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Ajo parents, students, alumni, and community members,

There has been concerns that Ajo Football games will be canceled for the 2023 season due to the state of the football field. This is untrue. Ajo Schools athletic director, spoke with the director of the Canyon State Athletic Association, who shared that this is not the case. The director did comment the field could use improvement, but it is not in a game closing state. There will be home games next year.

As everyone knows, the Ajo Campus and all our fields are over 50 years old. With limited staff, different fields get attention at different times of the year/season. This is why Ajo Schools will now have a manager of grounds and a team to focus on sports fields year-round. As always, we appreciate the communities help and would welcome any help you can give, however because the school is a public/government agency there is procedures we have to follow with regards to government property (the field and stadium). As a public school district Ajo Schools has to follow funding and property rules set down by the Arizona Auditor General's Office, Department of Education, Pima County Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Arizona Revised Statues.

Again, the staff and administration work hard every day and all year round to keep students, staff, and parents safe while on campus. No field or classroom would be used if it was deemed unsafe. Ajo Schools is regularly visited by Pima County and State agencies and has never been deemed unsafe in yearly operational inspections.

Ajo Schools is committed to the safety of students and staff. The state building improvement grants that have funded work around campus such as the current roof project, new ACs for the gym and classrooms, and other improvements that are intended for safety. As such, improvement on the football field does not fall into that state grant category. The administration is aware of the needs of our sports programs, but we have to follow state



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procurement guidelines. This year Ajo Schools has sponsored volunteer days for individuals to help campus clean, and another cleanup is proposed for before football season starts.

Again we appreciate the support any individual can give and if anyone has questions, comments, or wants to offer assistance about any aspect of Ajo Schools we can be reached anytime at angelina@ajoschools.org, by phone at 520-387-5618, or by visiting our Facebook and website pages.