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REENVISIONING DISTRICT FACILITIES

BUILDING A NEW HOME FOR CURRENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS OF ATHLETES



Turn to Page 2 for a diagram of changes coming to Brentwood's high school athletic facilities and turf fields.

Additionally, with stadium capacity for up to 3,000 spectators, along with additional parking, new bathrooms and a concession stand, Mr. Herrera believes the new soccer and lacrosse fields will become a top destination for county finals and Long Island championships. "I think this is going to be the talk of the Long Island community," he said.

This multimillion-dollar project was made possible through vastly expanded state aid funding and comes at no additional cost to district taxpayers after years-long efforts by school officials to gain Brentwood's fair share of state funding.

"Winning the Brentwood Board of Education's fight for an equitable education system for all students in New York State is a dream come true," said Brentwood

Second School Board Vice President Maria Gonzalez-Prescod, who helped spearhead the effort. "We are certain this new funding will help in leveling the educational playing field in high-needs districts like Brentwood for the foreseeable future. We are delighted to finally be able to

Turn to Page 4 for updates on the district's new playgrounds as well as completed and upcoming projects



As part of Brentwood School District's ongoing reenvisioning of district facilities to provide the best possible education and opportunities for current and future students, the district is embarking on an unprecedented effort to revamp its high school athletic facilities.

Featuring state-of-the-art turf fields for its soccer, football and lacrosse teams and refurbished track and field, tennis courts and audience amenities, the new sports center will serve as a beacon of pride for the Brentwood community. The center will draw crowds of visitors for playoff and regional contests, and will inspire more students to join the ranks of the district's already distinguished Athletics program.

"This is a game changer," said Francisco Herrera, Brentwood's Athletic Director. "Not

only is it something for the kids and parents to be proud of, but just having these facilities will gain the interest of more of our students to come and take advantage of the already great programs we have right now."

Coaches will now have the opportunity to add a new dimension to their trade and enhance training for Brentwood's all-star athletes. "We have some great coaches here in the district who would love to get the opportunity to use state-of-the-art facilities," Mr. Herrera said.

"This will allow them to coach on a different level."

Athletes aren't the only ones who will be able to take advantage of the fields; Brentwood's famed Green Machine Marching Band will make good use of the facilities, and the new track is open to the public for everyone in the community to use.



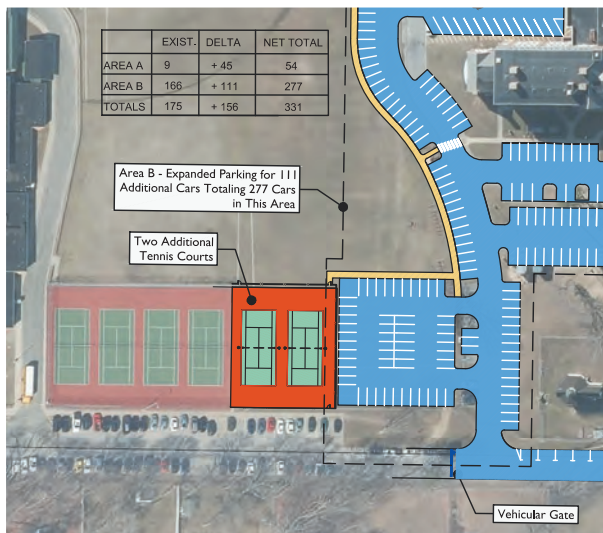
From left to right top row: Ann Palmer, Stacy O'Connor, Maria Gonzalez-Prescod, Robert Feliciano, Richard Loeschner, Rhonda Young, Simone Holder-Daniel, Wanda Ortiz-Rivera
From left to right bottom row: Paula Moore, Cindy Ciferri, Julie Burgos, Eileen Felix

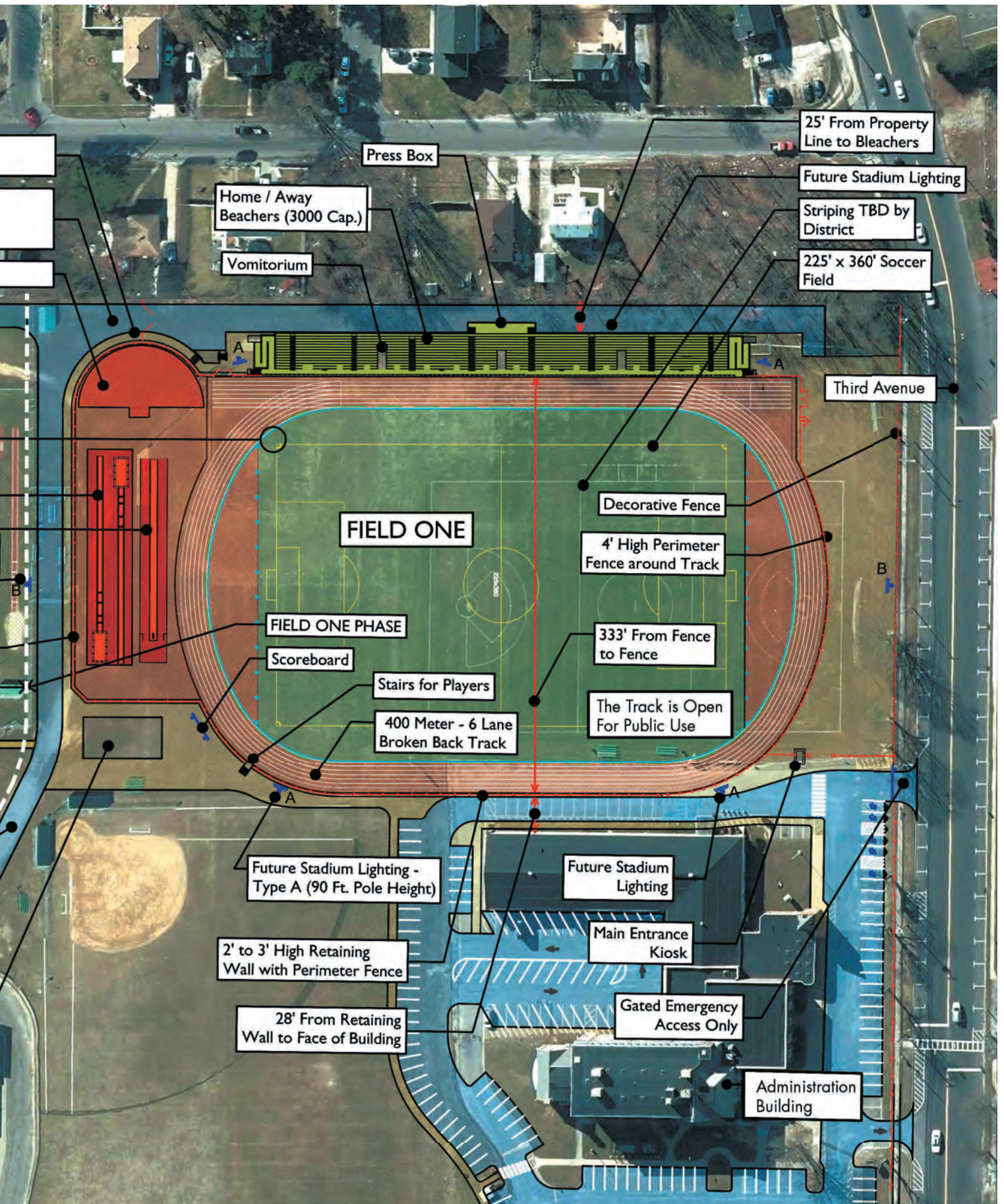
complete the many capital improvement projects needed across the district, including our new multipurpose turf fields. Through our efforts, we hope to address the infrastructure needs of the Brentwood School District for generations of students to come.”

Board of Education First Vice President Paula Moore echoed the sentiment. “We should be extremely proud of the role the Brentwood Board of Education and district played in obtaining our fair share of NYS funding. As a result of the combined efforts of the many advocates who relentlessly persevered in obtaining this additional funding, the BUFSD now has the money to make the much-needed upgrades at no cost to the local taxpayers. These high school athletic fields will meet the needs of our students as well as future generations of students.”

“These athletic facilities—along with the capital improvement projects we have been hard at work on over the past two years throughout the district—will make Brentwood Schools the envy of other districts across the island,” said Superintendent of Schools Richard Loeschner. “These projects are something everyone in Brentwood can feel good about.”

Construction is slated to begin in the coming months, pending state approvals.





ALL-INCLUSIVE SPACES TO PLAY

This winter, new playgrounds have been popping up at the Brentwood Union Free School District's Freshman Center and each of its elementary and middle schools.

Installation of these state-of-the-art, handicap-accessible play and fitness spaces are part of Brentwood Schools' roughly \$60 million transformation to ensure quality education for current and future generations of students. Thanks to the additional school district funding, the improvements come at no additional cost to Brentwood taxpayers.

For Brentwood's youngest, custom-built playsets are being installed at each of the district's 11 elementary schools. These specialized playgrounds promote healthy child development, and provide sensory stimulation and exercise for children ages five to 12, with a maximum capacity for 150 students. Additionally, they are wheelchair accessible.



For older children, Ninja-style playgrounds are being installed at each of Brentwood's four middle schools and Freshman Center. These facilities provide fitness challenge obstacle courses to increase cardiovascular fitness, strength and confidence. Students of any fitness level can take advantage of these challenges to work their bodies and enjoy healthy competition among friends, teammates or with themselves.



What's New and What's Next?

Construction continues quickly on the myriad additions and improvements to school facilities across the Brentwood Union Free School District. Already, dozens of projects have been completed, including roof and classroom work; HVAC, gym and office refurbishments; and a transformation of technology infrastructure across the district.

Here's a sampling of some of the latest projects to be completed, and what's coming up next:

Recently completed

- Repair of curbs and sidewalks at the East Kindergarten Center
- Reconstruction of bus canopies at East Middle School
- Installation of new lockers at East Middle School
- Installation of a walk draw divider gym curtain at the Freshman Center
- Sidewalk and parking asphalt reconstruction at the high school
- Classroom tile replacement at Laurel Park Elementary School
- Gas hot water heater replacement at Loretta Park Elementary School

What's next

- Repaving of the East Middle School parking lot
- Replacement of the gas hot water heater at Hemlock Park Elementary School
- Stairwell railing replacement at the high school
- Portable bleachers at the high school
- Door replacement at North Elementary School
- New wing locker installation at North Middle School
- Repaving of the West Middle School parking lot