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## Community Tennis Center Proposed for Hudson

Hudson, Ohio – May 1, 2014 – A committee of community members, school administrators and city officials is working toward the development of a Community Tennis Center in Hudson. This outdoor facility is planned to replace the existing six courts at Hudson High School. The proposed facility is part of the Hudson City School District Master Plan for Athletic Facilities.

The existing six tennis courts are the only public tennis courts in the city of Hudson. They were constructed during the building of the high school in 1992. Although the courts have been resurfaced several times, they are in need of replacement.

The impetus for this project began with community members Hugo Sandberg and Tom Tobin. Sandberg has lived in Hudson for 18 years and Tobin is a lifelong Hudson resident. The Committee has been working on the project since September 2012.

The vision of this project is to create a Community Tennis Center. The tennis center will be built at the High School and eventually contain ten courts, all with lights, as well as a pavilion. The pavilion will enable meetings, storage, programming, and a space for shade. A ten court facility will expand opportunities for play by school teams, HCER programming, and the community. Increased program opportunities including more instruction as well as special event offerings can be initiated. A facility of this capacity will allow Hudson to compete to host high school playoff and conference tournaments, as well as USTA special events and tournaments. These events will drive economic activity for the Hudson community and businesses. Lighted courts will extend the available times when community members will be able to use the courts.

The cost of this project is estimated at \$1.03 million. The project will be constructed in phases as funds become available. Phase I is planned for summer 2014 and will consist of rebuilding the existing six courts and reconfiguring storm water drainage. This phase will cost \$280,000. Tobin reports, "We have commitments for approximately half, but we need to raise the remainder in May, in order for Phase I to proceed."

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Phase II is slated to take place during summer 2015 (pending funding) and will consist of adding four additional courts, building the pavilion, and installing lights. Phase II will cost \$750,000. Sandberg comments, "Once completed, we are confident this will be one of the nicest outdoor tennis facilities in Northeast Ohio and beyond."

Schools Superintendent Phil Herman is a strong proponent of the project. He comments "we have been preparing for a long time to make needed repairs to the tennis courts. We are grateful for the support we are receiving from engaged community members and excited to increase recreational and competitive tennis opportunities for the community and our students." Athletic Director Ray Ebersole likes what he sees. "This project has taken shape over the past 18 months. During this time we have been able to see a growing number of people engaged in the project. Having great facilities will undoubtedly increase participation and make us more competitive." High School coach Tim Morgan believes "the Hudson students and community should have the opportunity to compete and participate on quality courts."

Over recent years, Hudson City School District has benefited greatly from private contributions to fund Hudson Memorial Stadium, Malson Field, and Malson Athletic Center. The intent is to drive this project with private funds in partnership with the school and the city, say both Sandberg and Tobin.

Fundraising is currently under way. Checks may be made payable to Hudson City Schools, and sent to the Treasurer's Office at 2386 Hudson-Aurora Rd. (put "Tennis Project" in the memo line). The project is eligible for most employee matching gift programs. In kind contributions of appreciated securities are also welcome. All donations are tax-deductible. Further details can be found on the Hudson City Schools web site ([www.hudson.edu](http://www.hudson.edu)) under the tennis link. The co-chairs can also be contacted directly at 330-388-3480 (Hugo Sandberg) or 330-655-7552 (Tom Tobin).

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Photos attached to email:  
Aerial View  
Court Site Plan

