



# Grant Park

## Neighborhood Association

**To:** Mayor Ted Wheeler, Commissioner Rene Gonzalez, Commissioner Carmen Rubio, Commissioner Mingus Mapps, Commissioner Dan Ryan, Principal James McGee

**From:** Grant Park Neighborhood Association

**Re.** Closure of the Grant Park Bowl

**Date:** Approved by the Board of Directors, August 24, 2023

Dear Mr. Mayor, Commissioners, and Principal McGee:

The Grant Bowl is a critical public resource within our neighborhood. The loss of use of the bowl for organized sports is a major loss for the community, not only for Grant High School athletes and others who use the bowl regularly, but for families, spectators, and other park users who benefit from the activation of the space and the community bonding that takes place there.

The Grant Park Neighborhood Association (GPNA) is encouraged by the commitment of Portland Parks and Recreation and Portland Public Schools to replace the artificial turf by fall of 2024 and will be carefully following this process. We urge PP&R and PPS to work **quickly** to find a solution to restore or replace the turf at the Grant Bowl to allow the safe return of organized sports, while also preserving continued public access to the bowl for both organized sports and casual use.

GPNA is willing to help facilitate a neighborhood forum, where key stakeholders and the broader community can come together to discuss priorities in safely restoring the field to its prior level of use.

Sincerely,

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