



## Deer Park Community City Schools 2016-17 Quality Profile

The Quality Profile is a robust companion to the state's district report card. The profile includes additional accountability measures that define a high quality education and are not captured by the state report card. This Quality Profile helps to evaluate the effectiveness of a school district beyond standardized testing measures.





## MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

We have a truly amazing school district here in Deer Park. Our students and staff continue to do outstanding work both inside and outside the classroom. Every single day our entire school community works hard to better themselves as well as better the world around them. We are a community, a staff, and a student body who believes in strong academic growth and providing ALL students with every opportunity to achieve their future goals. We have a passion for serving others and we know and understand that life is about much more than serving ourselves. We also take great pride in our rich tradition steeped in the arts and athletics. The experiences we provide to our students today will help them become our leaders of tomorrow. Our community believes strongly in providing our students with

an optimal learning environment and they recently showed their commitment to our schools by investing in a \$25 million dollar renovation and addition to Amity Elementary School. This project is slated for completion in the fall of 2018 when we will open the doors to our new K - 6 Amity Elementary School. This is our 3rd year releasing a Quality Profile and we hope you take the time to see all that the Deer Park Community City School District has to offer.

Achieving Excellence Together,

Jay Phillips  
Superintendent



## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION PRESIDENT

Deer Park Schools are rich in tradition, yet are always striving to meet the ever changing needs of our students. Academically, we have made several noticeable and significant changes. All day Kindergarten has been a desire of our community for some time and we are thrilled to make this a reality. An adjusted bell schedule at the junior high, as well as a district-wide restructuring of intervention time will maximize learning opportunities. Our Career Academies at the high school continue to evolve with the addition of 2 classes. Project Management 301, in partnership with the Project Management Institute, will allow our students to potentially earn a nationally recognized credential as a Certified Associate in Project

Management. Sports Medicine 201, in partnership with Mercy Hospital, provides our students an in-depth study of a career in Athletic Training.

Socially, we have numerous clubs and organizations led by teachers to engage our students. Amity Youth Service Club and our high school Communserv are stellar groups which allow our students to give back to others. Our high school seniors participate in a week-long event "Senior Serve" where they visit organizations across the city of Cincinnati such as St. Vincent de Paul, the Freestore Foodbank, Our Daily Bread and others to serve those in need. Senior Serve helped lead the way for Deer Park High School to earn the Inspiring Service Emerald Award for the 2016/2017 school year. Our International Club provides opportunities to travel abroad, giving true meaning to the global classroom. To support our students' social/emotional health, we have an incredible group of counselors who have programs in place to help children cope with the everyday challenges of life. These programs include the 2nd Step program at Holmes Elementary and Thriving Learning Communities at Amity Elementary and Deer Park Jr/Sr High School.

We are fortunate to have a strong relationship with both the city of Deer Park and Sycamore Township and tremendous support of the entire community! The community showed its commitment to Deer Park Schools when it overwhelmingly passed a bond levy in the fall of 2016 to pave the way for \$25 million dollar capital improvement project at Amity Elementary. Our newly renovated and expanded Amity Elementary will open it's door for our K - 6 students in the fall of 2018. Our local businesses, Clergy Team and our proud alum continuously provide support by donating their time, talents, and treasures both in the classrooms and at various events throughout the year.

Please read through this profile to see why the Deer Park City Community School District is the best place to be!

Achieving Excellence Together,

Peggy Bosse  
Board of Education President

## Mission • Vision

### MISSION:

To provide ALL students with every opportunity to achieve their future goals

### VISION:

Professional and highly motivated staff, in partnership with our families and the Deer Park community, will work with ALL students to achieve success that focuses on character, service, and college and career readiness.

### TAGLINE:

Achieving Excellence Together!

### DEER PARK AT A GLANCE:

**Total Enrollment (K-12): 1,274**

Holmes Elementary (K-2): 290

Amity Elementary (3-6): 411

Deer Park Jr./Sr. High School (7-12): 573

Student-Teacher Ratio: 16.8

### MEMBERSHIPS

Battelle for Kids

Greater Cincinnati STEM Collaborative

High AIMS

Learn21

INTERalliance of Greater Cincinnati

High Schools That Work

Making Middle Grades Work

UC Economics Center

Mind Peace

Hamilton County Educational Service Center

PreventionFIRST

Interact for Health

One Deer Park



### DEER PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION

(L to R) Andy Rainey, Karen Kellums, Peggy Bosse, Chris Huster, Paul Godwin

## STAFF LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

- Ohio Writing Project
- SOAR Learning and Leading
- New Teacher Induction Program
- Teacher Mentor Program
- Building Leadership Teams
- Building Technology Leadership Teams
- Curriculum Leadership Teams
- Teacher Leader Cohort - High Aims - Tim Hubbard and Lia Ginn
- Staff presentations at workshops and conferences
  - Southern Regional Education Board Conference
  - Connect for Success Conference
  - Thriving Learning Communities - Leadership Cincinnati Symposium
  - Learning and the Brain Conference (Arlington, VA)



**A.L.I.C.E.** The Deer Park School teachers were trained in a lockdown procedure called A.L.I.C.E. This stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate. The City of Deer Park Police Department continues to work with district administration and staff to complete multiple safety drills per year.

**PUBLIC SCHOOL WORKS** In 2016-17, Deer Park Schools continued to utilize the Public School Works award-winning training system, which requires 100% of staff members to complete training on topics ranging from chemical safety to bullying.

## 2017 HAMILTON COUNTY CELEBRATE EXCELLENCE AWARD

Each year, the Hamilton County Education Foundation recognizes “Educators of the Year” from nearly every public school district in the Cincinnati area. Each individual school district submits their own top educator to be honored at the 2017 Celebrate Excellence breakfast. This event brings together K-12 education, university, business and civic leaders to pay tribute to this impressive group of educators. The 2017 Hamilton County Celebrate Excellence Award Winner for Deer Park Community City School District was **Cheryl Walsh**.



## ***DID YOU KNOW?***

The Deer Park Jr./Sr. High School offers a unique curriculum offering to its students? Called the Career Academies, the students have the option to learn and explore a new, innovative portfolio of career pathways-aligned elective courses. Each career academy is specifically tailored to Deer Park's students and each class aligns with a specific, high demand career pathway such as sports medicine, entrepreneurship, engineering, information technology, and construction project management, with each academy led by specially trained teachers and industry subject matter experts. Deer Park Jr./Sr. High School is one of three high schools in the country to partner with the Project Management Institute to launch a Project Management Career Academy.




## ***THRIVING LEARNING COMMUNITIES***

During the 2016-17 school year, Deer Park Schools implemented the Thriving Learning Communities. This strengths based character development curriculum creates a common language for students, teachers, teams, and leaders to understand and call forth what is best in themselves and others in order to realize their full potential.




## BY THE NUMBERS

 **79:**  
Graduates

 **4%:**  
Will enter the Military

 **63%:**  
Will attend a 4-year college

 **18%:**  
Took an Advanced Placement (AP) Course

**ACT 42:**  
Students who took the ACT




Of the 2017 college bound graduates,  
**39%** will attend a private university  
and  
**70%** will attend a public university.

The top 10 students are attending Trine University, Indiana University, University of Cincinnati (3), Moody Bible Institute, University of Indianapolis, Ohio University, Xavier University and Bellarmine University.

The Valedictorian's GPA was **4.83** and the Salutatorian's GPA was **4.6**.


## BY THE NUMBERS


 **22**  
students received the President's Award for Educational Achievement

 **25**  
students received scholarships totaling over \$4 million

 **16**  
students received a Diploma with Honors from the State of Ohio

 **9**  
students received certificates of program completion from the Great Oaks Vocational Schools

 **8%**  
of students will attend a 2-year or technical college

 **19%**  
of students will enter the workforce

# 2017 College Attendees



BELLARMINE UNIVERSITY  
IN VERITATIS AMORE



MOUNT ST. JOSEPH UNIVERSITY



## 2017

- Hocking College
- Jefferson Technical
- Cincinnati State
- University of Cincinnati
- Xavier University
- Miami University
- University of Indianapolis
- Moody Bible Institute
- Trine University
- Ohio University
- Shawnee State University
- University of Charleston
- Mount Saint Joseph University
- University of Akron
- Bellarmine University
- Indiana University
- Ohio State University

## 2016

- Northern Kentucky University
- Xavier University
- Belmont University
- Ohio University
- Mount St. Joseph University
- University of Cincinnati
- University of Cincinnati Blue Ash
- Jefferson College of Health Sciences
- Wittenberg University
- Florida Gulf Coast University
- Florida College
- Cincinnati State
- Kettering College
- Coastal Carolina University
- Scarlet Oaks

## 2015

- Art Academy of Cincinnati
- Bowling Green State University
- Cincinnati State
- Gallen College of Nursing
- Live Oaks, Miami University
- Miami University-Hamilton
- Mount St. Joseph University
- Muskingum University
- Northern Kentucky University
- Ohio University
- Shawnee State University
- University of Cincinnati
- University of Cincinnati-Blue Ash
- University of Dayton
- West Virginia University
- Wright State University
- Xavier University

There are annual arts and music events at all grade levels. Every November, the 2nd Graders at Holmes Elementary put on a Veterans Day Program for the community. Every spring, the Amity Elementary students host the Amity Fine Arts Night where all artwork is displayed throughout the entire school and the band and choirs entertain the crowds. In 2015-16, our band and choir programs performed during the holiday seasons and at locations such as Kings Island, Walt Disney World, Brookdale Senior Living, and in OMEA competitions. There are 89 high school (9-12) students in the marching band and guard. That's 20 percent of the student body. Half of those students are active in at least one additional school group such as a sport, club, or membership in National Honor Society.



## BY THE NUMBERS



**70 Years:** Parkers is the longest running high school variety show in Hamilton County

**24 Years:** DPHS band has qualified for the OMEA finals

**82** students in the marching band and guard

**28** students in the jazz band

**83** students in the junior high band





## OTHER PROGRAMS



- 1st Grade Spring Concert**
- 2nd Grade Veterans Program**
- Book Fair**
- Festival in the Woods**
- Field Day**
- Right to Read Week**
- Read Across America Day**



Graduates of the music program have gone on to careers as music educators, technical, theatre, and production professionals, performing musicians (6 local and 2 national), and have performed with local opera companies, at the Aronoff Center for the Arts, and other professional groups.

Students in grades one and two are in arts courses two hours per week. The second grade students host the Veterans Day Program every fall and the first grade students perform in a music concert in the spring.

Beginning in sixth grade, students can choose to participate in band and chorus. Often times the students perform at Brookdale Senior Living during the December holidays.



# Student Leadership and Activities



Even though by 3:15 p.m. all of our schools have officially dismissed for the day, you can always find students participating after school hours in a variety of extracurricular clubs and activities.



## BY THE NUMBERS

**11** Elementary School Clubs

**16** Jr./Sr. High School Clubs

**15** Varsity Sports

**100** DPHS Students involved in Student Council

**103** of DPHS Students involved in the choral music program

**110** of DPHS Students involved in an instrumental music program

**68%** of DPHS Students in Extracurriculars



## DID YOU KNOW?

Since the 2013-14 school year, Deer Park Schools has collaborated with IBM, the Greater Cincinnati STEM Collaborative (GCSC), members from the University of Cincinnati, the Talent Pipeline Initiative - Partners for a Competitive Workforce, and Deer Park Community members on the IBM MentorPlace Program. Deer Park is the first Ohio school district to work with IBM on this program. Twenty-five IBM employees meet weekly with Deer Park students in grades 7-9, one-on-one, via an online web portal curriculum. This personal interaction with a mentor, supported by the insightful and engaging curriculum, provides students with the decision-making skills and thought process needed to excel in future endeavors.



Fifth grade students at Amity Elementary attend a three-day adventure trip to Camp Kern.

Holmes Elementary offers many fun and exciting student activities that also provide parents the opportunity to volunteer and stay involved with their child's education. Some of these popular activities include:

- 1st Grade Zoo Trip
- 2nd Grade Green Acres Trip
- Grandparents Day
- Halloween Parade
- Quarterly Recognition Assemblies
- UC Smiles Trip

## SENIOR SERVE

Determined to carry out the mission of a focus on service learning while also filling a gap week for seniors while the rest of the high school students take state-mandated tests, the Deer Park Guidance Office created the idea of Senior Serve. During its inception year in 2016-17, the senior class participated in daily trips to carry out the mission of service each morning, before returning home to take part in a seminar discussing college transition and issues such as sexual assault on college campuses. The Deer Park Community Service program received a \$1250 grant through the Mayerson foundation to be used for the Senior Serve event.

Service Learning Clubs start in sixth grade. The Amity Youth Service Club gives students the opportunity to learn the importance of giving back to the community. At the high school level, students have the opportunity to join Communiserve.

## DID YOU KNOW?

At Deer Park Schools, we strive to teach our students the importance of giving back to our families, friends, and communities. At the high school level, students have the opportunity to join Communiserve, a community service club. Throughout the year, the club participates in a number of service learning projects such as the annual Holiday Food Drive, the Over-the-Rhine Senior Center, and Our Daily Bread.



## AMITY GREEN TEAM



The Amity Elementary Green Team leads the school in a building wide recycling program. Last year they collaborated with a neighboring elementary school to institute a new lunchtime recycling program, drastically reducing our waste while learning the importance of responsible waste management.



## ANTI-BULLYING MONTH

October was Anti-Bullying Month and the junior high Step-Up Club and Impact the Outcome helped prepare with a simulcast of "Life without Limbs." In addition, the club placed orange signs throughout the building promoting tolerance, patience, and kindness, etc. The High School Communservise Club students performed four skits for elementary students on Unity Day. The students also participated in counselor presentations and discussions with the junior high, launched the Gay Straight Alliance Club, and learned about women and gender equality.



## NATURALIZATION CEREMONY

A Naturalization ceremony was organized by the Deer Park High School National Honor Society and the International Club. Sixty-nine individuals became United States citizens.

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*"The naturalization ceremony gave me chills. To see all the hard work our students did to prepare for the day, all come together for an amazing ceremony made me a very proud principal."*

*- Dr. Stace Orso,  
Jr./Sr. High School Principal*

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Deer Park Jr./Sr. High School introduced the Be the Difference program to create a culture of acceptance and tolerance.



## ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

**Around the December holidays,** all students (K-12) raise money and bring canned food goods for the annual Food Drive.

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*"Through our annual food drive, we are able to supply much needed help and support to over 100 families in our community through the generosity of students, families and community partners. Watching our many student volunteers sort and organize the thousands of donated items for our families is always an amazing sight to see."*

*- Dave Bergan, Director of Curriculum and Instruction*

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## Parent and Community Involvement



**The Wildcats Boosters** raised approximately \$800,000 for the school athletic and band programs, bringing a synthetic turf field to the Deer Park Jr./Sr. High School. Unlike many area schools, the Deer Park Community City School District's PTO, Athletic Boosters, Band Sponsors, and K.I.D.S. Organization collaborate under one umbrella: the Deer Park Wildcat Boosters. This organization brings a unified awareness to the needs of the district, students, and parents.

**The Athletic Booster** motto is to support the 15 student athletic programs financially, materially, and emotionally. By lending their support, the Boosters help carry on the Deer Park Wildcats long tradition of academic and athletic excellence. The Boosters know being a Deer Park athlete means being a student first.

**The PTO** helps oversee the needs and development of each school. The PTO raises funds to provide a wide range of programs to our students, such as bringing COSI to Amity Elementary. Many of their fundraisers are engaging and involve the students such as the Mother's Day Flower Sale, regular skating parties, and the Be the Difference Program at the Deer Park Jr./Sr. High School.

**The Band Boosters** make sure we celebrate our music programs year-round. The Band Sponsors work hard to provide the funds needed to supplement all the activities and trips our members take throughout the year. In 2016, the Marching Band travelled to Walt Disney World. This trip was made possible through many Band Booster fundraisers such as the Mattress Sale, Tag Day, and the Cake Walk.

**The K.I.D.S. Organization** (Keep Improving Deer Park Schools) is a group that works together to create ideas and ways to fund various improvements to the school district. Since 1997, the K.I.D.S. organization has generated over \$150,000 to the Deer Park Community City School District.

Our partnership with Kenwood Baptist Church, Trinity Church, and Childhood Food Solutions ensured regular food distributions to the entire community and our partnership with Cincinnati Church of Christ allowed us to launch Whiz Kids, an after school tutoring and mentoring program at Amity Elementary. These partners have collaborated to provide snacks for students participating in after school homework help, instructional supplies for classrooms, and even landscaping efforts to beautify our grounds. The community's support of our schools has led to many opportunities for the families of Deer Park.



### DID YOU KNOW?

We utilize our many partnerships to help our students maximize their learning experiences and reach their potential. The district administrators regularly meet and partner with the Deer Park Business Association, the City of Deer Park, the local police and fire, and the local clergy.



## ONE DEER PARK

One Deer Park is the collaboration of Deer Park City Schools and our faith based communities. The school district works so hard to serve, equip and encourage the students and families of Deer Park, but the thriving of our students depends on the whole city! We desire to come together, partner with what the schools are already doing, and be a purposeful entity pouring into the well-being of our community. Alone we can only do so much. But together we can make an impact!



# Student Services

We provide a first-class education to ALL students. The Deer Park staff appreciates our students' diverse needs and they work diligently to support and address the needs of each and every student.

## STUDENT AND FAMILY SUPPORT SPECIALISTS

Holmes, Amity, and the Deer Park Jr./Sr. High School, in conjunction with outside professional service agencies, provide Deer Park students and their families with a full range of support. Some of these supports include college and career preparation, counseling services, character education, and crisis intervention.

## SPECIAL EDUCATION

Deer Park offers a variety of services for students with special needs. Throughout the district, we have several specialized and cross-categorical classrooms, highly qualified intervention specialists, and multiple researched based intervention programs to support student learning. School nurses are available to all K-12 students.

## OTHER STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICE PROGRAMS

- Cancer Family Care
- College and Career Services
- Fernside Groups: In-school Grief Counseling
- Head Start/Preschool
- Homework Clubs
- Leveled Literacy Intervention (LLI) Program
- Preschool Connections
- Read 180/ Math 180 Intervention Programs

- STAR Assessments for Progress Monitoring
- Student Mentoring Programs
- Talbert House: In-school Counseling Program
- Title 1 Reading Services
- Transitional Classrooms (Kindergarten/First Grade; First Grade/Second Grade)
- Whiz Kids after school tutoring and mentoring program
- Athletic/Academic Study Tables

## BY THE NUMBERS

**14** Intervention Specialists

**4** Specialized Classrooms



**3** Full-time counselors

**2** Full-time mental health specialists

**16** Instructional aides





Deer Park Community City Schools continues to focus on aligning resources to district goals while demonstrating responsible financial stewardship.

## Financial Summary from our Treasurer:

The 2016-2017 school year was a historical one for Deer Park Community City Schools! The community overwhelmingly approved a bond issue in November 2016 which is the first bond levy to pass in over 50 years. The issue will allow the District to create a better learning environment for our elementary students. The project involves the renovation and addition to Amity Elementary, Deer Park's oldest school building. Our construction partners, HGC and SHP, are helping to ensure that the District's \$25 million dollar project is currently on time and on budget.



On the financing side, RBC Capital Markets served as underwriter for the District's bond issue. Deer Park was able to obtain one of the lowest interest rates for the length of our 37 year issue. With an initial assumption of a 4.75% interest rate and closing with a 3.84% interest rate, and an issuance strategy that took advantage of certain securities rules, the District was able to save an estimated \$2.7 Million dollars of interest over the life of the 37 year loan. Through this building program, the Treasurer's office will be able to maximize the use of dollars that were approved by the community.

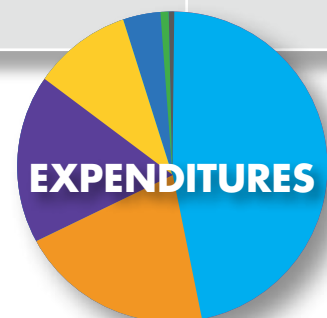
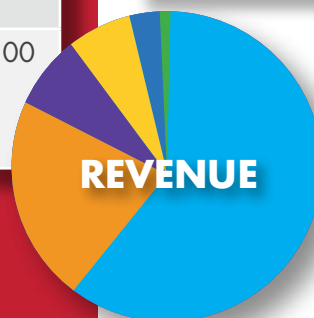
I am proud to serve the District since March as the new Treasurer. Deer Park represents what a close community can do for the education of our students. I have met with so many of you in the community and I know that the best education we can provide for our students is in the front of all of our minds. I am committed to responsibly aligning funds to create a successful learning environment for every student attending Deer Park. The Board of Education, the administrative team, and the entire teaching staff are dedicated to continuing the proud tradition of providing the best education for our students here in Deer Park.

### REVENUE

| Revenue:  |        | 2017                   |
|---|--------|------------------------|
| General Property Tax (Real Estate)                | 60.43% | \$9,720,620.00         |
| Unrestricted Grants-in-Aid                        | 21.40% | \$3,442,843.00         |
| Property Tax Allocation                           | 7.03%  | \$1,130,045.00         |
| All Other Operating Revenues                      | 6.67%  | \$1,072,097.00         |
| Tangible Personal Property Tax                    | 2.95%  | \$474,104.00           |
| Restricted Grants-in-Aid                          | 0.68%  | \$109,582.00           |
| Other Financing Sources                           | 0.84%  | \$135,493.00           |
| <b>Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources</b> |        | <b>\$16,084,784.00</b> |

### EXPENDITURES

| Expenditures:                                      |        |                        |
|--|--------|------------------------|
| Personnel Services                                 | 47.66% | \$7,427,723.00         |
| Purchased Services                                 | 20.13% | \$3,137,064.00         |
| Employees' Retirement/Insurance Benefits           | 16.86% | \$2,626,723.00         |
| Total Other Financing Uses                         | 9.85%  | \$1,534,918.00         |
| Supplies and Materials                             | 4.10%  | \$638,615.00           |
| Other Objects                                      | 0.89%  | \$138,153.00           |
| Capital Outlay                                     | 0.20%  | \$30,897.00            |
| Intergovernmental, Debt & Interest                 | 0.32%  | \$49,878.00            |
| <b>Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</b> |        | <b>\$15,583,971.00</b> |



### Standard and Poor's Update

Deer Park Community City Schools received a rating of AA- again this year, maintaining this high rating which helped to get the best possible rate for the bonds.



# AMITY PROJECT



## AMITY PROJECT

After months of community conversations and door-to-door canvassing regarding facility needs, the Deer Park Community City School District bond levy passed in November 2016. The \$25 million bond issue will renovate and place an addition onto Amity Elementary, making it a 21st Century K-6 building. The school will remain open during the duration of the project. The project will include:

- Classroom renovations,
- ADA compliant entrances and elevators,
- A new gym and stage; and,
- A new and safe front entrance on the side of the school.



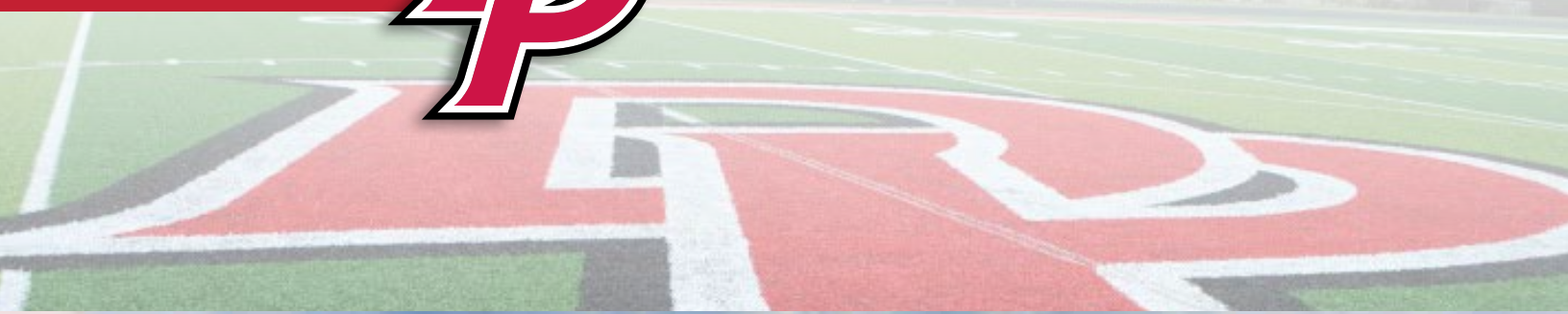
## CONSTRUCTION MILESTONES

- Nov. 7, 2016:** Bond levy passed
- Jan. 23, 2017:** First Community Forum
- May 31, 2017:** Groundbreaking Ceremony
- July 18, 2017:** Gym demolition
- Aug. 11, 2017:** Phase I completed





# TURF PROJECT



In 2016, the Cincinnati Bengals and the NFL Foundation teamed up to contribute \$200,000 to the Deer Park Community City Schools athletic department, topping off a fundraising effort that raised over \$700,000. On August 26, 2016, the Pride in the Park Field Turf Committee, Bill Cunningham, Mercy Health Partners, Cincinnati Bengals representatives, alumni and friends of Deer Park, and the Deer Park Schools staff officially dedicated the Harry Yeaggy Family Stadium and the all-weather turf field. This project was completely funded by private donations, corporate sponsorships, and the NFL Foundations grant. At Deer Park Schools, we strive to achieve excellence together, both on and off the field. The all-weather field not only gives our students an advantage over other teams because we can now practice rain or shine, but it also gives our youth organizations and community teams access to a first class facility.



## DEER PARK TRAVEL

8th Grade Trip  
Washington D.C.

High School  
European Trip

On Deck:  
Costa Rica 2018!

