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To the Members of the School District 23 Board,

As we excitedly welcome another school year, I wanted to bring to your attention the dismal state of the school yard that welcomed students at Glenmore Elementary. Please see the attached photos. As a parent I first noticed the poor condition of the fields last fall, and it has worsened to the point of attracting a lot of negative attention in our Glenmore community.

It is my understanding that the irrigation system has broken and the school board doesn't want to fund the costly repair as the aging school will presumably be torn down in the near future. However, please consider that over 600 students currently attend this school and deserve to have grass to run and play on instead of fields of dirt and weeds. Glenmore families pay expensive annual property taxes to help fund the school system. The other schools in the area, Watson Rd Elementary, North Glenmore Elementary, and Dr. Knox all have much nicer looking grounds. Glenmore Elementary has become an eyesore.

My child spends a good part of his day outside for recess and lunch as well as before and after school. Last year during the winter, the dirt fields turned into a sheet of ice and became extremely treacherous. Several children fell and injured themselves including my son. Parents have also slipped and fallen. In the spring, it turns into a mucky smell bog. It doesn't seem like much maintenance is being done and I wonder if the grounds are being checked for hazards like needles and dog feces.

Given the many benefits of spending time outside I strongly urge the school board to find a way to remediate this situation for the safety and well being of our children. The outside of Glenmore Elementary should be a reflection of how great this school is to our community!

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Alex Levac,
Parent at Glenmore Elementary School

