

To: School District of Reedsburg Board of Education
From: Tom Benson, District Administrator
Re: Proposed Fitness Center at RAHS
Date: February 5, 2020

Throughout the past several years, we have been discussing the potential addition of a Weight Training and Fitness Center on the RAHS campus. It was part of a survey that was sent to our community in 2017, and the subject of a significant fundraising effort by our local Athletic Club that has been under way for almost a year.

The addition of this facility would be a tremendous asset to our daily Physical Education programming, as well as our broad spectrum of athletic programs that experience year-round attention to training and fitness.

Our community has demonstrated support for this type of facility through a recent referendum effort, as it would provide not only a vastly improve facility, but it would also address significant concerns with safety and security that are present with the current “weight room” facility.

Therefore, I am asking that you authorize school administration to work with PRA and Kraemer Brothers toward the development of specific plans regarding the design and construct of the proposed facility as immediately as possible. (The basic design and a “concept budget” are available for your review.)

Funding sources for this facility would include:

- \$1.8M (+/-) Remaining funds secured from the October 10, 2017 referendum;
- \$1.0M (+/-) to be borrowed by the district and paid off over a 10-year period
- \$600K (+/-) Fundraising goal of the Reedsburg Athletic Club (currently at \$215K).
 - *It is noteworthy to mention that we believe there exists the opportunity for some of this “fundraising” to come in the form of donated and/or reduced cost labor from potential local subcontractors.*

There is a reasonable level of confidence that promptly initiating the formal design of the facility would allow construction to begin this spring, and the project could be completed before the end of the 2020 calendar year.

Thank you for your consideration of this incredible opportunity for our school facilities.