



Bay High School – Rockets Renovation New Stadium Facility

The artist / architectural drawing below provides a conceptual view of the new facility. Included is a depiction of the “plaza” area – where individual and corporate donor pavers will be placed – recognizing those who donate at certain levels.

To our distinguished Bay High School Alumni,

We all have a chance to be part of something special that is happening at Bay High School. As many of you may know, there was a large initiative launched in the community several years ago to raise the funds (private funds – not tax dollars) to dramatically improve the athletic fields behind the school, those that serve boys, girls and adult activities throughout the year. The Rockets Renovation effort raised well in excess of \$1m to fund new ADA compliant stands at the football field, a new track, an artificial turf field, a new entrance, new concession stand building, new dugouts and scoreboards on the softball and baseball fields, new soccer field equipment, etc.

Bay High proudly demonstrates some of the nicer facilities of any school in the Northern Ohio Area.

For this reason, the stadium is often used as a key playoff venue for boys/girls soccer playoffs, football playoffs, boys/girls lacrosse games and playoffs, and regional band festivals. The local parochial elementary schools often use the field as well. It is a wonderful gathering place for activities in our community.

A key element is missing, which is a building to house “team rooms”, larger bathrooms, upgraded concession stands and a Bay Rocket Spirit Store. Many schools have these facilities inside or adjacent to their stadiums. At Bay, teams have always had to return to the main school building during breaks (e.g. halftime), for bathroom facilities and even for medical needs. The final phase of the overall effort is to build a facility inside the stadium grounds that will provide for all these needs.

Preliminary architectural drawings have been completed, yet the final location has not been chosen yet. Consideration is being given to the south end of the field or possibly in-place of the current school maintenance garage that sits adjacent to the field in the southwest corner of the stadium. The total cost of the building, with all the infrastructure needs (plumbing, HVAC, grilles, etc.) is projected to be one million dollars. The Bay School Board has pledged \$400,000 and an additional \$250,000 has already been pledged by private donors. The committee believes they can raise an additional \$100-200,000 from corporate and private donors. They have asked the Bay Alumni Foundation if we would reach out to our 14,000+ alumni to help raise an additional \$150,000 - \$200,000 that will be needed to allow the project to move forward. We have agreed to take on this effort and could surely use your help.

Whether you were affiliated with the athletic programs during your years at BHS or were part of the band, cheerleaders, Rockettes, we all share a passion in our school. We will be running a campaign – by class year – to raise the necessary funds. A target goal has been set for each class, ranging from \$500 to \$5,000, dependent on the class size and the graduation year. Your class representatives will help communicate to you specifically.

Donations will be made to the Bay Alumni Foundation and will be held in a special account. All donations are tax deductible. The “class challenge” will run from November 2018 to November 2019. Each class that meets their goal will be listed on a plaque that will permanently hang on the building. Every individual donor who donates \$250-\$499 will receive permanent personal recognition on a 4x8 brick paver, \$500-999 will include a 4x8 paver, \$1,000-\$2,499 will include a 8x8 paver, and up from there. Those who donate \$5,000 or greater will be recognized with a bronze plaque that will be displayed in what will be referred to as the Rocket Plaza.

We certainly hope you share the same passion as we do for this effort. Let the competition begin – let’s see which classes can complete their goals first. We will provide periodic updates on our overall progress and a class-by-class report in Rocket Blasts, on the BAF Facebook Page and our Bay Alumni website.

Thank you in advance for your support. Donations can be made by sending a check to Bay Alumni Foundation 377 Dover Center Road, Bay Village, OH 44140. Or donations can be made via credit card or PayPal on the Bay Alumni website. <https://bayalumni.com/>

Sincerely,

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