



Memorandum

December 15, 2008

To: Mrs. Lambert & Dr. Hoch

From: L. R. Booster Club Officers

The LR Booster Club appreciates your attendance at our December 2, 2008 meeting. We applaud your pledge to pursue efforts to enable soccer and lacrosse games for our Boy and Girl student athletes to be held in their stadium. In an effort to support you, we have prepared this document.

Objectives:

- To obtain **PARITY** with all of our competing high schools who play nearly all their games in their stadiums.
- The Boys soccer/lacrosse **barren field** is not adequate or safe to practice and play games for both fall and spring sports. For soccer, the field is undersize. For both soccer and lacrosse, the field does not provide any safe seating for parents and patrons. Apparently, it has been voted “the worst high school soccer field in the County”.
- To **maximize the use** of an underutilized beautiful lighted stadium which offers, appropriate stands, refreshment concessions and port-a-pots, not to overlook the sense of pride and importance for the players who have the opportunity to play in their stadium in front of their classmates and family. Additional events will bring needed gate revenue for the school programs as well as additional revenue for the Booster Club.

The Booster Club would like to confirm the initiatives and offers of assistance that we have presented to you in the past to help you achieve the objective of playing more games in the stadium.

Initiatives of Assistance:

- The “Stadium Water Project’s” primary purpose is to bring water for irrigation and lavatory facilities to the stadium and ultimately to all the fields at Loch Raven.
 - Our \$15,000 engineering feasibility study is finally completed and next we will pursue a capital campaign.



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- Our “Stadium Water Project” water bottles.
- The “Arts & Crafts Festival” was designed to create funding for the Stadium Water Project



Offers of Assistance:

- Provide assistance for sod replacement of the crease and face off areas after lacrosse season along with water trucks to ensure growth of the sod.
- Provide funding for water trucks through June, July and August as needed.
- Provide assistance for fertilization, aeration and over-seeding of the field as needed.
- Provide assistance to the school for gate staffing and re-numeration to teachers for supervising Stadium events.
- Provide assistance to the Athletic Department with scheduling complexities inherent in maximizing stadium utilization.
- Provide assistance to draft waivers which enable the Girl's Soccer and Girl's Lacrosse Coaches "The Choice" of either playing in the stadium playing on their practice field to address any concerns towards Title 9.
- We are willing to pre-fund estimated cost a year in advance to ensure that the funds are available or agree to work with County approved and bonded contractors and pay them directly.
- Continue our annual "Stadium Cleanup" in which we clean up the stadium area, painting railings and posts, goal posts and maintain press box.
- We are willing to write letters, meet with County officials, or WHATEVER it takes!

We understand that the school is operating in accordance with the County guidelines. However, compliance "to the tee" has totally missed the benefit and opportunity of having a stadium with stands and lights to host high school athletic events other than Football. The inability for our non-football athletic teams to play in their stadium while every other County high school play their games in their stadiums IS UNACCEPTABLE! This "twilight zone" of compliance, which only exists at Loch Raven High School, has been extremely frustrating to student athletes, parents, patrons and coaches for too long. We have offered assistance and realistic options to every reason we have been informed as to why our games cannot be played in the stadium,

PLEASE LET US KNOW WHAT THE BOOSTER CLUB AND PARENTS CAN DO TO ASSIST YOU IN OBTAINING THE OBJECTIVE OF PLAYING OUR BOYS AND GIRLS SOCCER AND LACROSSE GAMES IN THE STADIUM.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.