

## What is the mission of Friends of Phenix City Schools?

The mission of Friends of PCS is to build partnerships between Phenix City Schools and those who have a vested interest in the future of our children.

As education advances, our school system is committed to staying at the cutting edge – for every child in Phenix City. However, more and more each year, PCS has to rely on private support to bridge the gap left by decreased state and federal funding. Friends of PCS works closely with the community and alumni to raise money to ensure that PCS remains ahead of the game.

There are many opportunities to make a difference in the education of our students and be a champion for Phenix City Schools. With your help, we can make our plans and dreams a reality.

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### Additional FOPCS Projects:

STEM Center Project

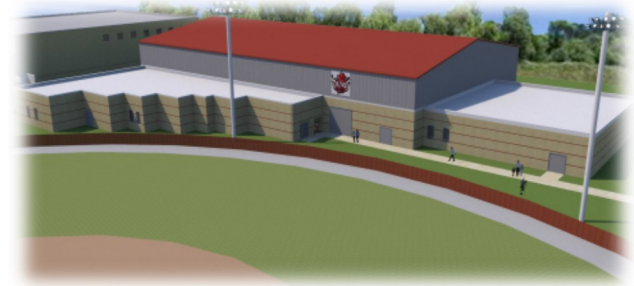
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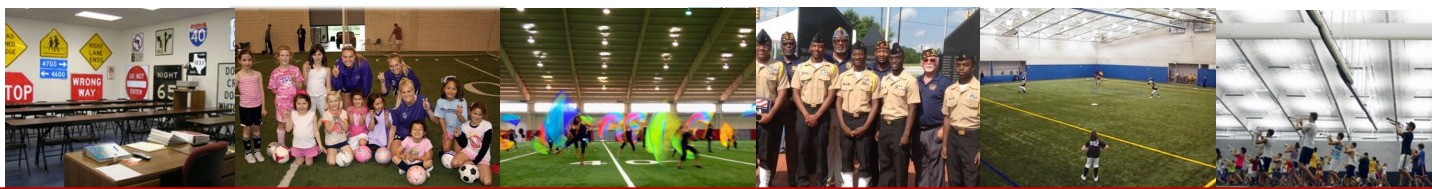
## FRIENDS OF PHENIX CITY SCHOOLS



**CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL  
 AND  
 CENTRAL FRESHMAN ACADEMY  
 EXPANSION PROJECT**



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## The Need

Phenix City Schools' student population is growing rapidly. There is currently an average of 628 students per grade level in Kindergarten-4<sup>th</sup> grade. This means a projected 2400+ students will soon be at Central Freshman Academy and Central High School. However, CFA and CHS were designed to accommodate less than 500 students per grade. The CFA and CHS athletic facilities were designed to accommodate less than 600 students; but, today, there are over 1000 students using the athletic facilities – nearly twice the building's intended use.

## The Reason

Phenix City has a poverty rate of 70%. Phenix City is home to the 4<sup>th</sup> largest Housing Authority in Alabama. In recent years, Federal Title I funds have decreased by nearly 10%, Title II funds by 43%, and state public schools are still reeling from 3 consecutive years of proration, totaling 25%. Since fiscal year 2008, the State of Alabama has not funded technology, professional development, nor libraries. To date, transportation is only funded at 83%. All of the aforementioned shortcomings have been accounted for by Phenix City Board of Education funds. *Less than 1% of PCBOE's entire budget is spent on athletics.* However, first quarter juvenile felonies are down from 34 in 2013 to 4 in 2014 – that is an 88.23% decrease in only one year. At close of the 2014-2015 school year, over \$7 million in scholarships had been awarded to Central High School seniors. CHS had multiple academic and athletic teams compete on the regional, state, and even national levels. Imagine what we could achieve with ample space and amenities to let our students reach their full potential.

## The Answer

Phenix City Schools will build a multipurpose facility that will suit academic, athletic, and extracurricular activity needs on the existing CFA and CHS campus.

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## The Academics

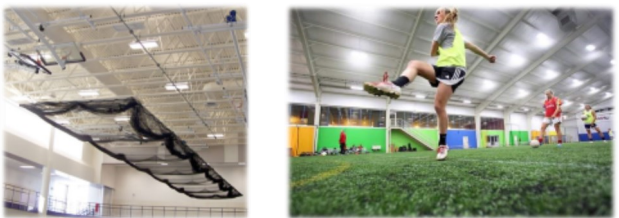
The proposed expansion includes classrooms for health, physical education, and driver's education, as well as designated spaces for special populations testing and afterschool tutoring programs; thus, creating space in the main CHS and CFA buildings for additional classrooms. Extra classrooms for after school learning combined with a facility large enough to house additional students for extracurricular activities will ensure that education does not end when the bell rings.



**MULTIPLE STUDIES HAVE NOTED A STRONG ASSOCIATION BETWEEN STUDENT INVOLVEMENT IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND IMPROVED ATTENDANCE, BEHAVIOR, AND ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE.**

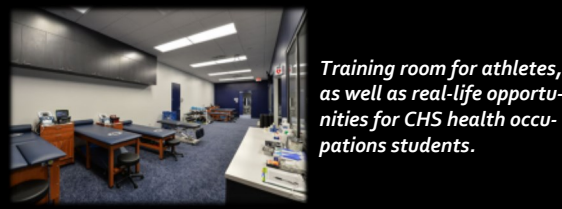
## The Athletics

Included in the expansion is a multipurpose facility that will include access to strength and conditioning facilities, a batting facility, additional meeting rooms, locker rooms, and work space, as well as practice facilities for various athletics and activities such as marching band and NJROTC.



*...Education Does Not End When the Bell Rings...*

## The Expansion Project



## The Extracurriculars

Practice Facility for:

- Marching Band & Drum Line
- Color Guard & Dance Team
- NJROTC Drill Team
- Softball
- Wrestling
- Track
- Cheerleading
- Golf
- Soccer
- ROTC PhysEd Fitness Training
- Strength & Conditioning
- And many others..

