



# Addition of Softball



# Costs

- Startup - Equipment/Uniforms
  - Cody estimated startup was \$25,000
  - Worland estimated startup was \$25,000
  - Green River estimated startup was \$30,000
  - Thunder Basin estimated startup was \$32,000
- Startup TCSD
  - Equipment/Uniforms \$25,000
  - Cow Pasture Short Term - \$2,000 - temporary fencing, bases
  - Cow Pasture Long Term - \$40,000 - backstop, dugouts, outfield fence, scoreboard



# Costs

- Yearly - total estimated \$32,000
  - Coaching \$15,000
  - Equipment \$3,000
  - Officials \$4,000
  - Hotels \$8,000 - based on estimated 8 hotel nights
  - Facilities \$2,000



# Logistics

- Coaching Candidate Pool
  - Roy Mann, Sean Shockley, potentially others
- Weather Impact
  - Would take more time for the facilities department to prep
  - May play many road games depending on field conditions locally
  - Indoor practices - would be tough in the spring if track/fields aren't open
- Current Participation
  - 23 high school girls mostly underclassman - 45 between grades 3 through 8 - grades 7-8 are lightest - grades 3-6 36



# Logistics

- Facilities
  - Cow pasture field - would require costs to get ready for softball
    - Short term - moving bases - temporary fence - \$2000
    - Long term - outfield fence, dugouts, backstop, scoreboard - \$40,000
  - Powderhorn - would not be available until roughly mid April - would require changes to the facility use agreement



# Logistics

- Transportation
  - Would be difficult to add away trips with our current activities offerings in the spring
  - Driver shortage - which trip gets cancelled
  - It would be difficult to intentionally schedule softball and soccer at home on opposite weekends due to weather impacts in Teton County
- Title IX
  - Per our legal counsel, we can add and still be in compliance



# Logistics

- Other Schools Who Have Softball
  - East Conference
    - Campbell County
    - Cheyenne Central
    - Cheyenne East
    - Cheyenne South
    - Laramie
    - Thunder Basin
    - Wheatland

- West Conference
  - Cody
  - Green River
  - Kelly Walsh
  - Natrona
  - Rock Springs
  - Worland



# Timeline

- Would need to inform the Wyoming High School Activities Association before their November 1st board meeting to participate in the 2023 2024 season
- Scheduling happens November 14 and 15 in Casper for the 2024 2025 school year
- We could try to get games together for a season for 2023 2024 season at that meeting but not likely a full schedule and may be just a JV schedule
- Season would start March 4th and end on May 18th



# Why

- Longer Season
- More Development
- Academics
- Code of Conduct [HERE](#)
- Attendance
- Post High School Opportunities
- Life Skills
  - Leadership, Teamwork, Time Management, Feedback Acceptance, Self Esteem/Resilience/Grit



# Activities Benefits links

- [The Benefit of participating in Extracurricular Activities](#)
- [The case for high school activities](#)
- [Benefits of Extracurricular Activities for Kids](#)
- [Impact of Extracurricular Activities on Students](#)



# Questions