

Norwalk Schools PE & Competition Center (NPECC)

Physical Fitness is not only one of the most important keys to a healthy body; it is the basis of dynamic and creative intellectual activity. ~ John F. Kennedy



Norwalk Schools Today

- 2,900 students, adding 525 students in next 4 years
- Growth of 150-200 students per year after that
- Teetering on becoming 4A school
- Great community pride surrounding the Performing Arts Center and Warrior Stadium built in late 2011
- Also completed a major upgrade to Lakewood Elementary in that time frame

2017 Bond Referendum:

- New school for grades 2-3, opening 2019
- Remodeling HS, MS and Oviatt Elementary



Exciting Possibilities!

Current SPACE		Estimated Square Feet		Proposed SPACE	Square Feet
•	Main Gym	8,463 SF	•	Main Gym	13,500 SF
•	Auxiliary Gym		•	Auxiliary Gym	8,000 SF
•	Indoor Track		•	Indoor Track	5,000 SF
•	Fitness/Training	1,971 SF	•	Fitness/Training	9,550 SF
	 Athletic Training Room 	135 SF	•	PE Education Spaces	3,000 SF
	PE Education Spaces	2 024 65	•	PE Locker Rooms	2,900 SF
•	PE Locker Rooms	3,024 SF	•	Athletic Locker Rooms	4,060 SF
•	Athletic Locker Rooms	2,781 SF	•	Meeting Spaces	8,000 SF
-	Meeting Spaces	504.65	•	Activities Director	690 SF
•	Activities Director	594 SF	•	HS Wrestling	6,970 SF
•	HS Wrestling	2,691 SF		•	•
•	MS Wrestling		•	MS Wrestling	2,100 SF
•	Lobby/Concessions	1,881 SF	•	Lobby/Concessions	3,425 SF
•	Support*	5,500 SF	•	Support*	13,000 SF
	TOTAL SF	27.040 SF		TOTAL 80,000 S	F A

^{*}Officials, toilet rooms, mechanical, storage, custodial, circulation, etc.

The Situation

- Indoor gym space district-wide is insufficient for Health Education, PE and athletics
- The district's prior long range plan included a new 1,800 seat gym <u>but not until 2030!</u>
- That timeline can't be moved up without significant community leadership/involvement in the project because:
 - In addition to Orchard Hills Elementary, projections indicate another elementary school will be needed by 2030 or sooner which would rightfully receive priority over a PE/Competition Center
 - District is at limit on debt capacity (based on state formula) & currently cannot borrow additional funds until possibly 2021 (bonding in 2020).







Health Education & PE Deficiencies

- PE classes forced to use hallways, disrupting academic classes with 70 PE students in the hall per period
- Physical risk to students walking in hallways from PE class participants
- Not able to teach PE curriculum efficiently due to gym space & storage deficiencies
- Lack of physical space to teach Health Education
- 75% Health/PE Curriculum & 25% extra-curricular





Extracurricular Deficiencies

- Built 1966-67, when the high school had 153 students (1,374 seating capacity)
- Unable to host Conference Events & Post Season competitions due to space inefficiencies
- Safety concerns for athletes & spectators with wrestling, volleyball and basketball due to the space between walls, and sidelines/bleachers. Current participation numbers are the largest ever
- Eastview and MS athletes must walk to Oviatt for practices creating safety and weather concerns





The Current Gym

- Not compliant with ADA handicap accessibility rules & code requirements
- Weight room currently accommodates 8 racks need 15 racks for participants and future growth
- Teams and officials inconveniently use storage rooms to change
- Inadequate seating for many events (current 1,374 new design 2,200)
- Insufficient space for radio broadcasting or internet streaming
- Lack of storage space leads to missing/damaged equipment
- Can't have graduation in our own community
- Lack of availability for community and youth sports teams in school facilities <u>— a significant deficiency in community</u> <u>amenities!</u>

New Financial Projections

Reality

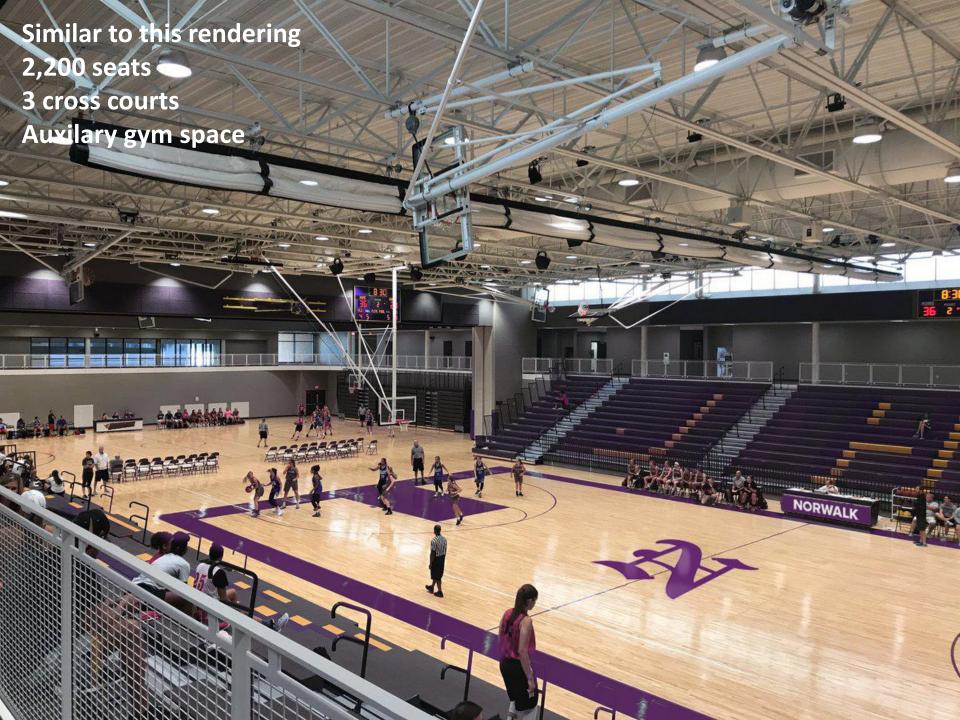
- Bonding capacity has been updated with the growth of Microsoft property, Windsor Windows and Michael Foods
- Norwalk residential and small commercial growth continues to be strong
- \$11M bond referendum target date February 2020
- \$14M Needed to support construction of Norwalk PE/Competition Center in 2021

Shortfall \$3 Million \$14M - \$11M bonding capacity



Community Support NEEDED

\$3-5 MILLION of private donations is the reality to complete the PE/Competition Center project by 2022



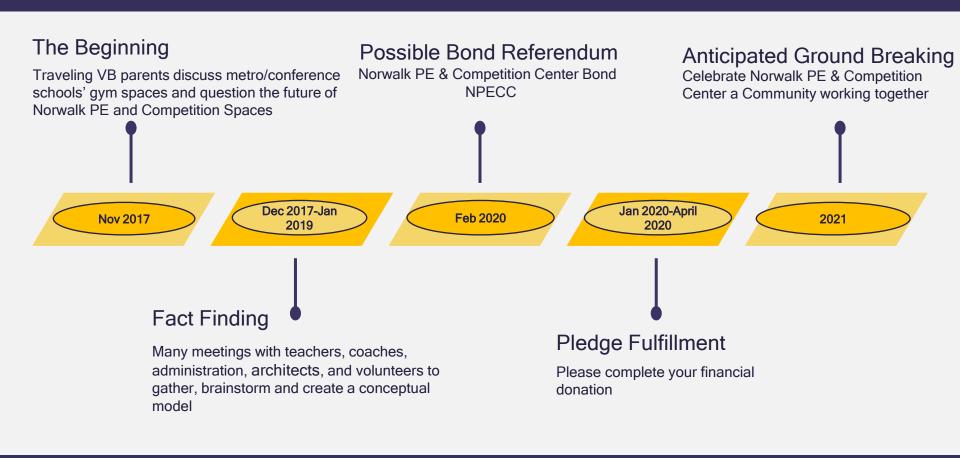
The Proposed Facility

Complete Project: \$14M

- ~80,000 SF
- Competition-sized gym
- 3 cross-courts for practices
 - Translates to 5 VB courts
- 2,200 seats, similar with other 4A schools
- 2 Wrestling Rooms (MS, HS-3 mats) = 9,070 SF
- Indoor track upper level
- Upper level Fitness Facility = 9,550 SF
 - Weight Training, Aerobic, Speed & Agility
- PE and Athletic Locker Rooms
- Educational Spaces-classrooms, conference room, multipurpose, Activities Director, Certified Athletic Training Space
- Concessions, Restrooms
- Connecting Corridor with Hall of Fame
- Storage space



Timeline of Norwalk PE & Competition Center Project

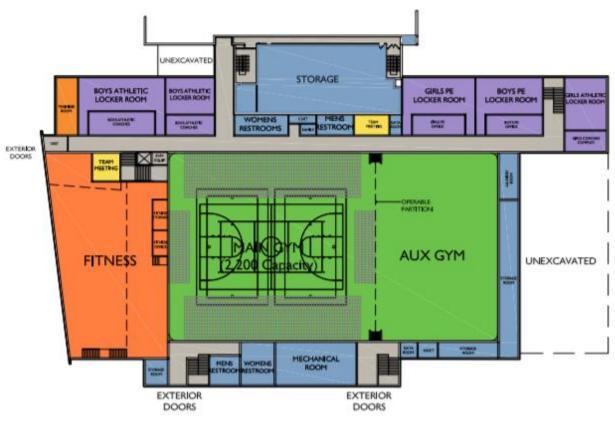


Center Main Floor



Lower Level



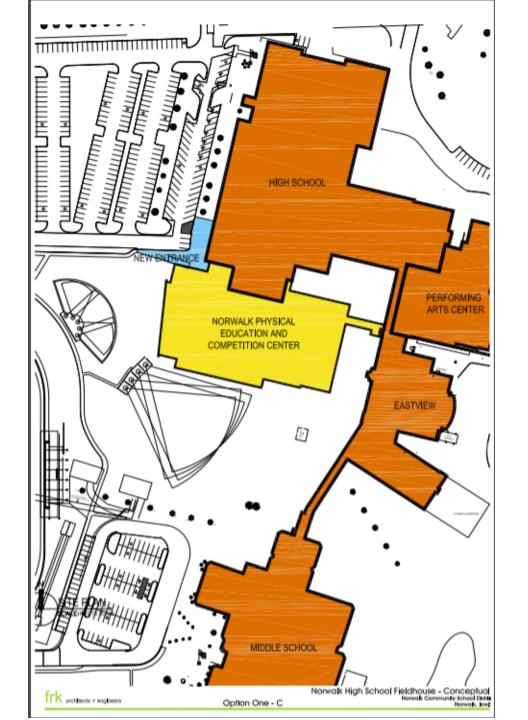




Aerial View of Site Location

Project = Yellow Existing Schools = Dark Orange

Land value = \$280K Calculated by Bill Wright-CBRE/Hubbell Commercial



WHO GETS THE BENEFIT? The Students

- NPECC is an education facility 75% of the time
 - Use will be prioritized for physical education during school hours
- NPECC is a competition facility 25% of the time
 - Use will be prioritized for NHS and NMS for practices and competition outside of school hours



WHO GETS THE BENEFIT? The Community

- With the addition of this 80,000 sq ft facility, space at the existing HS, MS, Lakewood, Oviatt and new Orchard Hills gyms may be more available for the community which may allow youth teams and clubs more access and earlier practice times
- The indoor track is expected to be available during certain hours, for public access to those who execute a signed users agreement and obtain a fob

WHO GETS THE BENEFIT? The City

- Students actually engaged in and attending education programs are less likely to engage in illegal activities
- Student athletes are 49% less likely to use drugs than non-participants
- Students in extracurricular activities are 37% less likely to become a teen parent
- Students in organized sports are 25% less likely to smoke cigarettes
- A greater competition facility will enable additional tournaments/contests which will draw more people to the city to support the new businesses and encourage additional commercial growth

How can you support the NPECC?

- 20,000 donations @ \$250 = \$5M
- 10,000 donations @ \$500 = \$5M
- 5,000 donations @ \$1,000 = \$5M
- 200 donations @ \$25,000 = \$5M

We can make this happen!

What could you give?





