



<b>Agenda Subject:</b> Discussion on City Contribution to a Highline Schools Foundation for Excellence "Pay for Play" Scholarship.		<b>Meeting Date:</b> August 3, 2009
<b>Department:</b> City Manager	<b>Attachments:</b> 1. Letter from Superintendent Welch	<b>Fund Source:</b> 2009 contingency fund in Human Services Funding <b>Activity Cost:</b> N/A <b>Amount Budgeted:</b> N/A <b>Unencumbered Budget Authority:</b> N/A
<b>Contact:</b> Jenn Ramirez Robson, Management Analyst		
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<b>Adopted Initiative:</b> Yes      No X	<b>Initiative Description:</b> n/a	
<b>PURPOSE/REQUIRED ACTION:</b> The purpose of this agenda item is for Council to discuss and consider directing the City Manager to donate \$2,000 from the 2009 contingency fund in Human Services Funding for the purpose of contributing to the Highline Schools Foundation for Excellence Pay-for-Play scholarship account.		
<b>BACKGROUND (Include prior Council action &amp; discussion):</b> On July 16, 2009 the Highline school board announced that it has voted to adopt a "Pay for Play" system, which will charge students a fee for participation in middle school and high school athletics. The Highline school board has resisted instituting a fee for athletics for many years while neighboring districts have done so. However, due to major state funding cuts this year, the board determined that the sports fees were necessary in order to avoid deeper cuts in educational programs. The fees will help cover the rising cost of athletics and enable the district to continue all the athletic programs it currently offers. Without the fee, some sports programs would have to be cut.  After the recent move to the new City Hall the City Council had expressed an interest in making a gift to the Highline School District to show their gratitude for the use of the School District Board Room for council meetings over the last several years. Superintendent Welsh sent a letter to the Burien City Council suggesting that the Council may want to consider donating to the Highline Schools Foundation for Excellence Pay-for-Play scholarship program. The scholarship account will help defer the costs for students who wish to play sports but are not able to pay the fees.  A donation by the City Council to the Pay-for-Play scholarship account would carry on a strong partnership with the Highline School District. The City Council may also be pleased to know that the Highline School District was able to use approximately \$2,500 worth of office furniture surplus by the City after the recent to the new City Hall.		
<b>OPTIONS (including fiscal impacts):</b> 1. Direct the City Manager to contribute \$2,000 to the Highline Schools Foundation for Excellence Pay-for-Play scholarship account. 2. Do not direct the City Manager to contribute to the Pay-for-Play scholarship account.		
<b>Administrative Recommendation:</b> Direct the City Manager to contribute \$2,000 to the Highline Schools Foundation for Excellence Pay-for-Play scholarship account.		
<b>Committee Recommendation:</b> N/A		
<b>Advisory Board Recommendation:</b> N/A		
<b>Suggested Motion:</b> None necessary. Staff is confirming consensus among Council members on this topic.		
Submitted by: Jenn Ramirez Robson <b>Administration</b> 		Mike Martin <b>City Manager</b> 
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July 16, 2009

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Mayor Joan McGilton  
Burien City Council  
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Burien, WA 98166

Susan Goding

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Dear Mayor McGilton:

Julie Burr Spani

First of all, congratulations on moving into your new facility at the Town Square; your office building is beautiful.

Michael D. Spear

I want to thank you for your interest in making a gift to the district for your use of our Board Room these past several months.

Superintendent

John P. Welch

After giving the matter some thought, I would like to suggest that you give a donation to the Highline Schools Foundation for Excellence, and designate the money to be used for their Pay-for-Play scholarship account. Your donation would help defer costs for those students that wish to play sports but do not have the financial resources.

As a result of budget reductions, the district has established a pay-for-play fee structure for students wishing to participate in middle and high school sports. The Highline Schools Foundation for Excellence will be establishing a fund to assist students if they are unable to pay the fee. A gift from the City of Burien would start this fund and be available for students this fall.

Thank you for your thoughtful offer. It was a pleasure assisting you during the last couple of years.

Sincerely,



John P. Welch  
Superintendent

Cc: Mike Martin, Burien City Manager

