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RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY - OFFICIAL OPENING OF NEW ATHLETIC FIELD AT BEVERLY HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL AND DREXEL HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Upper Darby School District officially opens its new, modern athletic track and field

Upper Darby, PA - Upper Darby School District, as it continues to work through its multi-stage, multi-year comprehensive facilities improvement plan, is excited to unveil the new, modern athletic track and fields at Beverly Hills Middle School and Drexel Hill Middle School. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held for each capital improvement project as below. The community is invited to attend each ceremony. Light refreshments will be served.

Beverly Hills Middle School Ribbon Cutting Ceremony 1400 Garrett Rd, Upper Darby, PA 19082 Wednesday, November 30, 2022 9:30 - 10:00 a.m.

Drexel Hill Middle School Ribbon Cutting Ceremony 3001 State Rd, Drexel Hill, PA 19026 Wednesday, November 30, 2022 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Students will enjoy the new field and track during and after school hours. The track will be open to the community during non-school hours and in accord with on-site publicly posted availability hours. The field will also be accessible to Upper Darby's Youth Athletic Groups as per the District's Use of Facilities Policy. Key features of the new athletic facilities include:

- High quality synthetic track
- Multi-purpose new turf field
- New perimeter fencing
- Glare control sports lighting technology
- New score board
- Regulation size football field
- Grandstand replacement/renovation

- School zone flashing lights on Garrett Road @ Beverly Hills MS [March 2023 installation]
- Conversion of back middle field to a re-seeded grass field @ Beverly Hills MS
- Replacement of in-field and backstop of baseball field @ Drexel Hill MS
- New front parking lot @ Beverly Hills MS

Click the links below to view aerial footage of each field:

Beverly Hills Middle School - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e6GPpu6UeBs

Drexel Hill Middle School - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kPyIBEMPuAI

"We are happy to provide a beautiful and safe place for our students, student athletes and community members to enjoy and look forward to celebrating the grand opening of new athletic facilities at both Beverly Hills and Drexel Hill Middle Schools," says Ed Brown, President of the School Board of Directors.

"The athletic fields at Beverly Hills Middle School and Drexel Hill Middle School demonstrate our efforts to improve our facilities because our students and community deserve the best. They will both serve as points of pride for Upper Darby School District students, families and community members," says Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Daniel McGarry. "We are grateful for the support of President Brown and our School Board of Directors in our ongoing commitment to improving our school facilities."