



# Walled Lake Consolidated Schools

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Dear Parent/Guardian of Walled Lake Schools Student Athletes:

As you may know, Walled Lake Consolidated School District, along with most school districts in Michigan, made significant cost reductions as a result of a reduction in per-pupil funding from the state over the last three years. Unfortunately, for the 2023-24 school year, we will face another year with little or no increase in revenue from the state. At the same time, operational costs including utilities and insurance continue to rise at a rate much faster than incoming revenue. We are thrilled to report that we will not be raising athletic fees for the 23-24 school year.

Fees for the 2023-24 school year will be as follows: **\$255 per sport (\$510 maximum per family at the high school level only) and \$120 per sport (\$240 maximum per family at the middle school level only).**

Attached is a Pay to Participate contract that is required to be signed by both the student athlete and the parent/guardian and returned with the Pay to Participate fee at school registration or prior to first competition. If the athletic fee is not paid in full by the first competition the athlete will not be allowed to practice and/or participate in athletic competitions until paid. Pay to Participate athletic fees may be made online through [Family/Student Access](#) and are part of our schools student registration fee process. **Checks are acceptable and are to be made payable to 'Walled Lake Consolidated Schools.'** Payment and contract are to be submitted to student's home school office by the first athletic contest. Payment and/or forms are not accepted at the District Office.

Students who are participating in self-funded sports (*bowling, equestrian, figure skating, ice hockey, in-line hockey, lacrosse, pompons-JV only, snowboard-cross and water polo*) are exempt from the fee, as these programs are fully self-funded.

During these difficult economic times, some families may need financial assistance; therefore the district has established a scholarship fund. Enclosed is the Pay to Participate financial assistance application which will not exceed 50% of the fees listed.

We appreciate your continued support. If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact Angela Buzzelli at (248) 956-2073.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Brian M. Swinehart'.

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