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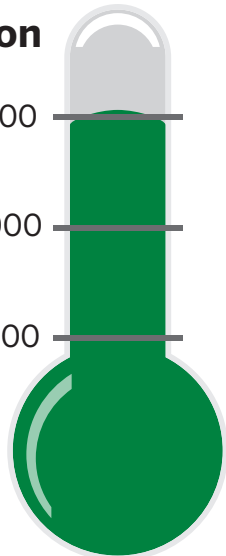
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**\$1 Million**

\$750,000

\$500,000

\$250,000



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# Case for Support

All students in the Donegal School District deserve the opportunity to benefit from the personal development and lifelong skills fostered by participation in athletics: leadership skills that develop when a student takes personal accountability for his or her efforts; the ability to fully dedicate to the rigor of practice and competition required to grow and improve; understanding the importance of team above self; and learning how to work as an effective team member.

The vision of Donegal Athletic Club is to build a secure, sustainable framework to support future generations of students, our school district, and our community:

- ✓ The opportunities we make available now will shape our students into tomorrow's leaders of their families, our community, our nation, and our world.
- ✓ As public school districts continue to face funding challenges, our goal is to ease our district's burden in athletics, freeing up funds for continued enhancements in academics, the arts, and other activities.
- ✓ In addition to providing community-wide opportunities for recreation, fitness, and youth sports, improving the overall livability and appeal of our community is included in our focus.



While the new multi-purpose athletic complex project is only the beginning of our impact, it is a critical juncture on our shared path to long-term growth and success. As a cornerstone of our district's master plan, the project will:

- ✓ Improve the practice and playing experience for athletes, members of the marching band, and community youth sports organizations who utilize the space.
- ✓ Provide an ideal community gathering place for games and other events by offering higher capacity and a safer, more enjoyable fan experience.
- ✓ Showcase our students, our district's facilities, and the high level of community involvement, making our area more attractive to current and prospective residents.

**The opportunity to support this vision is here. The time is now.**

**A significant number of alumni, parents, businesses, and community members have shown tremendous support on the first step of our journey to raise \$1 million in tax-deductible commitments toward the construction of the district's new athletic complex.**

**Now, we're asking you to join the momentum. Take advantage of the opportunity to make an impact by making a commitment to this exciting project. With your help, Donegal students, the Donegal School District, and the Donegal area will continue to thrive.**

We are committed to keeping athletics programs of all varieties available to all students in our district. We are committed to contributing toward our district's continued efforts to enhance the overall student experience. And, we are committed to fostering a strong, growing community. Become part of this historic effort by making a pledge to the campaign.

# Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: Why is a new athletic complex so important?**

**A:** The current stadium hasn't had a major upgrade in over 50 years and is simply not able to meet the needs of our students and community. The new athletic complex will allow for easier scheduling, be open for community use, increase capacity, enhance the fan experience, and boost the appeal of the district and the community.

**Q: I have heard about the master plan. What other projects are included?**

**A:** Other projects include parking lots, tennis courts, and a softball field. The new athletic complex is just the first of several projects that will fully build out our athletics facilities to support growing interest in a wide variety of sports and activities.

**Q: What are the benefits of the new athletic complex?**

**A:** First, the new athletic complex facilities will be ADA-compliant, allowing access for all students, fans, and community members.

The new athletic complex will also support growing crowds at athletic events, with more space for seating and larger restroom facilities. New locker rooms will increase space available for players, and the addition of a visitor locker room gives visiting teams private space for their athletes before and after the game and during breaks. In addition, the new athletic complex will have safe passage from the locker rooms to the field.

The addition of a turf field will eliminate weather-related scheduling issues and require less maintenance than our current grass fields.

Finally, the project will enhance the appeal of the district and the community to current and prospective residents.

**Q: Why turf?**

**A:** Turf fields can take more use, and having one field for multiple teams is less expensive than maintaining multiple fields.

Some studies suggest that turf reduces injuries.

Turf doesn't have the seasonal limitations that grass fields do. No more waiting for our grass fields to dry in the spring.

Turf allows more teams to play at the same time through scheduling efficiencies.



***“Our football program is very excited about the new athletic complex at Donegal High School. The opportunity to train our athletes in the new facility will take our program to the next level and give each player the opportunity to reach his potential. This athletic commitment is appreciated by all student athletes at Donegal High School.”***

*- Jeff Polites, Football Coach*

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## Ways to Give

Commitments to the campaign can be made in the following ways:

- A one-time gift or a pledge payable over five years
- Gift and payments on pledges are payable by check, stock transfer, or money order to Donegal Athletic Club. To make a transfer of stock, please contact Scott Madara at samadara8583@gmail.com or 717-368-2984.
- Payments on pledges can be made on an annual, bi-annual, quarterly, or monthly basis.

Consider making your contribution in memory or honor of a favorite coach, fellow teammate, friend, or family member by noting the name you would like recognized on the enclosed pledge form.

All gifts to Donegal Athletic Club are tax deductible.

## Q: I don't have kids attending school in the Donegal School District. Why should I donate?

**A:** Parts of the facility will be available for community use, and for community programs, making it a community project. In addition, the project will highlight our district and our community as a growing, appealing place, perfect for relocation, living, and raising a family. Enhancing our community benefits everyone.

## Q: Will 100% of my contribution go directly to the project?

**A:** Yes. One hundred percent of all donations to the capital campaign

will be allocated to the new athletic complex project. The Donegal Athletic Club raises money for organizational and administrative costs through an annual golf tournament, a silent auction, and membership dues separately from this effort.

## Q: May I give a gift "In Memory Of" or "In Honor Of" a friend or loved one?

**A:** Yes. You can make a contribution in memory or honor of a favorite coach, fellow teammate, friend, or family member. For more ways to contribute, see our "Ways to Give" to the left.

## Q: Are there other ways to give, besides a straight financial donation?

**A:** For more ways to give, see our "Ways to Give" to the left.

## Q: Is the Donegal School District Board of Education supportive of the capital campaign?

**A:** Yes. Donegal Athletic Club, although independent, is working closely with the school board to help support the project.

## Q: Is my gift to the Donegal capital campaign tax-deductible?

**A:** Yes. The Donegal Athletic Club is registered as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Gifts to the capital campaign are tax-deductible up to the amount outlined by IRS regulations for charitable deductions.

## Q: Why should I contribute to the capital campaign when I already pay school taxes?

**A:** Donegal Athletic Club is working to fund this project and other endeavors, in part to ease the burden on the district and ultimately, tax payers. In addition, the project is designed to eliminate the need for ongoing, costly repairs for existing facilities that will continue to deteriorate.

## Q: My child is enrolled in Donegal School District but isn't involved in sports or the band. Why should I donate?

**A:** The facility will be utilized by all students for physical education instruction and school-wide events like commencement, and will give them a better fan experience as they support their classmates on the field. Additionally, the complex will be open to other members of your family for activities such as youth sports leagues, community-wide events, and personal fitness and recreation use.

