

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Millburn Public Schools

INFORMATION ITEM

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To: Board of Education Members

From: Ellen E. Mauer, PhD

Subject: Admission Fees to Athletic Events

At our previous meeting, we discussed admission fees for athletic events. We have thoroughly researched the idea and found that the schools our conferences are in differ. West is in the Lakes Region Athletic Conference. Sender schools are: Alden Hebron, Big Hollow, Emmons, Grass Lake, Harrison, Johnsborg, North Prairie, Park, Prairie Crossing, and Stanton. Central is in the Lakeside Athletic Conference. Sender schools are: Carl Sandburg, Deer Path, Edgewood, Elm Place, Highland, Lake Bluff, North Chicago, Northwood, and Oak Grove. For purposes of our discussion, since we are moving to one district athletic team next year, we should focus on the Lakeside Athletic Conference.

I spoke with the head of this conference and he informed me that there was an "unwritten rule" that the districts would not charge admission to the regular games during the season, but that they would understand if we needed to do so. The exceptions in the bylaws are for tournaments and the charge is limited to \$2 per adult and \$1 per child to help offset the hosting costs of the tournament. The other exception is the IESA regionals in which IESA requires an admission charge from the hosting school and gets a percentage of that fee.

I called each of the districts in the sender schools list and attached is a chart that shows that none of the schools collect admissions for regular events. I recommend that we stick with the practice of this conference and do not charge admissions.

Admission Fees for Lakeside Conference

School	Fee for Regular Games	Entity Collecting Fees only for Tournaments	Recipient of Proceeds
Carl Sandberg	No	PTO	PTO
Deer Path	No	Parent volunteers	Activity fund
Edgewood	No	No	NA
Elm Place	No	No	NA
Highland	No	No	NA
Lake Bluff	No	No	NA
North Chicago	No	No	NA
Northwood	No	No	NA
Oak Grove	No	Parent volunteers	Activity fund
Millburn	No	No	NA

Note: Many schools have PTO doing concessions with proceeds going to activity funds.