



HILLSBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT
COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

Contact: Beth Graser
Chief Communications Officer
503-844-1772, graserbe@hsd.k12.or.us

Media Release

Hillsboro High School Celebrates Lighted Track and Turf Field

2017 bond passage gives Hillsboro's oldest high school a track and turf field for the first time in its history

October 8, 2018, Hillsboro, OR - Current and former Hillsboro High School (Hilhi) students, staff, and community members gathered for a ribbon-cutting ceremony to commemorate the completion of the school's new lighted seven-lane track and turf field on Wednesday, Oct. 3.

Made possible by the passage of HSD's 2017 bond, the track and turf field will be used by a variety of Hilhi athletic and activity groups, and will also be valuable recreational resources for the broader Hilhi community.

Several speakers addressed the crowd, including Hilhi Principal Dave Vickery, Hillsboro School District Superintendent Mike Scott, School Board Member Martin Granum, ASB President Vincent Felder, Jr., Athletic Director Steve Drake, and Hillsboro Mayor Steve Callaway.

All praised the facility and noted the benefits it will provide to students and community members alike, but Drake offered the most humorous comments. A staff member at Hilhi since 1984, he recalled that preparing the "cow pasture" for use by athletic and activity groups used to involve deciding between "mowing it or rototilling it!"

Now, of course, the multipurpose field and track can be used year-round and into the evening hours, thanks to the all-weather turf and lights. The field will be shared by Hilhi's soccer, football, track and lacrosse teams as well as the marching band, dance team and other activity groups. Football games and track meets will continue to be held at Hare Field.

Following Mayor Callaway's address, the speakers and other special guests cut the ribbon that stretched across the track, clearing the way for dozens of cheering students to run across the ceremonial threshold and signal the facility's official opening.

The lighted track and turf field is part of more than \$27 million in planned investments at Hilhi. Additional renovations, including an expansion of career-technical education infrastructure, will begin at the school by the summer of 2019 and will continue through summer 2020. Renovated spaces will receive new furnishings in 2021. For more information about bond projects at Hilhi and at other locations across the District, please visit www.Hillsboro-Bond.org.

To see a video and pictures of the ribbon-cutting ceremony please visit bit.ly/2zZgMZi.

###

Engage and challenge all learners to ensure academic excellence

3083 NE 49th Place, AC 201, Hillsboro, OR 97124-6008
TEL: 503-844-1500 ■ FAX: 503-844-1557 ■ WEB: www.hsd.k12.or.us