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## **HHS Field Turf Appears Ready for Friday's Home Game** *Ribbon Cutting Scheduled for September 11<sup>th</sup>*

MEQUON, WI. — Homestead High School's new multi-sport turf field will be ready for action this Friday, one week ahead of schedule, in time for the Highlanders first home football game. The field is a gift from Homestead High School Booster Club's Highlander Strong Campaign. The Highlander Strong Campaign donated \$1.1 million to the Mequon-Thiensville School District in order to enhance the high school's outdoor athletic facilities.

Construction on the field began in early July and is expected to be completed Thursday, in time for the Homestead High School football team to host the Kenosha Indian Trail Hawks on August 28 at 7:00 p.m.

Tim and Nancy Speaker presented the Highlander Strong Campaign with its first donation, a check for \$100,000. Their children attended MTSD schools and Tim Speaker is a Homestead High School alumnus.

"The generous gift from the Speaker family launched our campaign into high gear," said Jennifer Zoeller, Homestead Booster Club president. "We wouldn't be where we are today without their commitment and support."

Ted and Mary Kellner contributed \$100,000 to the campaign. The Kellners are longtime Mequon residents and their children attended MTSD schools.

"We want what's best for Mequon-Thiensville," said Ted Kellner, executive chairman of Fiduciary Management, Inc. "Mary and I are delighted to invest in the continuous improvement of our schools and the future of our community."

Sommer's Automotive donated \$250,000. The Sommer's family has a long tradition in the community and in the Mequon-Thiensville Schools. The donation bought Sommer's Automotive naming rights to the athletic pavilion, slated to be built during phase two.

"The Mequon-Thiensville School District is incredibly grateful for the donation from the Sommer family and all of our generous donors," said Demond Means, superintendent. "Without the

unprecedented contributions from our donor community, the multi-sport turf field would have never been installed on this accelerated timeline.”

The completion of Highlander Strong’s fundraising efforts finalizes phase one of the Highlander Strong Campaign. The Homestead High School Booster Club will work in conjunction with the High School Athletic Director and District leadership to seek reasonable pathways toward the completion of the Sommer’s Automotive Athletic Pavilion, comprised of a concession area, washrooms and team rooms.

“Although we are overjoyed with the completion of phase one, the Homestead High School Athletic Department, District leadership and Homestead Booster Club will continue to collaborate with one another to accomplish our goal of revitalizing the outdoor sports complex for our student athletes and entire Mequon-Thiensville community, said Dr. Means.

“Our ultimate vision has always been to revitalize Homestead’s outdoor complex in order to build a community gem; a gathering place for everyone in Mequon and Thiensville,” said Zoeller.

The Homestead Booster Club will host a ribbon cutting ceremony and reception for donors on Friday, September 11 prior to Homestead’s home football game.

Track renovation will begin the week of September 12.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the live webcam of the field. Be sure to click on time-lapse to view the progress from early July through completion. The camera will show progress on the track renovation begins.

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Highlander Strong Campaign’s largest donors include:

Sommer’s Automotive	\$250,000
Tim & Nancy Speaker	\$100,000
Ted & Mary Kellner	\$100,000
Anonymous	\$100,000
Aurora Sports Medicine	\$50,000
Legendary Whitetails	\$50,000
Jon & Libby Baranko	\$25,000
Jamie & Karen Geschke	\$25,000
Jim & Julie Popp	\$25,000
John & Anna Potter	\$25,000