



# Blochman Union School District

## **BENJAMIN FOXEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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*Kristin Garrison-Lima, Superintendent*

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Jeff Stone  
Parks and Recreation  
County of Santa Barbara  
300 Goodwin Road  
Santa Maria, CA 93455

Dear Mr. Stone:

I am writing on behalf of Blochman Union School District to request Quimby funds for a community park located at Benjamin Foxen Elementary in Sisquoc, CA. With the assistance of Joe Centeno and his staff member, Gil Armijo, we have a plan for our facility to benefit the entire community.

This year Blochman Union School District has embarked on a mission to renovate the playground as a Community Park to be named after the school. The goal is to provide a place for students and the community to share. In doing so, the district will provide a safe play area for all students including the severely handicapped students enrolled in a regional program housed on our campus. Currently, there is no access for those students to the play structure or swings. By accessing Quimby funds, it will assist Blochman Union School District in providing a great benefit to the entire community.

The cost to renovate the playground for a new structure, installation and rubber surfacing is \$90,320.85. The District, in collaboration with Blochman PTA, have solicited support from local businesses including the Foxen Canyon Wine Trail, families, and the Santa Barbara County Office of Education to supplement Quimby funds. In addition, the District will commit to completing the setting with appropriate landscaping.

Blochman Union School District would greatly appreciate the support of your department and the County Board of Supervisors to help realize this park. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kristin Garrison-Lima  
Superintendent