

In March, San Diego Unified School District began the process of developing an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Crawford High School and Mann Middle School Modernization and Athletic Stadium Project. During the public comment period, community members expressed a desire to understand the potential impact of the proposed lighting fixtures for the Crawford stadium. While the draft and final EIR will address those impacts, the district is providing the following information.

The current design for the upgrades includes a six-pole lighting solution for the stadium. The six-pole system allows for more even lighting distribution over the field of play. In addition, that configuration allows for lower lighting levels over the field of play and less light “trespass” to nearby neighbors.

A stadium light-fixture-height demonstration utilizing balloons is being scheduled. During the light-fixture-height demonstration:

Six balloons will be positioned (three on each side of the stadium) at the 80-foot “finished” elevation proposed in the Design Development Drawings by the project architects.

The demonstration will take place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 17. If there is inclement weather on Aug. 17, the alternate date is Saturday, Aug. 24.

The district’s environmental team will photograph/document the balloons from several locations to demonstrate the location and impact to the community. Representative photos will be included in the draft EIR.

For more information regarding the Crawford HS-Mann MS environmental study, please contact Kathryn Ferrell, the district’s environmental coordinator-project manager, at kferrell@sandi.net or [858-627-7298](tel:858-627-7298).