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To: Salt Lake City School District Board of Education
Superintendent Grant

From: Emily Sutherland, Area Director and District Athletic Director
Nomani Satuala, Athletics and Activities Program Supervisor

Subject: Approval of Unified Sports

Summary:

While students are already engaged in Unified Sports at two of our three comprehensive high schools, we feel strongly that we can support more robust and consistent participation at all three schools by overseeing the program and its staffing and funding from a district angle. Information on fees has already been presented to the school board; however, this discussion will include an overview of Unified Sports and budget information.

Requested Board action:

Recognize Unified Sports as an official athletics program in Salt Lake City School District equal in nature to other athletics programs and approve the start-up and ongoing budgets as well as the fee schedule.

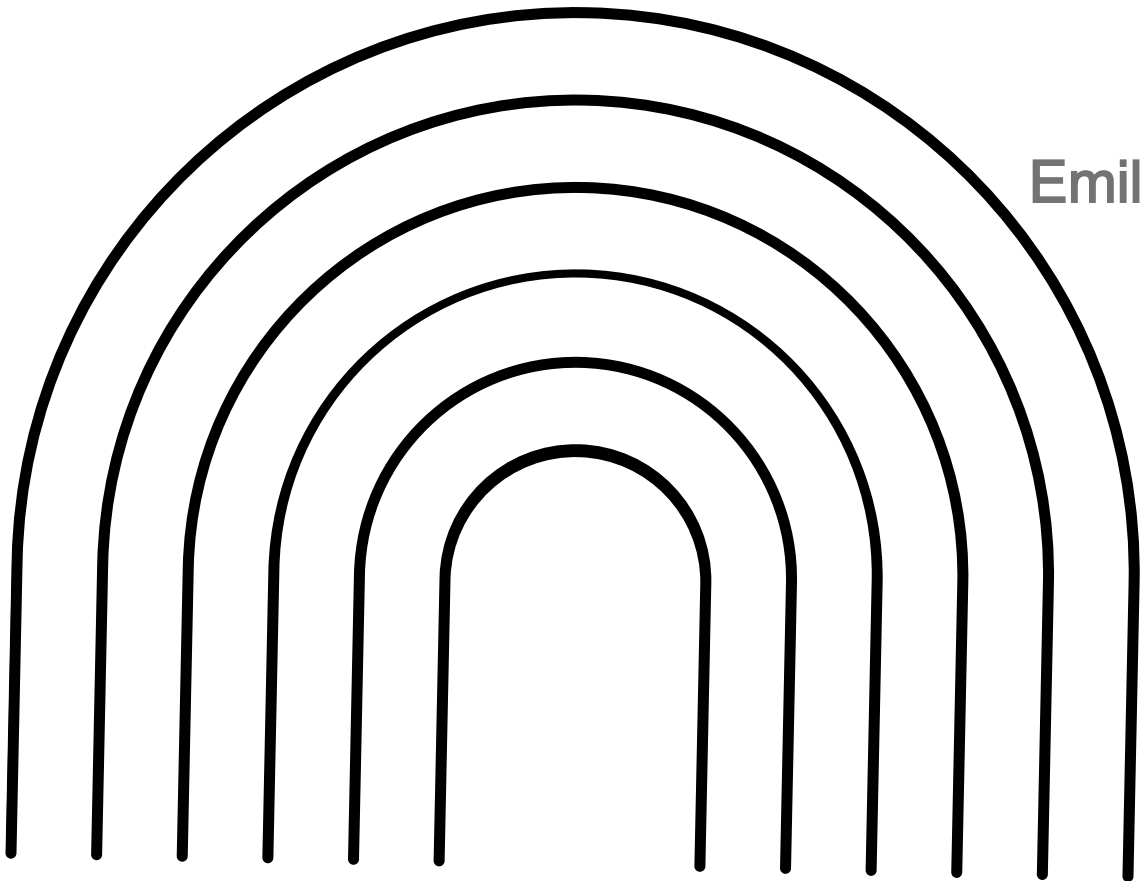
Attachments:

None at this time

UNIFIED SPORTS

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Emily Sutherland, Area Director and District Athletic Director



Currently in SLCSD...

Unified Sports is supported by Special Olympics of Utah. Four Unified Sports have also recently been sanctioned by UHSAA: soccer, basketball, track, and swimming.

Two comprehensive high schools are participating: Highland and West.

Head and assistant coaches are volunteers and using personal and donated funds to sustain program.

Limited practice facilities, equipment, and uniforms.

Current & Potential Sports


Highland: soccer, basketball, track.



West: soccer, basketball, track.



East: will start participating next year. Not sure which sport yet.



Would love to have each school consistently participate in the three sports: soccer, basketball, track.

Current Unified Sports Participation

	HIGHLAND	WEST
BOYS	10	7
GIRLS	7	1
Partners	7	8
TOTAL	24	16



SUSTAINABILITY

For Unified Sports in SLCSD to be more robust and sustainable the program needs:

- Oversight by school athletic directors and administration
- Paid head and assistant coaches
- Designated budget and fees



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BUDGET

Estimated Start - Up Costs for all Three Comprehensive High Schools	
Equipment	\$29,739 Thank you Salt Lake Education Foundation !
Transportation	\$12,000
Coaches' Pay	\$ 27,648 Estimate for all head coaches is \$18,900 and assistant coaches \$8,750
Total	\$ 6 9 , 3 8 7 (for all three high schools) \$ 2 3 , 1 2 9 (average cost per year for one high school)
Ongoing Funding	
Transportation	\$ 1 2 , 0 0 0
Coaches' Pay	\$ 2 7 , 6 4 8

FEEES

These fees cover a student participating in all Unified Sports programs offered throughout the year. If a student participates in three sports, this would be the maximum fee charged. If a student participates in one sport, they would be charged 1/3 of this fee.

UNIFIED SPORTS	
Participation Fee (game uniforms, practice/warm up uniforms)	\$63.00
Additional Fee (instructional sports equipment, entrance fees, work out rentals, drink station)	\$90.00
Physical (contract services)	\$30.00
Spirit Packs (team gear)	\$300.00
Camps/Clinics/Tournaments (camp gear, contract services, food, staffing)	\$75.00
Travel (transportation, lodging, meals)	\$100.00
Team Banquet (meals)	\$25.00
Total Fee	\$683.00

Next Steps

We request that the SLCSD school board recognize Unified Sports as an official athletics program in Salt Lake City School District equal in nature to other athletics programs and approve the start-up and ongoing budgets. This funding will be added to the extra-curricular allocation for each comprehensive high school using ongoing property tax funds.

QUESTIONS?



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