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Dear School Board Members,

I reviewed the agenda topics for the board of education meeting scheduled for 6/9/2025 and saw that this item was on the agenda:

Summer Ultimate Sports Camps offered to students entering grades 5-7, with session one running Monday, July 7 through Thursday, July 10, 2025 and session two running Monday, July 14 through Thursday, July 17, 2025. Camps will be funded by parents/guardians at \$80.00 per camper per session and will be capped at a maximum of 32 campers. (Attachment: Ultimate Sports Camp Proposal 2025)

In the past, the sports camps were free and open to all students of the middle school, and not just 5-7th graders. When I emailed the school asking about these camps a few weeks ago, I was told it was not running at all. But now I see they are running but not being offered to 8th graders. Not offering the camps to 8th graders is not inclusive and equitable. I hope you will consider opening the camps to all middle school students, and if the size of the kids are in question (you don't want 5th graders playing with 8th graders), then break the camps into two separate camp weeks (grades 5-6 one week, and 7-8 another week). Also, the week after July 4 is notoriously the most popular vacation week. If the goal is to attract revenue-paying students to the program, perhaps schedule the first week not after July 4 to ensure better attendance.

The school is built on community due to its small size and separating out the 8th graders does not create a sense of community.

Thank you for your consideration.

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