



THE
BRENDAN GRANT
FOUNDATION

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Mr. Jim Davis,
Director, BHS Athletics Department

Dear Mr. Davis,

We are writing to provide you with an update about the installation of batting cages at the varsity softball field and bullpen mounds at the varsity and JV baseball fields. These improvements will be fully funded and installed by the Brendan Grant Foundation and other local non-profit organizations for the betterment of the athletic facilities at Belmont High School.

Over the past few months, members of the Brendan Grant Foundation met at the Brendan Grant Memorial Field to discuss improvements to the varsity and JV baseball diamonds. During those meetings, we discussed the reality that the girls' softball field on Concord Avenue also needs upgrades. The resources and efforts expended on the baseball field has turned the Brendan Grant Memorial Field into one of the premier baseball fields in the area. It is our goal to ensure that all of our community youth and sport facilities meet that same standard of excellence.

The Brendan Grant Foundation has supported various improvements to the varsity softball field on Concord Avenue, including new benches and bench pads, upgrades of the protective screening, infield mix and a new scoreboard. In an effort to continue to develop and enhance the varsity softball field, we will be installing batting cages and pitching mounds. We believe that batting cages will increase the safety of the players and coaches and maximize the players' experience by providing a valuable tool for improving hitting techniques. Additionally, installation of batting cages at the Concord Avenue field will benefit the various adult and youth softball and baseball programs that also use that field.

We will install fencing for two side-by-side cages and nets which will run parallel to the centerfield fence at the softball diamond. The cages will be similar to those at the high school, and will be approximately 60' x 12' x 12' high. All fencing will be purchased from and installed by Mike LaPierre of ML Fence Co, LLC. We estimate the total cost of the cage installation to be \$18,800.00.

Finally, we will also install two bullpen mounds, one at the Brendan Grant Memorial Field and the other at the JV baseball field. We believe that the addition of the bullpen mounds will optimize practice time for our pitchers. Working off the mound helps the pitcher get a better feel for their delivery and provides a great resource for learning the art of pitching. For the bullpen mounds, a 20' x 20' box will be created using two tiers of landscape timbers. Landscape fabric will be added to the boxed area and then two pitcher mounds will be installed side by side within the box. The mounds will be constructed from clay infield mix. Finally, a piece of rubber will be installed on top of the mound. The project will be overseen by Game on Sports, a professional landscape company that will ensure that the mounds meet major league height and slope specifications. More information on Game on Sports can be found at <http://www.gameonss.com>. We estimate the total cost of installing the mounds to be \$3,200.00.

As noted above, this project will be fully funded by the Brendan Grant Foundation and other local non-profit organizations for the betterment of the athletic facilities at Belmont High School.

We would be more than happy to discuss this project with you in further detail at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Casey Grant
President,
Brendan Grant Foundation