

## **Savanna School District Update:**

### **Cerritos Elementary School Adjacent Field Space**

#### **Stanton Baseball Little League**

Savanna School District provides the following summary of facts related to the Stanton Baseball Little League's (SBLL) prior use of field space adjacent to Cerritos Elementary School.

- The District entered into an agreement with SBLL years ago which allowed SBLL to use field space adjacent to Cerritos Elementary School.
- During its use, SBLL added structures to the Property and made various other modifications without District approval.
- Recently, concerns were expressed by some about the safety and legal compliance of the structures.
- Based on these concerns, the District assessed its options regarding the Property and SBLL's continued use, including having the District's legal counsel review these issues.
- The District assessed all possible options. In particular, the District considered whether it could seek an exemption from the Division of State Architect (DSA) approval requirements. However, it was determined that even if the District exempted itself from DSA approval by ensuring no students would access this Property, the District and SBLL would still be required to comply with the California Building Code and obtain approvals from the City. The District or SBLL would also be required to relocate fencing which would result in dramatically less property for school use. Finally, obtaining City approvals and relocating the fence would require spending financial resources neither the District nor SBLL can afford, and would still not remedy all legal issues or concerns.
- Therefore, the District and SBLL mutually agreed to terminate SBLL's right to use the Property as of June 30, 2016. However, the District granted SBLL the right to store certain equipment on the Property for a limited time, until October 31, 2016.
- The District worked with legal counsel and determined that this termination was the only valid option available to the District, considering the potential legal issues that could arise if SBLL continued to use the Property and the cost of trying to address these issues.
- The District's Governing Board and Administration take very seriously that they are the stewards of public funds and assets, and the District must act in a manner necessary to stretch those resources while simultaneously limiting liability to the District.