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Milford Athletic Boosters Club ♦ One Eagles Way ♦ Milford, Ohio 45150

April 9, 2009

Dear Milford Athletic Booster Club Members:

This is an exciting time in the history of the Milford Exempted Village School District! On April 3<sup>rd</sup>, three of our organizations officers attended a Milford Board of Education (BOE) special meeting. At this meeting, construction bids associated with the high school bond issue were reviewed and voted upon by the BOE. Construction decisions made at that meeting will change the face of the high school campus and the athletic facilities were affected in an extremely positive manner. The purpose of this letter is to inform you what transpired at that meeting.

As many of you are aware, some of our athletic fields are being impacted by the construction. Existing varsity and JV softball fields have been removed due to the re-routing of Eagles Way and the construction of the new wing for the high school building. In addition, practice fields south of Eagles Way have also become casualties of the construction project. The practice fields will return on the site of the current varsity baseball field, which will be dismantled following the 2009 season. Varsity baseball and softball fields will return in the area south of Eagles Way as part of a new spring sports complex. This complex will be ready for play in the spring of 2010. The BOE will be paying for construction costs associated with the relocation of the new baseball and softball fields.

Now for the exciting part. . . .

Five new on-campus tennis courts will also be constructed within the spring sports complex. **The new tennis courts are fully funded by the Milford Athletic Boosters (\$155,000).** They will support play by both the boys and girls high school tennis teams and will be open to the public.

On the opposite end of campus, significant upgrades will also be made to the existing soccer stadium. **The soccer stadium upgrades are also fully funded by the Milford Athletic Boosters (\$165,000)** and include new bleachers for 1000 fans, new perimeter fencing and a new entrance and ticket booth.

Along with the relocation of the baseball and softball fields, new dugouts, backstops, restrooms, press box and concession stand will be constructed in the complex. The entrance to the complex will feature a new ticket booth. **The Milford Athletic Boosters have donated over \$100,000 in additional funds** toward the purchase of these projects.

Total cost of all new construction alternates is \$850,844. The Milford Athletic Boosters Club is donating **private funds totaling \$425,500, over 50% of the construction alternates,** to assist the BOE in making these facilities become a reality. This donation represents a very important and positive partnership between the Milford Athletic Boosters and the school district.

Construction and renovation of these facilities is an investment in our student-athletes and our community and a huge accomplishment for our organization. It comes at an opportune time since construction teams are already in place and the bids were very competitive.

Our story is great! We have worked hard for several years to plan and raise funds for these projects. How exciting to see the Earth moving and the projects take form! Because there has been no mention of these donations in the local print media, we wanted to take this opportunity to make you aware of the details that haven't been mentioned. The Milford Athletic Boosters invests our energy and resources into providing facilities for our student-athletes and our community at large and we thank you for your support.

A recent article in the Milford Advertiser stated that \$256,000 was being spent on the construction of a concession stand. This was untrue and reckless journalism to say the least. In fact, the money was being spent on a structure that incorporates:

- Restroom facilities that are mandated by the Ohio Building Code
- A press box that was located to service both baseball and softball
- A concession stand that will service baseball, softball and tennis

The misrepresentation of the facts regarding BOE-approved athletic facilities will be a topic of discussion in our community in the next week. When you are engaged in the discussion, please use the information in this letter to help our organization set the record straight.

One final thought. . . . .

The next BOE meeting is scheduled for April 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. at Mulbury Elementary School. At that meeting, the Milford Athletic Boosters Club will be presenting a check to the BOE. This check represents the first of five annual payments for our organization's donation to the construction costs. Please attend this meeting and show support for our organization as we strive to support our student-athletes and our community through our investment in our school district's facilities. Thank you.

GO EAGLES!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dave Meranda".

Dave Meranda, President  
Milford Athletic Boosters Club