



# Sarasota High School

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## Sarasota High School's Efforts to Mitigate Sound Production

The following efforts have been made since August of 2022 in response to a citizen's complaints about and requests to mitigate the sound generated at Sarasota High School's campus:

- Several meetings, phone calls, and emails to discuss, review, and address concerns
- Lowered bell/announcement volume to a minimum level while still maintaining a standard for safe emergency operations; had it triple checked
- Softball speakers redirected toward center field
- Softball sound system bass frequency turned off (citizen requested to do this himself with softball coach)
- Softball team uses portable speaker during practice instead of stadium speaker to alleviate sound produced
- Baseball speakers repositioned toward center field and speaker facing guest stands repositioned to face the ground
- Noise barrier installed around Chiller Plant on East side of campus –  $\frac{3}{4}$  around perimeter to still allow for trucks and other access through fencing
- Communication with stadium announcers to keep volume levels at minimum
- Several instances where citizen called Safety and Security or emailed while administration was campus
- Removed portable speaker and installed new lock in batting cages to prevent access during non-school hours
- Individual conversations with students who rev engines and cause disruption driving down Tami Sola St.
- Coaches shared contact number with citizen to address concerns in real time
- Principal Jones provided the city noise ordinance and instructed citizen to download a decibel-measuring application to provide information any time the school has violated the decibel-level
- Worked with district IT staff to review speaker system in football, baseball, and softball stadiums to identify any upgrades or replacement equipment needed
- District IT staff ordered new mixers for baseball and softball that will allow more robust level limiting (awaiting delivery)
- District IT staff hired third party audio professional to provide training to SHS staff on the operation of audio equipment
- District IT staff removed bass frequency from voice channel at baseball field and minimized on music channel
- District IT staff tested baseball audio system while citizen was at home for real-time feedback

Sincerely,

Ryan Chase  
Principal