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LINCOLN MIDDLE SCHOOL UNVEILS NEW, STATE-OF-THE-ART FITNESS CENTER, THANKS TO GRANT FROM DISTRICT 57 EDUCATION FOUNDATION

DEDICATION TO TAKE PLACE THURSDAY, NOV. 1

MT. PROSPECT, ILL. – Lincoln Middle School has opened its new-and-improved Fitness Center, thanks to a grant from the District 57 Education Foundation. The Foundation funded the grant request submitted by the Lincoln Physical Education department last spring, and the renovation took place over the summer. Today, students in physical education classes and on athletic teams are taking advantage of the state-of-the-art center.

The enhancements include mechanical and electrical changes, the installation of 21 new pieces of strength and cardio equipment, and a mural that was painted on the center's wall. These were major improvement to the old facility, which was outdated and in need of repair. The community can see the changes during a dedication ceremony at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 1.

“We are so grateful to the Foundation and its supporters for making this necessary improvement possible,” says Don Angelaccio, Lincoln principal. “It is generally believed that kids today need more physical activity. We want to respond to this need by making fitness a bigger part of the daily curriculum. The new Fitness Center helps us accomplish that goal for our students.”

The renovation and equipment purchase come on the heels of another major enhancement project funded by the Foundation for the benefit of District 57 students – the Learning Resource Center at Westbrook School.

“The Foundation's generous supporters throughout the community have made it possible for us to rebuild facilities that serve the needs of our district's youngest and oldest students,” says Tom Lowe, Foundation chairman.

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Lowe adds that it is appropriate that this major project is coming to fruition at the beginning of the 2007/2008 school year, because this is an important time for the Foundation. The organization will celebrate its 10-year anniversary in the spring of 2008 and is marking the occasion with a Decade of Giving Campaign. The goal is to bring the total amount raised to \$500,000 in time for the anniversary. The current total is more than \$450,000.

“There will be many opportunities to be part of this exciting endeavor throughout the course of the school year,” according to Lowe. “And the more money we are able to raise, the more we are able to build on successes like the renovation of the Lincoln Fitness Center.”

Dedication: Reporters are invited to the Lincoln Fitness Center dedication at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 1, prior to the evening School Board meeting. Representatives from the school administration, Lincoln Middle School and the Education Foundation will dedicate the new center. Please RSVP to Jenny Quinn, 847-612-1846.

About the District 57 Education Foundation

The District 57 Education Foundation’s mission is to enhance the education of District 57 students by generating and allocating resources through partnerships with teachers, parents, school officials and the business community. The Foundation is an independent, non-profit organization formed by Mt. Prospect community members. Visit the Foundation’s Web site at www.dist57.org/education-foundation.

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