswood Board of Education also approved the request by the Borough of Collingswood to host the Fourth of July festivities at Shields Stadium. Again, while the grandstands will be off limits, there is plenty of room on the football field and in surrounding areas.

The decision to close the grandstands was made for safety reasons and was not taken lightly. Several options were discussed prior to the final decision. It is the Board's responsibility to balance tradition with safety concerns and fiscal responsibility. For additional information on the options discussed and the rationale for the final decision, please visit our web site at www.collsk12.org and click the "Referendum Follow-Up Discussion" link.

Sincerely,

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