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City of Hoover & Hoover City Schools Partner to Improve Local Ball Fields

Agreement made in connection with \$9M turf installation project

Hoover, AL: Today, Thursday, October 20, 2022, the City of Hoover (COH) and the Hoover City Schools District (HCS) are happy to announce a historic partnership that will increase sports tourism opportunities, improve athletes' playing experience and reduce budget costs for maintenance. The agreement comes as both COH and HCS enter into a \$9-million partnership that will include:

- The City of Hoover installing new turf on the baseball fields at: Spain Park High School, Hoover High School and seven city baseball fields
- Hoover City Schools installing turf on the softball fields at: Spain Park High School and Hoover High School
- Hoover City Schools constructing brand new restroom facilities at Spain Park and Hoover High Schools baseball and softball fields
- Hoover City Schools making drainage improvements to athletic fields at Hoover High School and Spain Park High School

"The City of Hoover and Hoover City Schools are partnering to make a substantial upgrade to sports facilities all across Hoover. In addition to our wonderful Hoover Met Complex, we also need to provide first-class fields at our neighborhood sports parks and on our two high school campuses," says Hoover Mayor Frank V. Brocato. "This joint effort will make taxpayer dollars go as far as possible and will address the needs of kids in all parts of Hoover. I appreciate and commend our City Council and Board of Education for working together just as our residents expect us to do."

Monday night, the Hoover City Council approved a resolution that will solidify the agreement. The Hoover Board of Education took similar action at their meeting Tuesday evening.

"This latest partnership with the City of Hoover is exciting for Hoover City Schools and yet another example of our superb, ongoing working relationship with the mayor and city council," says Dr. Dee O. Fowler, Superintendent of Hoover City Schools. "The Hoover Board of Education and I are fortunate to be able to work collaboratively with city leaders to meet the needs of Hoover City Schools students and youth in the city as a whole. We are thankful for the city's generous investment in our schools. We anxiously look forward to our student-athletes and the community enjoying the much-needed improvements on the way at the ball fields."

At this time, both COH and HCS are working to finalize dates for the installations to begin.