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**NORTH HILLS PREPARATORY UNVEILS NEW WEIGHT ROOM FOR ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT**

**Irving, Texas (May 27, 2010)** - North Hills Preparatory, an Uplift Education public charter school in Irving, Texas, unveiled a new weight room for its athletics department on Tuesday. North Hills Prep administration, board members and athletics booster club members joined athletics director Mike Kunstadt to celebrate the grand opening. Students from North Hills were also on-hand with a barbell-themed ribbon they designed for the facility's ribbon cutting.

"The new weight room will be a great resource for our students," said Kunstadt. "North Hills students are well known for their academic success in the classroom, but they also excel in athletics. Participating in UIL athletics, we've recently celebrated a student finishing second at state in the 800 meter run; tennis, golf, track and swim teams advancing to regionals; and our girls soccer team winning a state championship in the charter school league. All of our programs are competitive, and with the addition of this weight room, our student athletes can further pursue athletic excellence."

North Hills is ranked the 9<sup>th</sup> best public high school in America by *Newsweek* magazine and ranked one of the top International Baccalaureate programs in the nation by *US News and World Report*. Well known in to the Irving community for its academic rigor and college-preparatory environment, the school also offers several sports including basketball, track, soccer, tennis and volleyball. As a public charter school, North Hills Prep does not receive state funding for facilities like weight rooms and was only able to develop the new facility because of a special donation from a community supporter.

**About Uplift Education**

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