Project Updates: Monarch Stadium

New athletic facilities underway without using residential tax dollars!

Friday night lights in Marysville will soon be much brighter. Progress on Bunsold Middle School’s DRIVE Stadium and Marysville High School’s IMPACT Stadium will be complete this coming fall.

Through generous business and individual donations, over $1,300,000 has been raised for this project. We have implemented naming rights, corporate donations, individual donations, and brick purchases. The district is contributing funding through TIF revenues as well. This is all being accomplished without using any of your residential tax dollars.

“The Marysville community is part of the fastest growing county in the state of Ohio and this project is in line with other communities our size,” stated Corey Guttenburg, parent and community volunteer assisting with the private fundraising. “We are confident the new facilities will be a great source of pride in our community.”

Due to very wet conditions in the fall of 2018 as well as spring and early summer 2019, the projected completion dates have been moved. With that said, the district is cautiously optimistic the multipurpose facility at the high school will be ready to go late August in time for the

How Are The New Stadiums Funded?

Not only will the new athletics facilities be completed without raising your taxes, it will be completed without using any of your tax dollars. This project will be funded entirely by TIF dollars (taxes paid by businesses in areas such as Coleman’s Crossing and City Gate) and private donations by local businesses and residents like you. Due to the fact that the full amount required for the project is required to be available at the time the project began, a low interest loan was obtained that also has an early payoff option to further reduce interest costs.

Donations and pledges have exceeded $1.3 million, and we are very appreciative to those that have donated. The remaining money needed will come from TIF revenue. Due to business growth in these TIF areas, this revenue has increased by approximately $1 million annually compared to when we began considering this project. This growth has allowed the project to move forward without having to consider a bond issue. This is great news for our community and taxpayers!

Thanks to responsible fiscal planning and the support of our generous community, we can provide safe, updated and modern athletic facilities for both our students and community to enjoy. If you have any questions about the financing of this project, please contact Todd Johnson, Treasurer, at tjohnson@mevsd.us.

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Monarchs to take on the Northland Vikings in our football team’s season opener on August 30th!

The track and field facility is set to be completed on schedule by the first of November.

While demolition and light pole installation, as well as underground plumbing and flooring in the north and south buildings have wrapped up, several other renovations are underway at the high school facility. We are currently seeking final proof roll approval for the turf field so drainage can be installed followed by gravel and then the turf system itself. Progress on the north and south buildings continue to move forward with installations of roofs as well as interior plumbing and electrical fixtures. Other work coming soon will include bleacher installations, concrete flat work, fencing, and electrical hook ups.

The soggy conditions of late 2018 and 2019 have affected the progress of the middle school stadium as well so our final completion date has had to be adjusted. The retention pond expansion, underground electric and utilities, roof work, and turf field installation are complete. Several actions including electrical and plumbing installations, asphalting of the track, fencing, scoreboard installation, and final grading for grass seeding are all in the works.

We project the opening date for the middle school facility will be September 12, 2019, but we are working diligently with contractors to move that date up.

All of these projects will have a tremendous positive impact on our athletic programs and have the potential to create revenue for our schools and the community.

Turf fields will allow us to expand usage and can withstand the wear and tear of everyday use that natural grass fields cannot. By installing turf fields, our athletes will not be affected by wet conditions as frequently. This will mean less practice and game cancellations, which will provide opportunities for stronger team performances.

Due to the size and quality of these facilities, we will be equipped to hold larger events. Instead of being limited to dual track meets, our schools can now host tri, quad or invitational meets. These facilities will also be fantastic options for postseason football, track, soccer and lacrosse events. Opportunities for band competitions can also be considered.

“There is nothing that brings a community together more than a Friday night football game. Additionally, youth sports are a strong fabric of our community bringing together families, friends, businesses, and neighbors,” added Eric Phillips, CEO of the Union County Chamber of Commerce. “The new Marysville athletic facilities will provide the best venues for our school children and at the same time become a focal point for our community’s sports programs.”

The new high school track facility will operate like our previous stadium; the community will be able to utilize the track facility from sunrise to sunset unless the facility is reserved by a renter or is being utilized by the school.

The High School multipurpose stadium and the stadium at Bunsold Middle School will be available for rental opportunities if not utilized by the school. The facilities will be closed at all other times in order to protect the turf fields and other aspects of the facilities.

Watch for details regarding the IMPACT stadium dedication ceremony. This will be an opportunity to celebrate this milestone as a community! These projects will improve the quality of programs for the schools, but perhaps more importantly, they will help build a stronger Marysville.