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FUTURE MSAD 3 announces agreement with school board

THORNDIKE – A formal agreement regarding a capital campaign for Mount View athletics was approved by the SAD 3 board of directors at their Feb. 11 meeting.

FUTURE MSAD 3 (FUTURE) the nonprofit organization planning a capital campaign to enhance and improve the athletic facilities at the new Mount View School complex and the SAD 3 board of directors signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) outlining the roles and responsibilities for the next capital campaign to enhance and improve athletic facilities at the new Mount View school currently under construction in Thorndike.

In August 2007, the SAD 3 board unanimously supported a motion to approve FUTURE MSAD 3 to be the fundraising entity that will coordinate and conduct the capital campaign for enhancements to the outdoor and indoor athletic complex. The scope and financial goal for the athletic capital campaign will be determined later this year.

The Memorandum of Understanding details plans for cooperation on a variety of areas, including fundraising, community involvement, and the development of a comprehensive master plan for Mount View's outdoor athletic complex.

After the SAD 3 board vote, the MOU was signed by school board chairman Glenn Couturier and FUTURE MSAD 3 chairman Steve Bennett.

The FUTURE board of directors unanimously approved the MOU at their Jan. 28 meeting.

The MOU formally outlines the agreement between FUTURE MSAD 3 and SAD 3 regarding the capital campaign for Mount View athletic enhancements.

FUTURE chairman Steve Bennett emphasized the importance of the working partnership between the volunteer-based nonprofit that has raised nearly \$650,000 in its first campaign for a performing arts center, and SAD 3.

“We are grateful for the leadership and collaborative spirit of Superintendent Mattos and the support of the SAD 3 board,” Bennett said. “Working together, we are one team with the best interests of the students of this district always our first priority,” Bennett added.

By approving the MOU, the school board agrees to the following:

- FUTURE MSAD 3 is the fundraising entity that will coordinate and conduct the capital campaign for enhancements to the outdoor and indoor athletic complex.
- FUTURE MSAD 3 will form an Athletic Enhancement Advisory
- Committee to seek input on the project.
- This committee will report in an advisory capacity to both the FUTURE MSAD 3 board of directors and to the SAD 3 board of directors.
- The committee will not be responsible for any fundraising decisions or policy, which is the sole responsibility of FUTURE MSAD 3.
- The Athletic Enhancement Advisory Committee will draft a comprehensive master plan of athletic enhancements for approval by both the FUTURE MSAD 3 board of directors and the SAD 3 board of directors.
- FUTURE MSAD 3 will solicit naming gifts for both outdoor and indoor athletic facilities (fields as well as the gym, locker rooms, etc.) in compliance with SAD 3 naming gift policy.

- All athletic facility improvements, enhancements, and an endowed fund established and held by FUTURE MSAD 3, will be considered part of the overall capital campaign project, whether funded through in-kind or financial contributions.
- Once approved by both the SAD 3 board and the FUTURE MSAD 3 board, no changes will be made to the final comprehensive master plan by any party without the joint approval of both boards of directors.

FUTURE MSAD 3 board members Vicki Kupferman of Knox and Doug Van Horn of Freedom are Co-Chairs of the new Athletic Enhancement Advisory Committee.

Public input will be an important part of the planning process, according to AEAC Co-Chair Vicki Kupferman of Knox.

“We have an extraordinary opportunity to engage district residents and Mount View alumni in this project,” Kupferman explained.

“Later this spring the committee will invite members of the public to attend community sessions to share their ideas on enhancing the new athletic complex at Mount View, and on improving existing facilities,” said Kupferman.

Community members who are willing to work on this plan in cooperation with all project stakeholders are invited to the first organizational meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 13, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Mount View High School Library. The AEAC is a planning committee and not a fundraising committee.

FUTURE MSAD 3 is a non-profit organization governed by a board of 18 volunteers. Their mission is to raise funds to enhance particular areas in the new Mount View School complex not covered by state funding. All gifts are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. For more information about FUTURE MSAD 3 or to contribute, call 207-948-6120, email futuremsad3@yahoo.com, or visit www.futuremsad3.org.



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(Left to right) FUTURE MSAD 3 board chairman Steve Bennett and SAD 3 board chairman Glenn Couturier sign copies of a Memorandum of Understanding at the Feb. 11 SAD 3 board meeting. The MOU outlines the roles and responsibilities for a capital campaign to support enhancements and improvements to the new Mount View athletic facilities.



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FUTURE MSAD 3 board chairman Steve Bennett, (left) and Glenn Couturier, (right) SAD 3 school board chairman. Bennett emphasized the importance of the working partnership between the volunteer-based nonprofit that has raised nearly \$650,000 in its first campaign for a performing arts center, and SAD 3.