

City of Providence
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 251

EFFECTIVE April 27, 2015

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

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READ AND PASSED

PRES.

CLERK

Effective without the
Mayor's Signature

Lori L. Hagen

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City Clerk