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Hello,

As parents of two avid tennis players since elementary school, we are reaching out to implore you to move forward with the covered tennis bubble at Camas High School.

Being a high-level competitive tennis player in the Pacific Northwest is incredibly challenging due to the weather and indoor courts are critical. In the greater Camas/Vancouver area we are sorely lacking enough courts to meet the needs.

One of my daughters is going on to play D1 tennis at the University of Utah and it is critical that she gets enough time on the ball. We are often scrambling to find court space to enable her to play. The current indoor facilities available are great, but simply are not sufficient.

This problem becomes even worse during high school tennis when being at the whims of nature causes constant rescheduling, and greater impact to academics than is needed. Often the result is many canceled matches--shortening the season and the learning for the high school teams.

Tennis is a terrific sport for teens to develop all sorts of physical and mental strengths. Yes, it teaches simple things like great eye hand coordination, but more importantly, it teaches real time problem-solving and strategy. In addition, the high school team's foster community and connection for kids who might not otherwise play a sport. These are all life skills that can critically enrich the lives of our students.

Thank you for considering this input. We greatly hope you will move forward with the project to cover the courts at Camas High School with a bubble.

Thank you
Wendy Citron and Alan Kerker