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MEDIA ADVISORY

OPEN HOUSE SET FOR NEW INDOOR FACILITY AT KIMBERLY HIGH SCHOOL

For Immediate Release

WHAT: Public Open House for Indoor Facility

WHEN: August 16, 2017, at 6:00-7:00pm

WHERE: [Indoor Facility](#) at Kimberly High School (located at the back of the school)

1662 E. Kennedy Ave, Kimberly, WI

BACKGROUND: Students at [Kimberly High School \(KHS\)](#) will start the school year with a new indoor facility. The school is at its enrollment peak of over 1,600 students and has a record number of students participating in co-curriculars. This made it increasingly difficult to find space for physical education classes and athletic practices.

There are over 30 lifetime fitness and strength classes at KHS. Although this change in physical education focus is a positive trend to prepare students for long-term wellbeing, limited space was preventing the addition of more courses to meet this growing student demand.

Additionally, more than 1,800 youth in the community use District facilities for a variety of athletic and intramural activities. The space shortage was inhibiting the growth of community activities for local youth as well.

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Due to limited space, over 200 requests for gym space were denied the previous year. Both school and community based groups were forced to get creative in finding space, such as using cafeterias and hallways, which were not always conducive to maximizing their potential.

In order to provide both students and local youth with innovative facilities that will meet their growing and changing needs, community and staff members created a vision for the new multi-purpose indoor facility.

Construction of the facility began in August 2016.

The new multi-purpose facility will provide students with much needed space. The facility can accommodate a variety of activities, such as:

- physical education classes
- athletic training
- speed and strength facilities
- marching band practice

The new facility has a weight room, a multi-purpose training room, a staff office for supervision of the space and restrooms. The facility is intended for classes and training, but not public performances or games. The project, which cost \$5.45 million, will not increase taxes. It was financed through donations and the District's current budget.

About the Kimberly Area School District

The Kimberly Area School District is a progressive public school district committed to providing the best possible education available to students. Its responsibility is to help lead the way in developing well-rounded students and future citizens. The District wants every student to be given the opportunity to reach their potential through academics, the arts and co-curricular activities. It encompasses approximately 17 square miles and serves over 5,000 students in one 4K center, four elementary schools (5K-4), two intermediate schools (5-6), one middle school (7-8) and one high school (9-12). To learn more about the Kimberly Area School District, call (920)788-7900 or visit www.kimberly.k12.wi.us.