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Dear Derby Board of Education,

There has been a lot of excitement and talk around Derby sports these last few months with the announcement of the much anticipated creation of the Derby High School Athletics Hall of Fame. Within the framework of that conversation has started a separate discussion supporting an effort to honor Mike Regan within the Derby High School sports program.

Mike has been a dedicated and constant supporter of Derby High School sports over the past many decades. No matter the sport, or the level of success any of the DHS teams was having any given year, you can always count on Mike to be in the stands or on the sideline rooting and cheering on our teams week in and week out. And having been a part of this and experiencing it ourselves, we can attest that seeing Mike in the corner of the gym or on the sideline as we jogged onto the court or field has always given the DHS student athletes an immediate source of Pride and focus to want to do their best to honor the Red and White.

We would like to honor Mike as a thank you for all his years supporting DHS athletics. An initial thought starter was to name the Derby High School football field end zones after Mike, but after talking to the Derby Parks & Recreation Commission it was agreed that it would be inappropriate to break up Lou DeFilippo Field at Ryan Complex into separate segments.

However, the commission strongly agrees that a dedication for Mike Regan should happen. They made us aware of the new state of the art weight room that has been constructed at Derby High School and the Commission suggested that the facility be named after Mike. We agree this would be a perfect and more appropriate honor for Mike since it would be a part of the entire DHS sports program and teams that Mike has endlessly supported for decades.

It is wished that the Derby Board of Education agrees to this request and support the naming of the newly updated weight room to 'DHS Mike Regan Weight Room'. Please let us know what, if anything, you need from our end to get this process started so we can get this approved and dedicated as soon as possible. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jim Lewis, John Bogart, Bob Orchano, Mark Searles, Ron Sheehy, Michael Jadach, Jim Stewart, Tom Abel, Pete Saccu, Bob Sobin, Jeff Gabinelli, and Brian Marcucio

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