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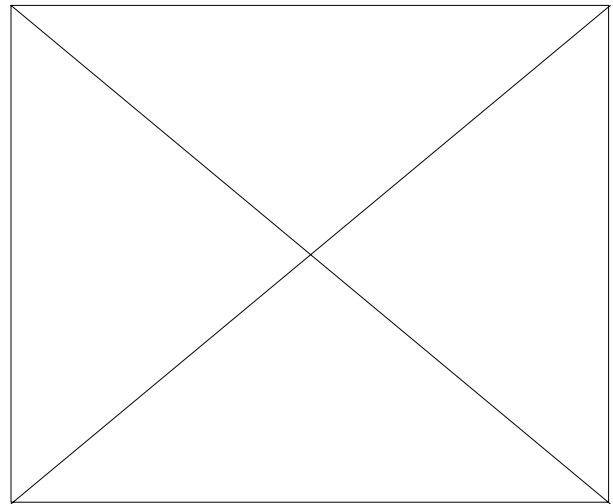
Ravens to help finance renovation of Mervo football stadium

Project calls for approximately \$1 million in improvements this summer

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The Ravens will help finance a \$1 million renovation of the football stadium at Mervo High School this summer. Cornerback Chris McAlister, owner Steve Bisciotti, the team's All Community Foundation and the NFL Youth Football Fund were instrumental in the funding of the project.



The project will include the installation of a new Sportexe field turf (like the one at M&T Bank Stadium), additional home/away bleachers to double the stadium's capacity and a ticket booth.

The renovation will allow more Baltimore City Public School System football teams to play games on a safer, durable surface. In addition to high school games, the stadium will also be home to the Northwood Football League, which serves 300 youth, ages 5-14, through its football and cheerleading programs.

In 2006, the Ravens joined the NFL and additional Baltimore-area donors in renovating the Lumsden-Scott Stadium at Baltimore Polytechnic Institute/Western High School. In 2005, the team's charitable foundation purchased home and away uniforms for every varsity football program in the BCPSS. Bisciotti and linebacker Ray Lewis combined efforts to fund the purchase of Riddell helmets that year, as well.

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