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Dear WCSD Middle & High School Families:

As you may have heard, the Westerville City School District Board of Education recently voted to reduce extracurricular Pay-to-Participate fees, as well as phase in the elimination of fees for club activities and co-curricular activities in which students receive a grade. The purpose of this letter is to ensure that you are aware of this change and understand important “next steps” to the process.

Reduced Pay-to-Participate fees are in effect immediately. Beginning with the winter 2015 sports season, families of high school student athletes will pay $150 for the first sport and $75 for the student’s second sport. At the middle school level, families will pay $75 for a student’s first sport and $50 for the student’s second sport.

Students participating in three or more sports at either level will not incur additional fees. If a family has multiple children participating in multiple sports or activities, their total fees are capped at $300 per year. Fees already paid for fall sports will not be reduced retroactively, though they will count toward the 2015-16 Family Cap of $300.

Fees for club activities and co-curricular activities will continue to be collected for the remainder of the 2015-16 school year. The elimination of these fees will not occur until the 2016-17 school year. The term “Club Activities” refers to district-sponsored clubs and should not be confused with club sports such as Lacrosse, Volleyball, Ice Hockey, etc. Fees for club sports are not governed by the district’s Board of Education and are not impacted by this change.

Fees for co-curricular activities such as marching band, orchestra, jazz band and choir, also will be collected for the remainder of the current school year. Students participating in the theater program will pay a one-time $50 fee during the current school year regardless of the number of productions in which they participate.

Families will be asked to complete a form that will help school officials determine if they have met the $300 family cap and/or calculate how much remains until the cap is met. Athletic fees, club fees and co-curricular fees all count toward meeting the cap. It is the responsibility of each family to complete and submit this information if they believe they have or will meet the cap during the remainder of this school year. If you know you will not meet the cap this school year, there is no need to submit a form.

All information provided on the form will be reviewed and verified by school officials. Forms are available from your child’s school or visit http://tinyurl.com/wcsdfees to print a form from your computer. Completed forms must be submitted to the appropriate school when payment is submitted.

If you have any questions about the new fee structure or required form, please contact your high school’s athletic office or your middle school’s main office. They will be able to assist you as you review and complete the process. Thank you for your continued support of our schools.

Sincerely,

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