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Colleagues, over the past several days a number of staff attending various meetings at the Community Resource Center have experienced safety problems which appear associated with homeless encampments discovered on the hillside south of the large, lower Memorial Stadium south parking lot. In response to these reports of car prowls and homeless persons living in the vicinity of that parking lot, I want you to be aware that facilities and maintenance staff are proceeding with the following work:

- Cleaning up debris and clearing bushes, underbrush, and tree limbs up to about 8 feet high;
- Installing a six-foot high chain-link fence around the perimeter of the district's asphalt parking lot (at the base of the slope); and
- Enhancing the lighting so that the area will be more brightly lighted.

This work alone is estimated to cost around \$150,000, and should be completed within the next several weeks.

Facilities staff are pursuing discussions with several owners of property adjacent to the south parking lot, who are being asked to consider installation of additional chain-link fencing at the top of the slope. This could cost up to an additional \$200,000, and would require the cooperation and approval of the owners, including the city of Everett, Washington State Department of Transportation, and a private property owner. Due the complexity of these discussions, the timeline for this work is not clear. In the future, we also plan improvement in emergency response communications and extension of our video security system in the area. This latter work is tied to more extensive repairs of the large parking area, and due to the expense of trenching likely would not occur until parking lot resurfacing is undertaken.

I want you to be aware of how we're responding to the concerns regarding this unauthorized use of district property, and apparently unauthorized use of adjacent neighbors' land that is affecting the security of staff and visitors to the CRC and stadium.



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