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Dear Parents:

The school budget that Town Meeting will be asked to approve starting May 13 does not include funding for athletics. However, we would like to offer a "pay to play" option if there is sufficient interest among students.

Unfortunately, we will need a commitment from student athletes very soon so that we can make determinations about which varsity programs will run. The Norwood Public Schools would not be offering sub-varsity athletics in this fiscal environment. Games for all three seasons next school year have already been scheduled, so we need to let the league know as soon as possible if we need to withdraw a team. Also, Title IX requires that we have equal opportunities for boys and girls to participate in athletics during the school year. If we register students for all three seasons at once, that will give us the most options for running teams and staying in compliance with federal Title IX mandates.

Following the recommendations from the MIAA, we have determined the minimum number of athletes that would be required to run each program and listed the total cost for each program. Students wishing to participate in a sport in any season next school year must fill out an intent to play form and submit a check by Monday, June 17, 2019.

The Athletic Department will review all the registrations and determine which varsity programs will run early in the summer. If the minimum number of athletes for a particular sport is not met, that program may not run. After those programs are eliminated, the department will evaluate compliance with Title IX and make a determination of which programs the school will offer. The goal will be to allow as many students to play as possible while not risking our federal funding.

If a program does not run, either due to low enrollment or due to Title IX issues, the fees for that program will be refunded.

If more than the minimum number of students register, more students may be accepted onto the team, however, there may be a maximum number of students we would consider for a program. In that case, where the participation numbers increase, the cost per student will be reduced and the fees will be partially refunded. If more students than the maximum for a team submit registrations, the fees will be held until a tryout is conducted. Tryout dates are governed by

MIAA regulations so those will occur at the beginning of each season. If athletes are cut from a program due to high numbers, their fees will be refunded. In all other cases, fees are nonrefundable. Due to the fact that each program must be self-funding, once student fees are accepted, they are non-refundable. Even if a student is injured and unable to play, the fee cannot be refunded unless another student registers in that student's place.

Registrations after June 17th will be allowed only if a team has not met the maximum number of students. However, we encourage all students to register by June 17th if they intend to play. If the minimum number is not met by June 17th, the program will be canceled.

In the event that a program does not run, or a student does not make a team if space allows a student may transfer their application and fee to a second choice in the same season.

Please note that if the schools are able to implement the supplemental budget, the Athletic program will revert to the regular registration deadlines and a fee of \$200 per sport with a family cap of \$800 per year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David L. Thomson, Ed. D." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'D'.

David L. Thomson, Ed. D.  
*Superintendent of Schools*

ATHLETICS BREAKDOWN BY SPORT AND LEVEL - FALL 2018 SEASON

<u>FALL</u>	<u>SEASON</u>	<u>SPORT</u>	<u>Number of PARTICIPANTS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>COST PER STUDENT</u>
V	FALL	Cheerleading	12	\$9,578.55	\$798.21
V		Football	30	\$33,688.55	\$1,122.95
V		Boys' Soccer	18	\$12,472.55	\$692.92
V		Girls' Soccer	18	\$12,049.55	\$669.42
V		Girls' Volleyball	12	\$12,292.55	\$1,024.38
V		Field Hockey	16	\$13,072.55	\$817.03
V		Boys' Cross Country	15	\$10,118.68	\$674.58
V		Girls' Cross Country	15	\$10,118.68	\$674.58
V		Golf	10	\$7,965.55	\$796.56
	<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>146</b>	<b>\$121,357.21</b>	<b>\$831.21</b>

WINTER

<u>LEVEL</u>	<u>SPORT</u>	<u>Number of PARTICIPANTS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>COST PER STUDENT</u>
V	Cheerleading	12	\$9,664.55	\$805.38
V	B Basketball	10	\$15,127.55	\$1,512.76
V	G Basketball	10	\$15,463.80	\$1,546.38
V	B Hockey	18	\$44,289.80	\$2,460.54
V	G Hockey	18	\$44,248.55	\$2,458.25
V	B Indoor Track	20	\$12,474.80	\$623.74
V	G Indoor Track	20	\$12,474.80	\$623.74
V	Gymnastics	10	\$14,891.05	\$1,489.11
V	Wrestling	18	\$18,012.55	\$1,000.70
V	Co-ed Swim & Dive	18	\$22,921.30	\$1,273.41
<b>TOTALS</b>		154	\$209,568.75	\$1,360.84

**SPRING**

<u>LEVEL</u>	<u>SPORT</u>	<u>Number of PARTICIPANTS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>COST PER STUDENT</u>
V	Baseball	14	\$17,185.55	\$1,227.54
V	Softball	14	\$16,694.55	\$1,192.47
V	B Track & Field	30	\$15,179.55	\$505.99
V	G Track & Field	30	\$15,144.55	\$504.82
V	B Lacrosse	18	\$13,503.55	\$750.20
V	G Lacrosse	18	\$13,503.55	\$750.20
V	B Volleyball	12	\$11,492.55	\$957.71
V	B Tennis	10	\$8,144.55	\$814.46
V	G Tennis	10	\$8,144.55	\$814.46
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>156</b>	<b>\$118,992.95</b>	<b>\$762.78</b>