

# Elberta High School Athletics

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Home of the “Warriors”

Honorable Charles F. Gruber  
County Commission Chairman  
Baldwin County Satellite Courthouse  
201 East Section  
Foley, Alabama 36536

**Re: Multipurpose Strength and Conditioning Facility at Elberta High School  
Locker Room Facility at Elberta High School**

Commissioner Gruber:

In the fall of 2017, Elberta High School became the 8<sup>th</sup> high school feeder pattern in Baldwin County, under direction of the BCBE. We serve the people of Summerdale, Elberta, Lillian, and all points in between. As I am sure you know, it is a rural area filled with unique and wonderful people who want the best for the children. We currently serve a student body made up of grades 7 through 11. Our campus will have its first senior class in the fall of 2020. The faculty and staff strive each day to create the best high school experience for our students that we can and athletics is a large part of that experience.

This year our athletic program will field 16 varsity teams across all three sports seasons, as well as JV and middle athletic programs with over 200 athletes competing on behalf of Elberta High/Middle School. We are currently a Class 2A school in Alabama based on our enrollment, but based on current enrollment numbers and the growth of our area will be preparing to be a Class 5A program in all sports in 2020. This would have us competing with teams like UMS-Wright, Citronelle, Satsuma, Vigor, and Jackson. We have some tremendous facilities needs on our campus that we are attempting to address so that our student athletes are able to compete at this level. We are working toward the renovation of the existing Auditorium, repurposing it into a Multipurpose Strength and Conditioning Facility as well as creating Varsity Locker Room space for our athletes by converting the existing library to a Locker Room.

**Part 1)** This Auditorium facility is 3500sq ft of open floor space that will be configured to house 12-14 half racks, with high density rubber flooring and a 30x60 turf insert in the middle to allow for, not only conditioning for our athletic program but would also, give us an opportunity to create an indoor baseball/softball cage facility for work by those programs throughout the year.

We must provide a safe and productive strength and conditioning facility for our student athletes from Elberta, Summerdale, Lillian, and the other areas of our large feeder pattern. Currently we do not have the capacity to safely condition our athletes. The current facility is an old school house that was converted into a weight room/locker room for Middle School athletics. We now have over 225 athletes in our athletic program and that number grows each day.

To this end we applied for a grant from the Snook Foundation. We received a “matching grant” promise from the Snook Foundation offering to match whatever we raise by Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>. The Town of Elberta has given us a donation of \$25,000 to help us reach the goal of our match. We have raised some funding over the last several months but that funding is earmarked for programmatic expense and operating cost for the upcoming athletic season.

The total cost of the full renovation was projected to be \$100,000. We were able to reduce that cost through the purchase of some pre-owned equipment from Corner High School in Birmingham, thereby reducing the cost substantially. The cost of safe rubber flooring will be approximately \$35,000.

**Part 2)** With the cost savings on equipment, we would like to use the grant funds to convert the existing library into a Varsity locker room. Our current locker room will only house 40 athletes. We currently have 70 on just our football roster. There are no shower or bathroom facilities in the locker room which is not a great situation for anyone. The library building will be vacant once the addition on our campus is completed. This building could house as many 90 athletes and has the room for storage, coaches’ offices, and space for the construction of bathroom and shower facilities.

On behalf of the student athletes at Elberta High School I would like to ask for your support of these facilities projects at Elberta High School through the support of the Snook Foundation Matching Grant in the amount of \$25,000 or any amount that you could provide would make a great in our efforts.

I have attached some drawings of the Weight room project for you to take a look at. It is a “before” and “after” look at what we could provide to our student athletes with your support. I am also extending an invitation for you to come visit us whenever you may be in the area.

Thanks you so much for you consideration.

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