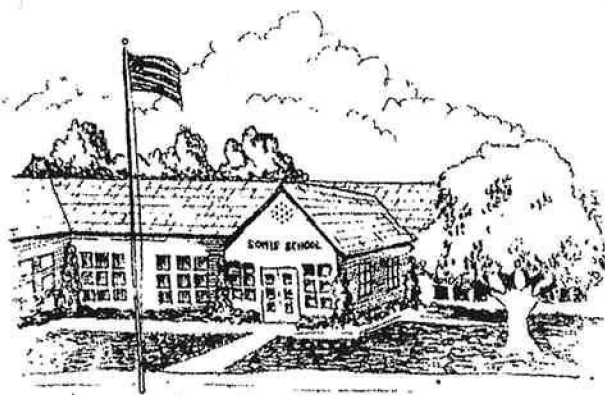


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Mr. Ron Van Dyck
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800 South Victoria Avenue, L#1030
Ventura, California 93009

Dear Mr. Van Dyck,

On behalf of Somis Union School District Board of Trustees and the entire Somis community, I would like to present the following proposal for the improvement of District/community recreational facilities under the Quimby Statute.

Somis Union is a special place, serving students in kindergarten through the eighth grade. It is also at the center of the Somis community. Unique to this small community, the District works in partnership with all of the neighbors to provide opportunities and experiences beyond the classroom. The campus bustles with activity from early morning till late evening. While maintaining the charm of original architecture, the modern facilities provide a pleasant and inviting meeting place for the community. The multi-purpose room has a full stage and modern sound system. Boys and Girls Club, sports programs, dance and drama offers after-school activities until 6:00 pm everyday. A large, lighted field includes space for two baseball diamonds, with bleachers, restroom facilities and snack bar. Soccer and football goals are available, according to the season and planned use of the area. Blacktop areas include space for games and handball. There are two full basketball courts (four goals) and room to add two new basketball backstops. Finally, there is a sand volleyball court and covered picnic/lunch shelter area, which is lighted for night use. The fields and playgrounds are open and accessible to the public whenever school is not in session, including afternoons, evenings, weekends and all summer long. Somis Elementary building and grounds are the only facilities serving the area that provide space for picnics, sports, fitness activities and playground activities for adults and children of all ages.

Project One - Children's Playground Our first priority is safety for all projects is to ensure safe facilities that are accessible to the entire community. Project number one includes the installation of rubber safety matting under the playground equipment. The total square footage of the area to be covered is 8,780 sq ft. While the equipment is modern and well maintained by the District, it is installed over sand that restricts full and easy access for handicapped students. In addition, this base does not meet the best practices for safety and hygiene.

The cost of installation of matting under all equipment is \$120,000.

Project Two - Basketball Court This project would replace four existing wood basketball backboards with heavy-duty aluminum backboards, breakaway heavy-duty rims, and nylon nets. Two new backboards would also be installed on existing poles, to increase the number of basketball goals to a total of six.

The cost of this project is \$3,180, not including installation. The District would assume the cost of installation.

Project Three - Soccer Goals This project would provide heavy-duty replacement soccer goal netting.

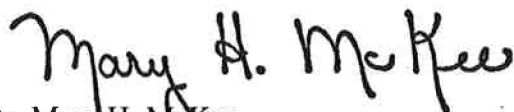
The cost of this project is \$500.

Project Four - Handball Wall This project would replace a wooden ball wall with a freestanding concrete ball wall. Currently the ball wall that is available to community is a deteriorating wooden wall mounted against an existing fence. Only one side of the wall is available for use. A new, freestanding wall would increase safety and double the play area.

The cost of this project is \$60,000, including clearance as required by the Office of the State Architect.

Thank you very much for your consideration of these projects. Our mutual goal is to improve the recreational faculties for our community and use public funds as they were intended – to serve our public.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary H. McKee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Mary H. McKee
Superintendent