

City of Providence

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 252

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 and high school years, in which children need to navigate the challenges of adolescence and peer pressure; and

WHEREAS, The Providence Public Schools cannot afford to participate in the State's middle school interscholastic athletic program due to high costs, particularly the cost of middle school athletic coaches as stipulated in the Providence Teachers Union contract; and

WHEREAS, The Providence Teachers Union contract calls for middle school athletic coach compensation in the amount of 10% of salary, which translates to between \$3,800 and \$7,600; and

WHEREAS, The School Department's current middle school sports program attracts talented and dedicated coaches who are willing to provide their services for stipends of \$1,000 or less; and

WHEREAS, The rate for Providence teachers is significantly higher than neighboring communities such as Cranston (\$3,000 plus or minus \$100) and Pawtucket (\$1,700 to \$2,500); and

WHEREAS, The Providence Teachers Union Contract is currently in mediation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby urges the administration to negotiate changes in the compensation for middle school sports coaches that would meet Statewide norms for affordability and which would support the participation of Providence's middle school students in the State's interscholastic middle school sports leagues.

IN CITY COUNCIL

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READ AND PASSED

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Effective without the
Mayor's Signature


Lori L. Hagen
City Clerk