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Milwaukee Public Schools: Hosts ground breaking ceremony at Washington High School

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MILWAUKEE (September 6, 2022) – Washington High School is slated to begin work on the replacement of the existing track and athletic field and welcomes media and the community to a ground breaking ceremony on Thursday, September 8, at 10:30 a.m. Partner organizations Milwaukee Public Schools, Common Ground, and the Milwaukee Public Schools Foundation will host a media event to unveil the project to neighbors and the community.

Project highlights include:
· Installation of a new synthetic turf play field suitable for football and soccer practice
· Green infrastructure underground stormwater retention system below the turf play field
· Installation of a new practice running/walking track with a rubberized surface
· Construction of a new storage shed
· Installation of two new basketball half courts
· Practice area for running long jump

Slated improvements are made possible by federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds, fundraising efforts of Common Ground, the MPS Foundation and numerous grants. “It’s impossible to look at the construction site and not appreciate how many individuals and organizations worked together to make this happen,” said Aaron Hendricks, co-athletic director. “I hope this facility serves as a source of pride for Washington students and alumni, our athletic program, and the Sherman Park neighborhood for years to come.”

Washington High School has graduated a number of individuals who went on to illustrious careers, including Bud Selig, former commissioner of baseball and former owner of the Milwaukee Brewers. “A lot of talented young men and women have molded their talents at Washington,” said Marshall Brisco, Washington’s assistant football and baseball coach. “This new and improved field will help even more young student athletes showcase their talents and become part of Washington’s winning tradition.”

Scheduled to appear at the ground breaking ceremony:
· Dr. Keith Posley, MPS
· Alexander Hardy, Common Ground
· Bob Peterson, Milwaukee Board of School Directors
· Mabel Lamb, Sherman Park Community Assn.
· Cavalier Johnson, Milwaukee Mayor
· Pastor Demetrius Williams, Community Baptist Church

WHAT: Washington High School Athletic Field Ground Breaking
WHEN: Thursday, September 8, 2022, 10:30 am
WHERE: On or near the field at Washington High School, 2525 N. Sherman Blvd., Milwaukee, 53210