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Acella Construction completes Healy Sports Complex at AWHS

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BRAINTREE, MA, Acella Construction Corp., has completed the Edward “Ted” Healy Sports Complex at Archbishop Williams High School (AWHS) at 80 Independence Ave., which was dedicated earlier this fall.

The sports complex features a new 6,000 s/f field house, which includes a 1,725 s/f exercise room, four locker rooms, athletic and trainer offices and equipment storage. The new complex also significantly expanded and updated the original 1963 Memorial Field.

Acella Construction upgraded and expanded the existing structure to create a field house that offered spacious locker rooms and workout, office, and storage areas that reflect the school’s athletic program. The existing field surface and track were replaced, and the throwing area was

relocated to optimize space usage and facilitate spectator viewing.

The Acella team also installed a cupola from Cape Cod Cupola within the building, allowing added natural sunlight to enter the space.

The installation of glass overhead garage doors will permit student athletes to work out in a natural air environment.

Additional improvements and updates included a new scoreboard; renovations to the existing concession stand/lavatory structure; renovations to the press box; a new ticket booth; capabilities to livestream games and events; a new updated security system; installation of contemporary USG ceiling tiles and panels; and new signage.

Healy was a graduate of the AWHHS Class of 1986. A standout during his high school career in both football (a three-year starter who anchored both the offensive and defensive lines) and track and field (a multiple-time league all-star; Ledger, Herald, and Globe all-scholastics; and state champion in shot put, with a throw of 56' 3" that remains a school record), he went on to earn a scholarship to play football at Notre Dame. He played offensive guard all four years and was a member of Notre Dame's 1988 national championship team. He was also inducted into the AWHHS Athletic Hall of Fame for both sports in only its second year of existence.

Acella Construction has previously worked with Archbishop Williams High School on other substantial projects, including a complete renovation of the school's auditorium with specialized audio/visual elements and considerations, updates to the gymnasium and locker room, and mechanical systems improvements to the cafeteria kitchen.

The Acella team partnered with architectural firm Habeeb & Associates Architects.

"We were thrilled to be able to work with Archbishop Williams High School again, especially on a project that is so meaningful and will positively impact so many now and in the years to come," said Ryan LaVangie, VP of sales & marketing for Acella. "This new sports complex is a wonderful tribute to an amazing alumnus, and we were proud to be a part of bringing this concept to reality."

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