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To: Andrea Oquist, Superintendent
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Subject: Lacrosse

I am requesting continued discussion regarding the addition of boys and girls lacrosse to the LPS interscholastic athletic program offerings for the 2018-19 school year. This is a follow-up item from our original discussion at the Study Session of March 26, 2018. After many years of a strict adherence to not adding athletic program offerings due to budgetary considerations, several factors make this a ripe moment to expand our student-athlete opportunities. Please recall our recent discussion and plan to add bowling at the high schools next school year. From the athletic interest survey of 2017, lacrosse was the #1 hit among our students.

Lacrosse is an MHSAA sponsored sport for both boys and girls and it falls as a spring season sport. All schools in the West Division of the KLAA offer lacrosse; only Belleville in the East Division offers lacrosse. Currently, there is a Livonia community boys' lacrosse team that plays a slate of contests within the KLAA schedule. Adding lacrosse to our athletic program offerings is a more complex addition than bowling. The athletic directors particularly note several items that would need to be considered, which we reviewed with you at our Study Session.

At this point we are discussing the potential of a plan to offer one unified boys team and one unified girls team for the 2018-19 school year. We will be conducting 'intend to play' meetings at each high school during early May to further gauge interest levels. An analysis of the budgetary impact includes costs of \$35,000 and revenues of approximately \$10,000. Total projected costs for one unified boys team and one unified girls team amount to \$25,000.

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