




# ALWAYS <sup>NEVER</sup> AVIATOR

*Capital Campaign*

**AVES**  
SYCAMORE



The background of the entire page is a photograph of Sycamore Stadium. In the foreground, several young male students are posing for the camera. They are wearing green and yellow athletic gear, including jerseys with 'SYCAMORE AVIATORS' and '10' on them. One student in the center is wearing a yellow t-shirt. They are all smiling and making hand gestures. In the background, the stadium structure is visible, with 'SYCAMORE STADIUM' written in large yellow letters on a green structure. The sky is clear and blue.

The phrase, “Once an Ave, always an Ave” has been echoed at graduations, retirements, and alumni events as a reminder that no matter where your journey takes you in life, you have a special place to call home in Sycamore Schools.

The Always an Aviator Capital Campaign is focused on leaving a lasting legacy on Sycamore Community Schools. The district is working to create new facilities that our students and community deserve. Will you help us soar by supporting our capital campaign?

## NOW IS THE TIME

While a combination of private funding commitments and funding included in the bond issue passed in November 2019 will address a portion of the stadium project, we still need your help creating elite facilities for all of our student-athletes and community. Phase II of the stadium project, which includes home and visitor fieldhouses, will be entirely privately funded. We also continue to fundraise for the natatorium, and baseball and softball fields.

The time is right to act! Sycamore Community Schools is going through major facility changes thanks to the support of our bond issue, including moving Sycamore Stadium to the high school campus for the first time in school history.

## A CRITICAL NEED

The district has a unique opportunity to make changes that will leave a legacy of greatness and impact future generations.

The district has conducted extensive assessments of our facilities including renovations and potential replacement of our aging athletic venues. Thanks to community’s support, the stadium project was partially funded through the bond issue passed in 2019.

The Sycamore Board of Education is committed to privately fundraising the rest of the funds needed to complete the stadium, the natatorium, and baseball and softball fields. We intend to raise \$7 million to build these elite facilities. With your contribution, our district will provide environments that will help our Aviators take flight.

# *Once an Aviator...*

# **ALWAYS AVIATOR**



**Our 800+ student-athletes go on to be successful on the playing field, in college, career, and our community:**

## 8

state titles  
since 2018

## 37

student-athletes have received scholarships  
to play at the collegiate level since 2020

**Check out these Aviators  
who have competed at the  
professional level:**

**Dan Ketchum** - Swimming  
2004 Olympic Gold Medalist

**Michael Matthews** - Football  
NY Giants, Super Bowl  
Champion

**Kevin Youkilis** - Baseball  
Boston Red Sox, 2-Time World  
Series Champion

**Justin Murray** - Football  
Arizona Cardinals

**Darius Hillary** - Football  
Cleveland Browns and  
Cincinnati Bengals

**Our student-athletes give back to  
the community in multiple ways:**

Boys Cross Country raises  
\$8-10K annually for various  
charities, including Mental  
Health Initiative in 2021-22

Girls on the Run

Volley for the Cure

Baseball player Jake Hertzman  
created the 988 Initiative for  
suicide awareness

SALT (Student Athlete  
Leadership Team)

Volunteer at various youth  
sports camps



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*Funded Projects*

The following projects have been completed thanks to a combination of public and private funding. We appreciate the support of our community in approving the \$127.5 million bond issue in 2019 to help kick start these projects.

## SYCAMORE STADIUM PHASE I (\$6 million)



## COMPLETED FALL 2022

2,500+ seat multi-use stadium including new press box, scoreboard, concessions, restrooms, grand plaza entry, and ticketing booth

**\$2.5 million - Bond Issue  
+ \$3.5 million - Private Funding**

**TOTAL: \$6.0 million**

## HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER/LACROSSE (\$500,000)



## COMPLETED SUMMER 2021

Bleacher expansion and press box renovation, new scoreboard, locker room, and storage areas

**TOTAL: \$500,000**  
**District Capital  
Improvement Fund**

## HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS (\$100,000)

## COMPLETED SUMMER 2022

Court maintenance

**TOTAL: \$100,000**  
**District Capital  
Improvement Fund**

## INTERIOR ATHLETICS (\$4.9 million)



## ESTIMATED COMPLETION SUMMER 2023

Gymnasium renovations including new seating, refinish hardwood, open ceiling, and new scoreboards. Renovated locker rooms, athletic offices, and team room

**TOTAL: \$4.9 million**  
**Bond Issue**

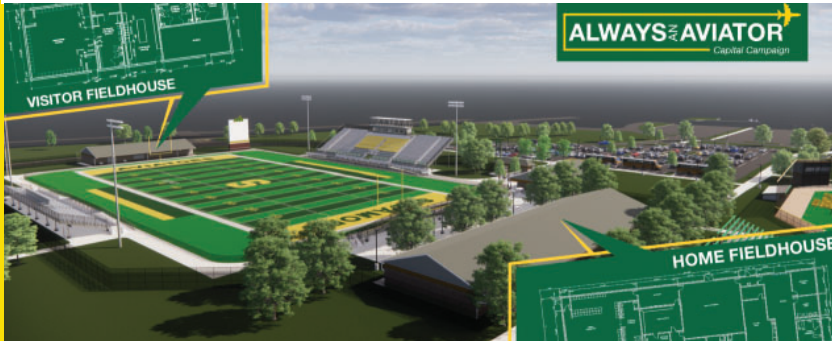
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## Opportunities

The following projects are unfunded. Will you help support our capital campaign?

### SYCAMORE STADIUM PHASE II



**ESTIMATED COST:**  
**\$3 MILLION\***

Home and visitor fieldhouses (locker rooms, team room, coaches offices)

**\$0 Private Funding/Pledges\***

### DAN HENKE BASEBALL & SOFTBALL FIELD



**ESTIMATED COST:**  
**\$2 MILLION\***

Upgrades to field and dugout, new press box, bleachers, fencing & netting

**\$310,000 Private Funding/Pledges\***

### THE SEGER FAMILY NATATORIUM



**ESTIMATED COST:**  
**\$10.1 MILLION\***

8 lane pool with 400+ seating

**\$3,000,000 - District Funding**  
**+ \$7,000,000 - Private Funding Pledges\***

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**TOTAL: \$10 million**



The sky's the limit on the impact your donation can make for our students today and for years to come! Additional academic and fine arts projects may also be privately funded. Contact Treasurer Beth Weber at (513) 686-1700 or email [weberb@sycamoreschools.org](mailto:weberb@sycamoreschools.org) to learn more about giving to the Always An Aviator campaign.

\*As of 10/12/22. Private funding totals and estimated costs are subject to change. For the latest updates, please visit [goav.es/alwaysanaviator](http://goav.es/alwaysanaviator)



# LEAD DONORS

We challenge all families, alumni, businesses,  
and friends of Sycamore to match the  
generosity of these lead donors.

## *Hall of Fame Donors:*



Mark and Sandra  
Seger Family:  
\$7 Million

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Anonymous:  
\$1,750,000



UC Health:  
\$525,000



Sycamore  
Athletic Boosters  
\$335,000



Friends of  
Dan Henke:  
\$250,000+

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## DONATION LEVELS

*We will happily accept and appreciate donations of any size!*

The following donor levels are available for additional recognition:

Gold	\$1,000+
Varsity	\$5,000+
All American	\$10,000+
Champion	\$25,000+
Hall of Fame	\$50,000+

Campaign gifts of \$1,000 or more can truly transform the environment we prove for Sycamore students' academic endeavors and their artistic and athletic pursuits. Please look for additional opportunities related to our academic and fine arts spaces.

You can make a difference in the lives of students today and for years to come. Contact Treasurer Beth Weber at (513) 686-1700 or email [weberb@sycamoreschools.org](mailto:weberb@sycamoreschools.org) to learn more about giving to the Always An Aviator campaign at Sycamore Community Schools.

