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Dear South High Alumni and Supporters:

A group of South alumni, Principal Aaron Bravo, and others have proposed a private fundraising initiative to build a second gymnasium at the high school. The addition would positively impact all sports teams, cheer and dance teams, and provide space for physical education classes and community events.

The new facility would become the primary gym. Building it would end the issue of securing gym space for team practices and intramurals, or traveling to larger venues for playoff games.

The estimated project cost is \$1.7 million. In-kind services from donors would reduce, where possible, the cash required. Your generous financial support is requested to build this badly needed gym.

All Pueblo high schools except South have second gym. They built their auxiliary gyms with district bond monies while South chose to add sorely needed science and math classrooms. Now, the alumni and South High administrators feel it is time to add to the school's athletic and community facilities.

This effort is not an initiative of the Pueblo South High School Alumni Foundation (PSHSAF), but the Foundation is pleased to endorse the effort. It has agreed to cooperate and coordinate with the private initiative – specifically, to oversee a separate bank account to hold funds under its 501(c)(3) status.

Much preliminary work already has been done. Pueblo City Schools has endorsed the initiative. It will help write grants, review plans and construction processes, conduct bidding and awarding of contracts, oversee insurance needs, pay contractors, and take ownership and maintenance of the completed gym. The new gym would be built utilizing privately raised community funds and partnerships with general contractors, subcontractors and suppliers. To date, Ken West and Scott Robb, Houston Construction; Keith Swerdfeger, Swerdfeger Construction; Dave Caporicci, Best Block; Laurie Clark, Clark Engineering; Anthony Nunez; Musso Excavating, Stout Masonry; GCC America; and Kelly Tucker, Morgan Stanley are committed to partner in this endeavor. The Alumni Foundation will accept tax-deductible contributions from donors and turn the monies over to the school district when sufficient funds are collected.

The plan is to raise the money and build the facility in three (3) years. Your pledge is requested by December 31, 2015, to assess the capability to raise the needed funds. Any monies you send in this year are tax deductible since the Pueblo South High School Alumni Foundation is an IRS 501(c)(3) non-profit entity.

As the attached pledge form shows, your donation can be paid in one, two or three tax-deductible installments spread over three (3) years. As well, corporate sponsorship and individual naming rights are being developed.

Please consider contributing any amount you can to ensure the continued viability of South High athletics in supporting this project. Fill out the attached form and mail to: Pueblo South High School Alumni Foundation, PO Box 1065, Pueblo, CO 81002.

Sincerely, Dwight Hunter, Foundation President

# New South High Gymnasium Pledge Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone including area code (\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Your Total Tax-Deductible Pledge: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Deductible as a IRS501c3 Nonprofit Organization)

Pledge Pay Timeframe (For example, \$30,000 ending in 2018, means \$10,000 a year for 3 years or \$300 would be \$100 a year for 3 years.) Enter any amounts you feel appropriate. Any amount is appreciated.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ to be paid in 1st year ending 2016.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ to be paid in 2nd year ending 2017.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ to be paid in 3rd year ending 2018.

Bill Pay. If you wish to pay on a monthly basis, please check here and initiate a monthly bill pay with your bank. Either make check to Pueblo South Alumni Foundation and mail to PO Box below or contact us to make an electronic payment.  Credit Card. Call us to pay by credit card (719-242-5620) or use PayPal(send to payments@shsaf.org) or use coloradogives.org(Pueblo South High Alumni Foundation-specify for Gym Project).

Check here to be contacted for corporate sponsorship and/or individual naming opportunities.

Check here if your company has a matching gift plan.

Check here if it is ok to use your name to raise additional funds.  Check here to remain anonymous

In the event not enough money is donated to build the gym, please let the Foundation know how to handle your funds, in one of the following ways. The option you select only will be used if needed.

Keep funds in the PSHSAF for other projects.

Keep funds in the PSHSAF's endowment fund.

Return your collected donation amount to you.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mail form to: South High Alumni Foundation, PO Box 1065, Pueblo, CO 81002