

Dear AAPS Families,

7/21/11

After many weeks of discussions and revisions we are now able to release the final athletic plan for the 2011/12 school year. The Athletic Directors and Athletic Coordinator worked very hard with their coaches and the administration to come up with this final plan that has been approved by Superintendent Dr. Patricia Green.

After a “false start” we regrouped, met with athletic booster parents and coaches as well as the Board of Education. While the financial situation of the district is still an on-going challenge, due to some favorable return on expenditures, for the school year 2011/12, we will not be increasing the Pay to Participate fee for high school or middle school students.

We will begin looking at the financial situation for the entire district for the 2012/13 school year starting this winter and that will include athletics. We are fully expecting reductions will again have to be made based on the State’s financial status.

Final Changes to Plan

- ✓ No Pay to Participate Increase in fees for 2011/12 seasons
 - High School \$150 first sport
 - \$75 second sport
 - Middle School \$50 per year
- ✓ Cheer at Huron High will continue as a varsity sport
- ✓ Dance at Skyline High will continue as a varsity sport

Modifications to 9th Grade Athletics

9th Grade Sports to continue: Based on participation numbers from 2010/11, the recommendation is to continue 9th grade sports for these teams which can have full 9th grade participation for all three high schools.

Freshman Football
Freshman’s Boy’s Basketball
Freshman Volleyball

9th Grade Sports that will be eliminated: Based on participation rates, costs and recommendation from coaches these sports will be eliminated. Teams can form as a club sport if fully funded.

Freshman Girl’s Basketball
Freshman Baseball
Boy’s & Girl’s Soccer
Freshman Softball

JV & Varsity Sports

Elimination of Funding for these Sport Programs – Can Become Club Sports

Boy's & Girl's Bowling

- Low participation numbers
- Youth league exist in community
- Can become club team if they self fund

Fall Crew - Crew participates in 2 seasons

- Schools will still fund spring season
- Can become club team if they self-fund or fall season

Reduction of Funding For Sports But Not Elimination

Figure Skating Pioneer & Huron Only

- Program not eliminated but reduced
- Reducing coach salary to reflect hours/days of coaching.
- No fees will be paid by schools for competitions or ice time

Field Hockey - Coaches for 2nd JV Teams

- Schools will no longer fund 2nd JV team coach
- Teams can fund 2nd JV team coach position and rotate 2 JV teams in competition

Assistant Track Coaches - Boy's & Girl's Teams

- Huron & Pioneer Only
- Huron & Pioneer will reduce one assistant coach
- Skyline will not add assistant coach
- Schools will have 1 head coach and 2 assistant coaches after reduction

General Athletic Reductions

- Contract for Athletic Trainers – 3 schools
- Reduction of .5 FTE Secretary each-Pioneer & Huron
- Contract for Non-AAPS Coaching Staff
- Require Ice Hockey Teams Rental Contribution for Ice Time

2012/2013 School Year Funded to Non-Funded Sport

Boy's & Girl's Lacrosse

- Maintain Varsity Level Sport for 2011/12 Seasons
- Move to club status in 2012/13 seasons
- No other SEC school funds Lacrosse as a varsity sport – all club, self funded

2011/12 Options for High School Student-Athletes

Expansion of Rec & Ed Programs

9th Grade Baseball

9th Grade Girl's Basketball

Investigate Intramural Programs at the high schools - 2011/12 school year we will work with a committee to investigate the ability to form before and after school intramural high school athletic activities to supplement competitive programs