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North cross-country takes dual titles



North, East soccer teams fall  
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## Sports upgrades expected to top \$3M

North, East improvements include addition of softball fields, bleachers, locker rooms

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The Bartholomew Consolidated School Corp. expects to spend more than \$3 million to improve outdoor sports facilities for Columbus North and Columbus East high school athletes.

One of those projects would include adding two softball fields at Southside Elementary School for use by North. The other would include adding new bleachers and on-site locker rooms next to the East football field.

The district would pay for the improvements through its

capital improvement fund, which has about \$4.3 million available for the project, Superintendent John Quick said. The projects are not part of a \$23.5 million plan that is renovating 14 of the district's 18 schools.

Quick said school officials likely will ask permission from the school board next month to

solicit bids from contractors.

Some work probably would begin next year, with the East bleachers to finish by the spring, Quick said. The softball fields for North should be ready by fall 2015, he said.

The improvements have been a fairly high priority for a while, Quick said.

Building softball fields for North at Southside Elementary School will consolidate game play for teams that play some of their games on a field north of Northside Middle School, 1400 27th St., and some of their games at Lincoln Park off of 25th Street, Quick said.

North High School is

landlocked and has no room to grow on site, Quick said. The district's solution originally was to build the fields at an outdoor sports complex the city planned to build along Water Street.

When plans for the complex

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**W**HEN former Cummins CEO Tim Solso received the inaugural Mitch Daniels Leadership Prize, he designated the money to a cause he championed while at the helm of the Columbus engine maker: education.



## Follow the LEADER



Solso continuous champion of education

EDUCATION always has been important to former Cummins CEO Tim Solso.

So, it's no surprise that when he received the inaugural Mitch Daniels Leadership Prize, he put the prize money into boosting learning in Indiana.

Solso chose Earl Martin Phalen, the CEO and founder of the recently launched charter school George and Veronica Phalen Leadership Academies in Indianapolis, as recipient of the \$50,000 Daniels Prize Grant.

Solso accepted the award Thursday at the JW Marriott in downtown Indianapolis in front of an audience of about 500, which included former Gov. Daniels, former Indiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Randall Shepard and current and former Cummins CEOs including Tom Linebarger and Jim Henderson.

The prize recognizes "individuals whose achievements have lifted the arc of the state in ways that will have an enduring and positive impact on

Indiana's economic and social well-being."

Solso told The Republic just before the banquet he was surprised to receive the award because he did not know about the Mitch Daniels Leadership Foundation or the prize.

He also said he was honored when he heard about the members of the jury, which included Shepard; Patricia R. Miller, co-founder of Vera Bradley Designs; and former U.S. Rep. Lee Hamilton.

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## Educator overcomes odds to drive innovation

IN 1967, a teen mother in Massachusetts placed her baby in foster care. The baby's odds for success were not good. At the time, an African American boy in foster care had a 70 percent chance of being in prison by age 21.

"That baby was me," Earl Martin Phalen told a crowd of about 500 Thursday at the JW Marriott Hotel in downtown Indianapolis.

Phalen was chosen by former

Cummins CEO Tim Solso as recipient of the inaugural \$50,000 Mitch Daniels Leadership Prize Grant. The funds will help Phalen's Indianapolis charter school offer summer classes.

Phalen said that thanks to his adoptive parents, who already had seven children, and to the help he received from social workers, philanthropists and volunteers, he graduated not only from high

school, but from Yale University and Harvard Law School, where he was a classmate of President Barack Obama.

Phalen became a nationally recognized education innovator for his Summer Advantage USA program, which helps children continue learning over the summer and exposes them to art, music and

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### Guiding students into the future

Here is more information about the George and Veronica Phalen Leadership Academies

LOCATION: 2323 N. Illinois St., Indianapolis

STUDENTS: 156

GRADES: K-2

OPENED: Aug. 19

PLANS: 10 academies within 12 years to accommodate nearly 10,000 children annually, ultimately in grades K-8

NUMBER OF SCHOOL DAYS PER YEAR: 200 (vs. 180 for public schools), plus an additional 25 days over the summer

SCHOOL HOURS PER DAY: 8 (vs. 6.5 typically for public schools)

APPLICATION: The school is open to all students in Indiana; applicants are chosen by lottery

MORE INFORMATION: 317-333-6980 or phalenacademies.org

## Ghouls, games support children

Annual event raises money for advocacy

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Braelyn Schadenfroh flipped the long purple hair out of her eyes as she aimed a golf ball for an opening at the end of the pumpkin Skee-Ball game.

The wig was part of the 7-year-old's more-pretty-than-scary Monster High costume she was wearing Saturday at the Night of a Thousand Jacks fundraiser in downtown Columbus. The event offered children's games, costume contests, pumpkin carving, food and music.

All the family-friendly fun was for a good cause: Raising money to support the efforts of Advocates for Children, which assists abused and neglected children going through the court system by providing Court Appointed Special Advocates.

The annual event, which last year raised \$15,000, takes place on Fourth Street between Franklin and Washington streets.

Braelyn and her brother, 5-year-old Kyler, just wanted to play games.

"This is really for the kids,

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Cruz Rodriguez, 20 months, held by his grandmother, Carla Ferguson, plays a witch hat ring toss game Saturday at Night of a Thousand Jacks.

### Cast your vote

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