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Mequon-Thiensville School District Receives \$1.1 Million Donation *District will Install Turf Field at Homestead High School*

MEQUON, WI. — Mequon-Thiensville School District is proud to accept a \$1.1 million donation from Homestead High School Booster Club's Highlander Strong Campaign. The gift completes the campaign's first phase, designed to enhance the high school's outdoor athletic facilities by installing multi-sport turf in the football stadium.

Highlander Strong finalized its fundraising campaign Monday evening by presenting the MTSD Board of Education with a check comprised of several generous donations from area individuals, families and businesses.

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 Kellner's 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," said Demond Means, superintendent. "They are an integral part of our school community and community at large."

Construction at Homestead High School's stadium will begin next month. The project is scheduled to be completed in early September.



The completion of Highlander Strong’s phase one finalizes the Highlander Strong Campaign, however; the Homestead Booster Club will continue its fundraising efforts in order to successfully complete phase two. The Booster Club is seeking \$250,000 to build 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 Booster Club is not done working for the good of our community,” said Zoeller. “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.”

Homestead Booster Club will host a ribbon cutting ceremony once the District completes construction of phase one this fall.

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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 Health Care	\$50,000
Legendary Whitetails	\$50,000

Five families donated \$25,000 among several other generous gifts.