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To: Coppell ISD Board of Trustees

From: John Crawford

Date: January 6, 2015

cc: Dr. Mike Waldrip

**Re: Middle School Soccer**

Purpose:

The purpose for middle school soccer is to initiate a rapport with athletes in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The program will also assist coaches in developing relationships so that they are encouraged to participate in soccer at Coppell High School. It will be imperative that the program be structured so that the highly skilled players see great value while also helping the less skilled players improve vastly. This will offer every athlete participating the best opportunity to secure a spot on the CHS team.

Season:

The season will begin on April 13 and will conclude on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Training sessions will be conducted on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 3:45 – 5:00 pm. The first week will consist of instruction, tryouts and team placements. Thereafter, the boys will practice on Monday and Wednesday, then play games on Friday. The girls will practice on Monday and Friday and play games on Wednesday.

Schedule:

The middle school league will consist of CMS East, CMS West, CMS North, Carroll MS and Dawson MS. Each school will play the other four schools one time each with one school having a bye each week.

Coaches:

The CHS head boys' soccer coach, CHS head girls' soccer coach and one assistant soccer coach will oversee the program at each middle school. These 3 coaches will rotate each week between our middle schools so as to develop relationships with athletes from all campuses. We will also employ 2 additional coaches for each campus. These coaches would preferably be a teacher or other personnel from that campus that has extensive knowledge in soccer and possess a true desire to help coach the athletes.

Teams:

We will have an “A” and “B” team for each gender that is not grade specific for each campus. Initially, there will be no cuts with an opportunity for a “C” team if the numbers dictate. Each campus has been surveyed for interest level. Approximately 100 students on each campus indicated a strong interest in participating. All participants will be required to complete all paperwork before the first practice. This would include a current physical exam, emergency contact information, rules acknowledgement and all UIL forms.

Cost:

Equipment:	A budget of \$10,000 will be needed for each campus initially. The equipment needed will be balls, goals, uniforms, mini goals, bibs and other training needs.
Stipends:	We will need 3 stipends of \$1500 each for the high school coaches and 6 stipends of \$1000 each.
Transportation:	A budget of \$2000 per campus will be needed for transportation.
Officials:	\$2,000
Athletic trainer:	\$2,000
Total start-up cost:	\$50,500

Concerns and conflicts:

Finding 6 top quality coaches should be possible, but could prove to be problematic. Late spring is a time when many other activities occur. We will be competing with club soccer, lacrosse, youth baseball and softball. Balancing the training for the high, middle and low skills level players will require tremendous planning and organization so that a top quality program is offered.

If a Middle School Soccer plan is implemented, it should be a Pilot Program that would be reviewed after the first year to evaluate its value and effectiveness. If it is decided to continue the program, changes could be made at that time as needed.