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September 12, 2007 (Springfield, MO) Ground will be broken for Glendale High School's HPER Facility during half-time at this Friday night's game between Glendale and Ozark. The Glendale Falcon's HPER Facility project has been anything but 'business as usual' for Springfield schools, and the groundbreaking ceremony also promises to be unique.

While school superintendent Dr. Norman Ridder, the school board, and alumni of Glendale's athletic teams will be recognized during the half-time ceremony, actual groundbreaking honors will go to Glendale students. This group includes representatives of each of the Glendale sports teams that will be using the facility, as well as the cheerleading and dance/pom squads and the school's marching band.

Glendale's HPER (**H**ealth, **P**hysical **E**ducation, **R**ecreation) Facility will be the first of its kind in the Springfield district. Plans for the project include a football locker room, training room, weight room, and coaches offices, all connected to a year-round indoor training facility. The 13,640 square feet of additional space will serve the needs of Glendale's men and women athletes and provide space for other extra-curricular activities.

For the first time in the history of Springfield schools, funding for a capital building project will come from private donations. "No district funds will be used," says Tim Pedigo, Glendale Football Booster Club president. "Our committee is in the process of raising every penny needed to build this much-needed facility." While the Football Booster Club initiated the project, other Glendale sport booster clubs are joining in as fundraising efforts evolve.

"Our community is investing in what works," adds committee vice-president Tim Swan. "Tax-deductible contributions to this project will serve the needs of Glendale students for years to come."

Donations should be made payable to "SPSF – Glendale HPER Facility," and can be mailed to the district's Kraft Administrative Center, 940 North Jefferson, Springfield, MO 65802. Contributors at various levels will be recognized in a variety of ways, from certificates to inscription on one of the facility's cornerstones.

Other Glendale HPER Facility Committee members are Frank Evans, Robin Kelley, Jim Lewis, Mark Mendel, Scott Opfer, Bill Rabourn, John Reynolds, and Jim Sanders.

Members of the media may meet at a tent erected on the site of the future facility (adjacent to Lowe Stadium) to interview these students and other honorees, which will include a number of players from Glendale's 1963 squad, the school's first football team.