

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 118

EFFECTIVE March 28, 2016

WHEREAS, The Providence Public Schools are committed to quality education for all children; and

WHEREAS, The School Department's educational mission includes personal development as well as academic achievement; and

WHEREAS, Competitive sports provide an incomparable setting for personal development; and

WHEREAS, Competitive sports also can boost children's interest in school and interaction with positive role models; and

WHEREAS, Competitive sports can be particularly beneficial in the middle school years, in which children need to navigate the challenges of adolescence and peer pressure; and

WHEREAS, The Providence Public Schools, despite their financial challenges, operate a middle school sports program on a shoestring budget that serves approximately 600 student-athletes out of approximately 5,300 middle school students; and

WHEREAS, The cost for the program is currently around \$12,000 per year, and could be improved with an additional \$13,000 per year; and

WHEREAS, The upper range of this budget represents less than \$50 per student-athlete per year, less than \$5 per middle school student per year, less than .02% of City's contribution to the School Department budget (\$125 million) and less than .01% of the overall School Department Budget (\$350 million plus); and

WHEREAS, Notwithstanding these enormous benefits and modest costs, the School Department does not have a dedicated budget line item for middle school sports.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council urges the School Department to include a permanent line item in its budget for middle school sports in the range of \$12,000 - \$25,000.

IN CITY COUNCIL

MAR 17 2016

READ AND PASSED

PRES.

CLERK

Effective without the
Mayor's Signature


Lori L. Hagen
City Clerk