



Dear Ralston Valley Staff and Families,

We are excited to share an update on the installation of athletic field lights on our turf field that will positively impact students who are involved in our district's athletic and activities programming. This project, funded by the 2018 capital improvement program and to support the Jeffco Schools Equitable Start Times.

Last fall, approval was given for the district to move forward with the development of a plan and budget to install field lights at Jeffco's 16 high schools that do not currently have them. You can [view the presentation](#) to the Board (starting at slide 9).

One of the significant benefits of this project is the improved safety and peace of mind it offers our students during evening practices. Having practices on campus ensures quick access to essential resources like our Athletic Trainer, life-saving devices such as AEDs and Epipens, and well-planned Emergency Access Plans.

This spring, the installation will begin for the athletic field lights at all high schools to support Jeffco students.

What you should know:

- The design for each of the sixteen high schools consists of four poles not exceeding 80', equipped with [MUSCO LED lighting](#). The lights will be designed to ensure that the playing surface is adequately lit up while preventing any spill of light beyond the field boundaries.
- Special consideration will be made to our neighbors and nearby residences as we work through the installation process.
- Our school's timeline for installation is set to begin in early June, 2024 (timeline subject to change).
- All the materials are set to arrive this spring.
- Xcel Energy will provide the installation of the electrical service.
- The lights will be wired so a portable generator can provide power if necessary.

The lifelong value that athletics and activities provide student athletes – from a sense of belonging, cultivation of discipline and reward of personal growth and development is part of the extraordinary student experience in Jeffco. The field lights at Ralston Valley High School will ensure that our students have access to these experiences.

We are excited about the possibilities this project will bring to our athletic and activities programs and our students that participate in them.

Sincerely,

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