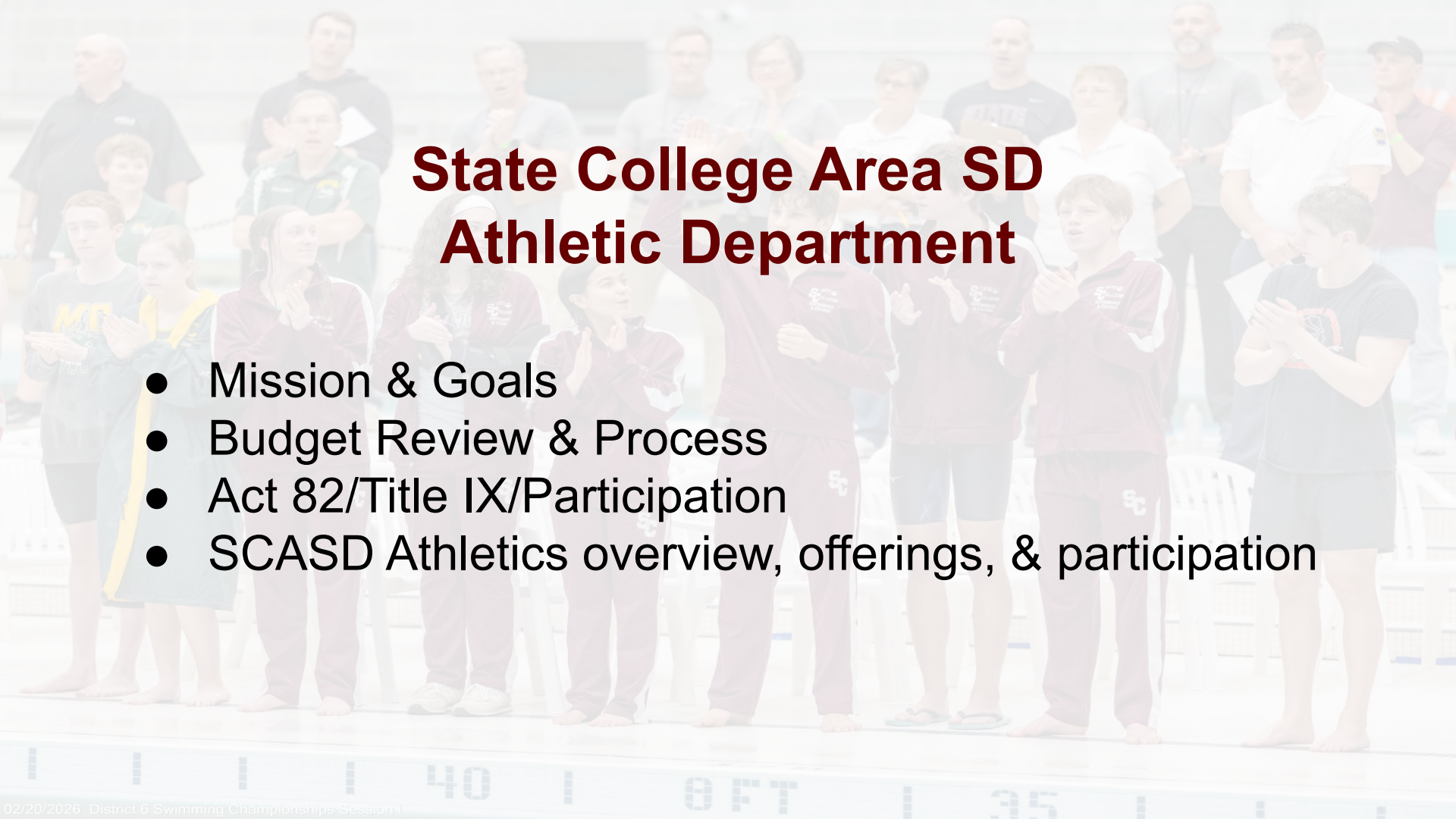


**State College Area SD
Athletic Department**

**Annual Report to the Board of Directors
March 23, 2026**

A background image showing a group of people, including adults and young athletes, standing in a pool or near a pool deck. Many are wearing maroon tracksuits with 'SC' logos, suggesting they are part of a school sports team. They appear to be cheering or clapping. The setting is outdoors, likely at a swimming competition.

State College Area SD Athletic Department

- Mission & Goals
- Budget Review & Process
- Act 82/Title IX/Participation
- SCASD Athletics overview, offerings, & participation



State College Athletics Mission Statement

To ensure every student has opportunities to grow, thrive and fulfill their potential through caring, responsive education-based athletic programs.

2026-2027 Budget Proposal and Analysis

2025-26 Budget Allotment: \$2,070,365

2026-27 Budget Request: \$2,225,653

Budget increase of approximately 7.5%, largely driven by:

- Contractual increases (coaching salaries and benefits)
- Professional service increases
 - Officials fees (set and raised by Mid Penn Conference)
 - Transportation costs
 - Mount Nittany Physician Group contract (added a 5th Athletic Trainer; addition of services for Club Hockey and Club Rugby)
- Supplies/Equipment
 - 2024-2025 total elevated due to change in rotational and seasonal schedules necessitated by extended lead times experienced on the back side of the pandemic
 - Rotational schedule followed for uniforms, supplies, and equipment which leads to variability year to year depending on the costs for those items

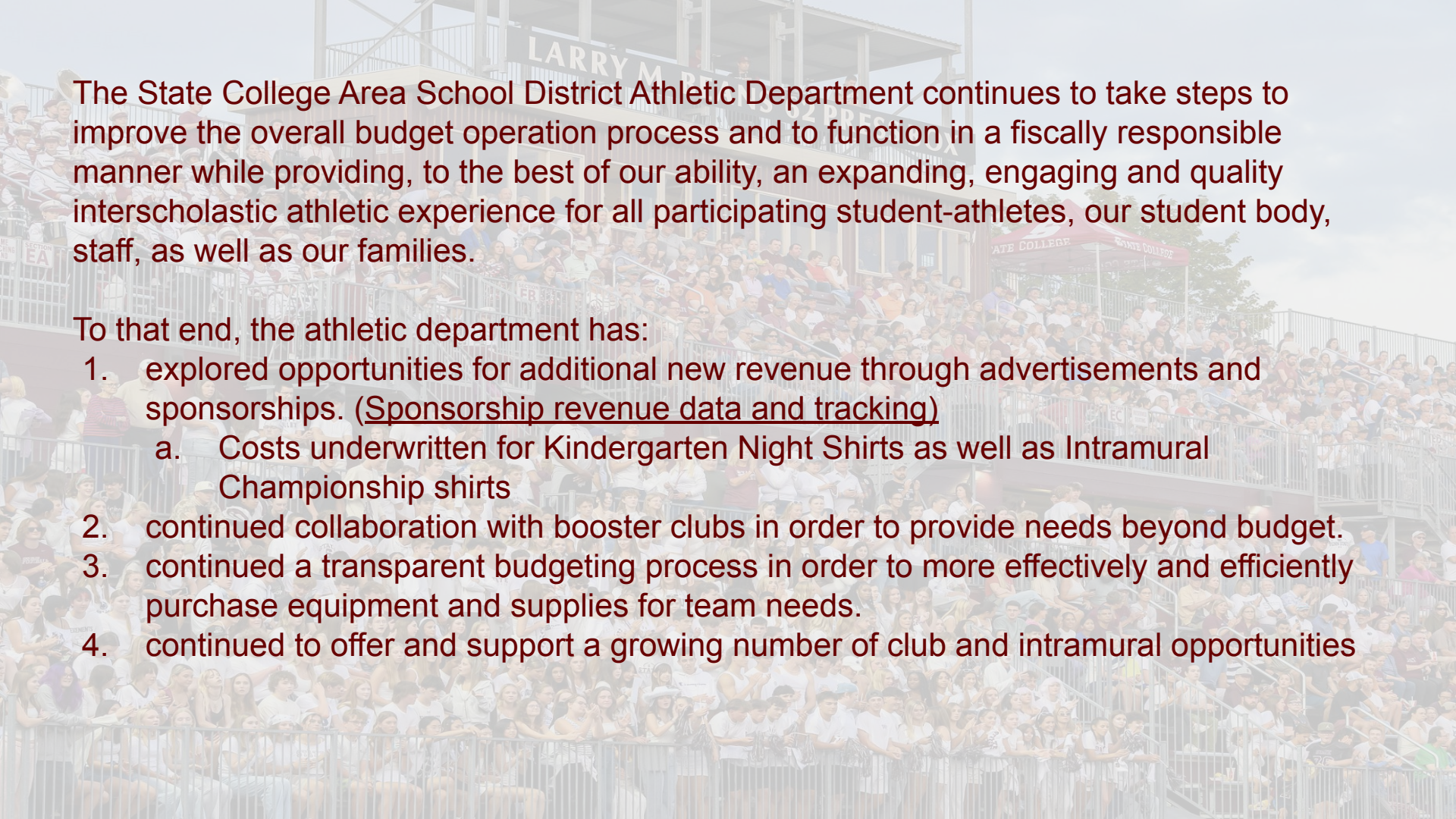
Budget Highlights and Categorical breakdown

Expenses	2022-2023 Actual	2023-2024 Actual	2024-2025 Actual	2025-2026 Budget	2026-2027 Proposed Budget	2026-2027 vs. 2025-2026 Budget
Salaries	\$671,195	\$680,212	\$699,835	\$799,862	\$823,207	\$23,344
Benefits	\$272,640	\$272,896	\$281,113	\$337,942	\$351,201	\$13,260
Professional Services	\$504,383	\$526,145	\$586,404	\$624,952	\$709,176	\$84,224
Purchased Property Services	\$10,229	\$17,811	\$18,262	\$27,450	\$21,600	-\$5,850
Other Purchased Services	\$32,654	\$34,812	\$39,989	\$43,050	\$44,950	\$1,900
Supplies/Equipment	\$158,181	\$191,580	\$282,517	\$209,295	\$242,220	\$32,925
Other Expenses	\$21,588	\$21,957	\$27,282	\$28,215	\$33,300	5,085.00
Total Expenses	\$1,670,871	\$1,745,413	\$1,935,402	\$2,070,766	\$2,225,653	\$154,887.84
Revenue	\$133,445	\$129,513	\$139,329	\$122,850	\$123,750	\$900
Net Expense	\$1,537,426	\$1,615,901	\$1,796,073	\$1,947,916	\$2,101,903	\$153,988

Additional Budget Review items

Highlights:

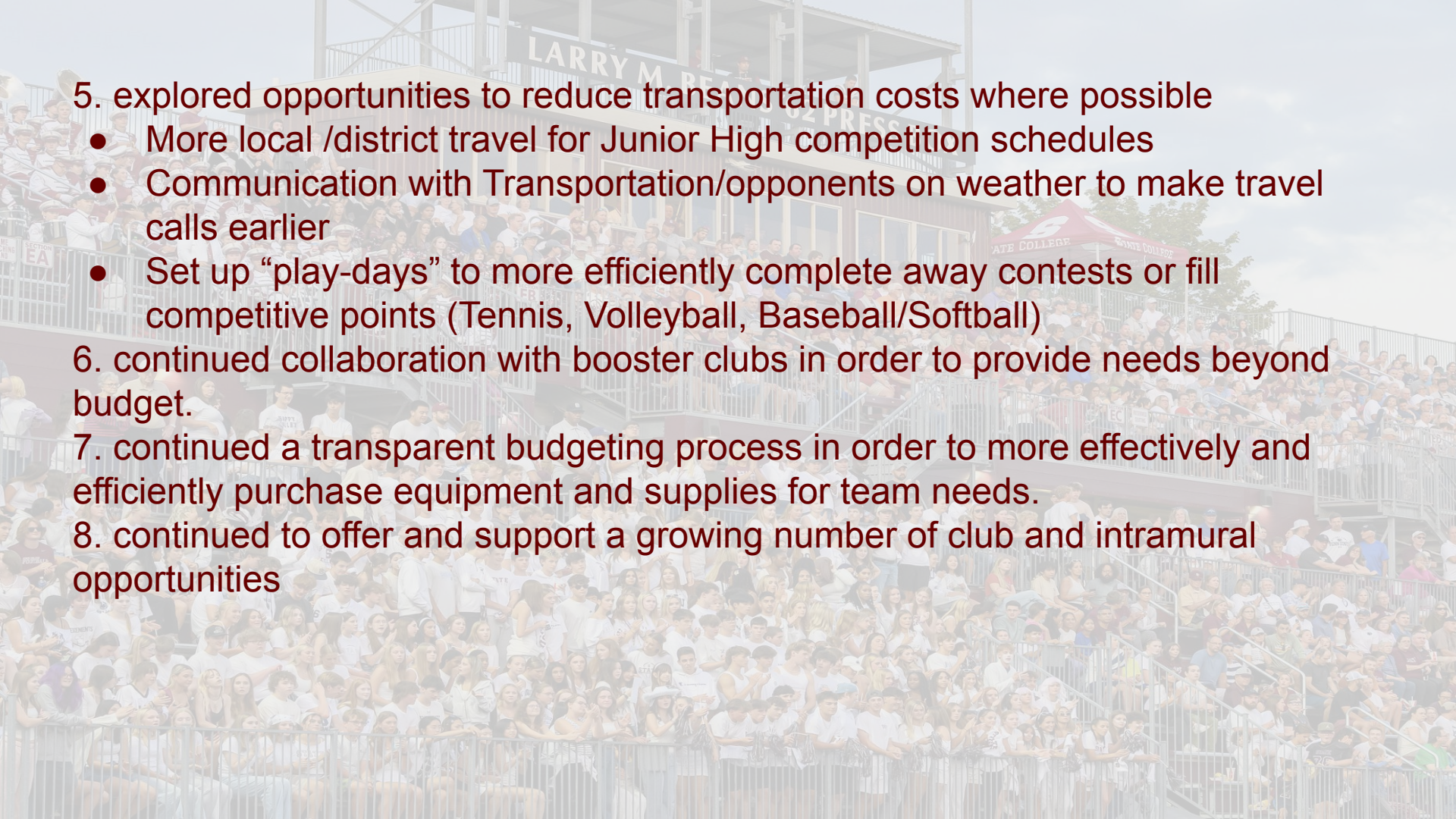
1. Effort & focus on increased participation
 - a. Intramurals:
 - i. Reading
 - ii. Girls on the Run
2. Technology fees including online registration & scheduling platforms
 - a. Arbiter/FamilyID
3. Impact of emerging sports
 - a. Girls Flag Football
 - i. Lack of growth in District 6/Mid Penn
 - ii. Plan for programming this spring
4. Considerations for salaries for club sports coaches



The State College Area School District Athletic Department continues to take steps to improve the overall budget operation process and to function in a fiscally responsible manner while providing, to the best of our ability, an expanding, engaging and quality interscholastic athletic experience for all participating student-athletes, our student body, staff, as well as our families.

To that end, the athletic department has:

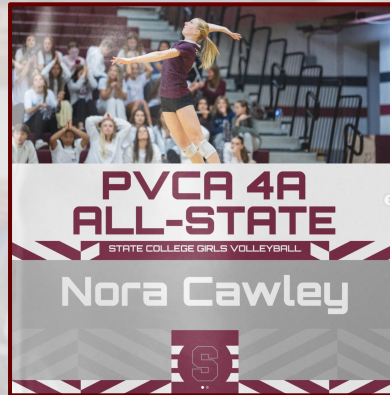
1. explored opportunities for additional new revenue through advertisements and sponsorships. (Sponsorship revenue data and tracking)
 - a. Costs underwritten for Kindergarten Night Shirts as well as Intramural Championship shirts
2. continued collaboration with booster clubs in order to provide needs beyond budget.
3. continued a transparent budgeting process in order to more effectively and efficiently purchase equipment and supplies for team needs.
4. continued to offer and support a growing number of club and intramural opportunities

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5. explored opportunities to reduce transportation costs where possible
- More local /district travel for Junior High competition schedules
 - Communication with Transportation/opponents on weather to make travel calls earlier
 - Set up “play-days” to more efficiently complete away contests or fill competitive points (Tennis, Volleyball, Baseball/Softball)
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Social Media Coverage/Communication



- Addition of Gipper Platform for Athletic Department
 - Increased Instagram following from 753 in November 2024 to 2,632 in March 2026 (216% growth)
 - Increased efficiencies in promotion, celebration, communication of registration processes and deadlines, and coaching vacancies.



A background image showing a soccer game in progress on a green field with a red track. Several players in white and dark jerseys are visible, some running and others in position. The scene is captured from a low angle, emphasizing the action on the field.

Areas in which the athletic department continues to monitor and evaluate:

1. inventory of equipment and supplies including organizing storage spaces
 - a. appreciative of new space in Physical Plant Building
2. evaluating the existing uniform rotation system for teams in order to efficiently calculate years when uniforms need to be replaced as well as monitoring and supporting equity
 - a. Uniform Rotation Schedule
 - b. What is Covered & Not Covered by SCASD
3. review of replacement needs for repurposing and expanding athletic spaces and venues (ie: equipment, goals, mats, nets...)
4. review and evaluate new and emergent sports opportunities (ie: girls flag fb, girls wrestling, MS baseball...)
5. adoption of 50+/- SC Lions athletes: community 7-8 grade division is discontinuing

Title IX Guidelines / Measurements

Proportionality: The percentage of male and female athletes must be substantially proportionate to the overall enrollment of male and female students at the institution.

or

History and Continuing Practice of Program Expansion: If a school does not meet proportionality, it can still be in compliance if it has a history and continues to expand its athletic programs for the underrepresented female or male athletes (whichever gender is underrepresented).

or

Full and Effective Accommodation of Interests and Abilities: This prong focuses on whether the school is meeting the interests and abilities of its students. This prong requires schools to assess whether the underrepresented gender has enough interest and ability to support additional athletic programs.

Title IX Focus Items

History and Continuing Practice of Program Expansion:

- Recent expansions include:
 - 9th Grade Girls Volleyball
 - MS and HS Girls Wrestling
 - HS Unified Bocce (reestablished status)
- Possible future expansion includes:
 - Girls Flag Football

Full and Effective Accommodation of Interests and Abilities:

- 2024 survey of 7-12 grade girls in the SCASD
 - Over 85 interested students for Flag FB
 - Many sports identified by students are already offered at the HS

Act 82 / Title IX Reports

The most recent 2024-25 Act 82 Report filing reports can be viewed on the [SCASD Athletics Act 82 Reports](#) website for the following SCASD schools:

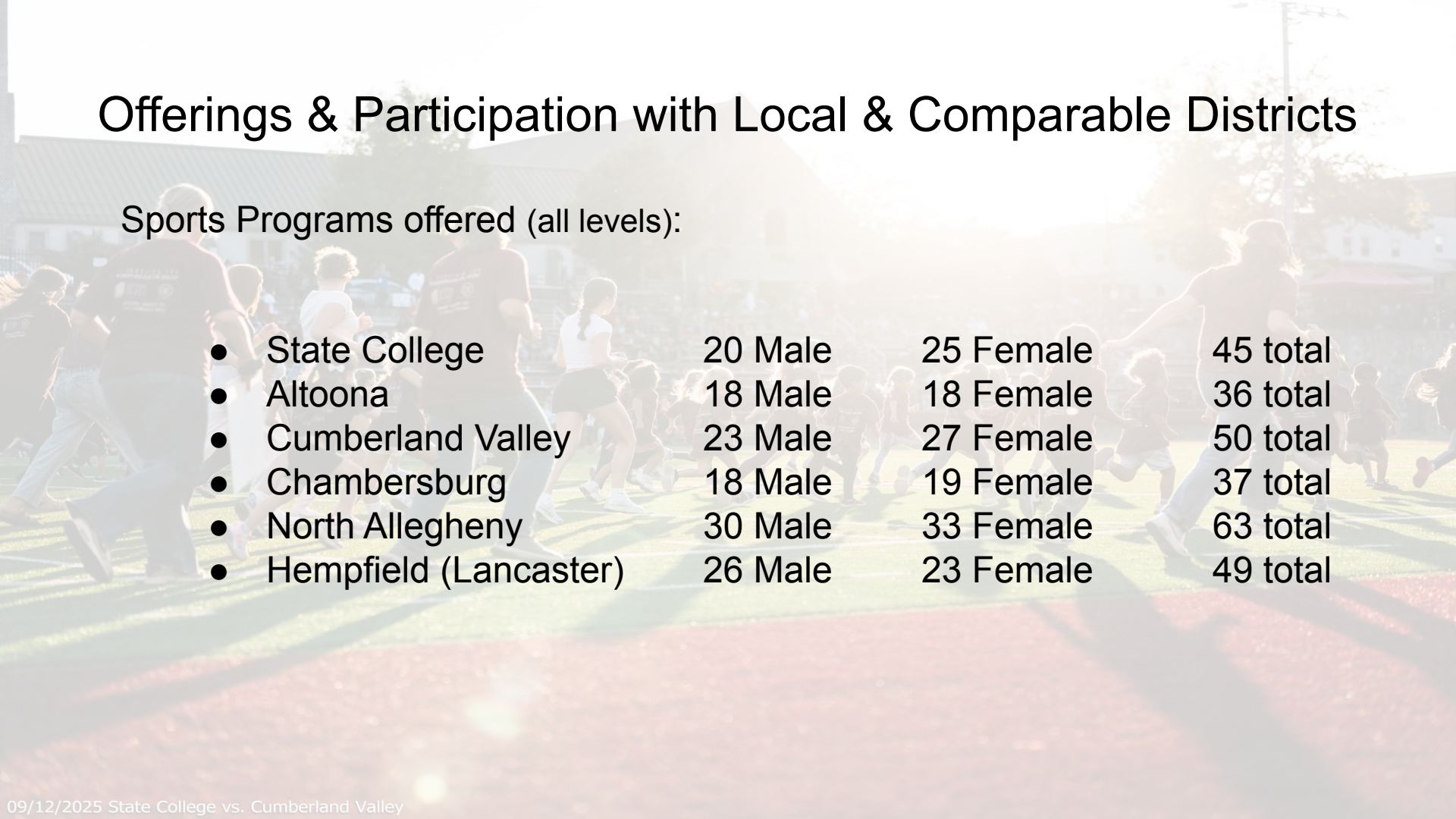
- State College Area High School
- Mount Nittany Middle School
- Park Forest Middle School

2025-26 SCASD PIAA Sports Teams

Fall Sports ⁽²¹⁾	Winter Sports ⁽¹⁹⁾	Spring Sports ⁽¹²⁾
- o Cheerleading, Co-Ed Var/JV & MS - o Cross Country, Boys Var - o Cross Country, Girls Var - o Field Hockey, Girls Var/JV - o Football, Co-Ed Var/JV - o Football, Co-Ed Gr. 9 - o Football, Co-Ed Jr. High - o Golf, Boys Var - o Golf, Girls Var - o Soccer, Boys' & Girls MNMS - o Soccer, Boys' & Girls PFMS - o Soccer, Boys Var/JV - o Soccer, Girls Var/JV - o Tennis, Girls Var/JV - o Volleyball, Girls Var/JV & 9th - o Volleyball, Girls MNMS - o Volleyball, Girls PFMS	- o Basketball, Boys Var/JV - o Basketball, Boys Gr. 9 - o Basketball, Boys MNMS - o Basketball, Boys PFMS - o Basketball, Girls JV/Var - o Basketball, Girls Gr. 9 - o Basketball, Girls MNMS - o Basketball, Girls PFMS - o Competitive Cheer, HS Co-Ed - o Competitive Cheer, MS Co-Ed - o Indoor Track, Boys - o Indoor Track, Girls - o Swimming/Diving, Boys & Girls HS - o Unified Bocce, Co-Ed HS - o Wrestling, Boys Var/JV & Jr High - o Wrestling, Girls Var/JV & Jr High	- o Baseball, Boys Var/JV - o Field Hockey, Girls MS - o Lacrosse, Boys Var/JV - o Lacrosse, Girls Var/JV - o Softball, Girls Var/JV - o Softball, Girls MS - o Tennis, Boys Var/JV - o Track & Field, Boys & Girls MS - o Track & Field, Boys Var - o Track & Field, Girls Var - o Volleyball, Boys Var/JV Sports schedules: 74

Offerings & Participation with Local & Comparable Districts

Sports Programs offered (all levels):



● State College	20 Male	25 Female	45 total
● Altoona	18 Male	18 Female	36 total
● Cumberland Valley	23 Male	27 Female	50 total
● Chambersburg	18 Male	19 Female	37 total
● North Allegheny	30 Male	33 Female	63 total
● Hempfield (Lancaster)	26 Male	23 Female	49 total

PIAA Sports Participation Numbers

2024-25

	7th	8th	HS	Total
Boys	148	153	684	985
Girls	136	128	590	854
Total	284	281	1,274	1,839

- Participation represents growth of roughly 2% from '23-'24 to '24-'25
- Sports that experienced growth:
 - Girls Soccer (31→46; 48%)
 - Girls Volleyball (46→51; 11%)
 - Girls Wrestling (6→12; 100%)
 - Girls Lacrosse (33→430; 30.3%)
 - Cheerleading (24→29; 21%)
 - Girls Cross Country (40→51; 27.5%)
- Sports that experienced growth cont'd:
 - Boys Lacrosse (40→51; 27%)
 - Girls JH Track and Field (67→94; 40%)
 - Girls Wrestling (6→12; 100%)
 - Boys Track and Field (105→115; 8.6%)
 - Girls Track and Field (94→102; 8.5%)
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IM Sports Offered

Elementary: (2,402)

- Bowling 341
- Girls on the Run 115
- Skiing 343
- Swimming 302
- Track & Field 513
- Volleyball 471
- Fall Sports 317

Middle School: (445)

- Bowling- 120
- Skiing- 200
- Kayaking- 13
- PFMS Flag FB- 27
- Rec sports- 85

High School: (378)

- Bowling- 19
- Basketball- 284
- Skiing- 75

Club Sports Offered

High School Club Sports Teams:

- Ice Hockey (co-ed) 23
- Rugby (boys & girls) 60

Middle School Club Sports Teams:

- Ice Hockey (co-ed) 11

Recent investments in Club Sports:

- Addition of Club Sports to Family ID platform
- Addition of assigned athletic trainers to club sports teams

Club Activities Currently Supported by Athletic Department

High School - 63 Clubs

Investments in High School Clubs:

- Addition of Director of Clubs and Activities (Kelly Aston)
- Day-to-Day oversight and administration of advisors, policies, procedures, scheduling, and budgets

Athletic Department Structure and responsibilities

- John Mankowich; Assistant Athletic Director
 - Extensive experience and rich skills in constituent communication (ParentSquare, FamilyID)
 - Scheduling for grades 7-12
 - Communication re: charter/private student participation
 - Sport oversight (Wrestling background)
 - Game management
 - Hiring processes
- Kelly Aston; Director of Clubs and Activities
 - Rapport with students
 - Familiarity with teams/organizations/coaching
 - Student advocacy and accountability
 - Coaching development
 - Connection to Elementary Intramurals
 - Connection to female student athletes

Goal: Athletic Department Climate and Culture



- **WSCH Gameday Collaboration**
- Practical opportunities and experiences by working with WSCH/Physical Plant/Athletic Coaches to produce a 90 minute live show to promote and share the story of fall sports athletes and clubs

Goal: School Climate and Culture

- College Announcement Night
- 2023-2024:
 - 23 students continued their careers at the collegiate level
- 2024-2025:
 - 47 students continued their careers at the collegiate level



Goal: School Climate and Culture



- **National Girls and Women in Sports Day (1/26-2/5)**
- Celebrating NGWSD through engagement at the elementary, middle school, and high school level.

