



**TO:** Liam Skinner, Superintendent

**FROM:** Oneida Fox Roye, EdD, Assistant Superintendent 

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**RE:** Enhance Intramural Sports Programs at the Middle Schools

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The following is in response to the motion submitted by Eileen DelRossi on 10/16/24.  
*Request the superintendent to collaborate with appropriate school and or City of Lowell staff to enhance intramural sports programs at the middle school level.*

This Response to Motion (RTM) summarizes the enhanced Lowell Middle School intramural programs, highlighting key successes, ongoing initiatives, and areas requiring attention.

**Program Expansion and Successes:**

- The program has expanded to offer five sports: Cross Country, Wrestling, Basketball, Soccer, and Volleyball.
- **Cross Country:** The season culminated in a successful championship race at Shedd Park on October 16th, with Lowell teams securing victory in all four races.
- **Wrestling:** The program recently concluded its citywide championship meet, awarding team championships and individual medals. Notably, Lowell HS athletes and coaches played a key role in leading this program.
- **Basketball:** The season is underway with full boys and girls teams from all nine schools. The championship games are scheduled for February 10th at Lowell HS.
- **Volleyball:** The spring season promises high engagement, with all nine schools fielding full boys and girls teams. The championship matches will be held on May 19th at Lowell HS.
- **Soccer:** Utilizing a citywide model to maximize participation, the program utilizes UML recreation fields for clinics and games. Lowell HS soccer program and the Lowell Police community services have provided valuable leadership and support.

**Key Dependencies and Considerations:**

The sustained success and growth of the middle school sports program rely heavily on several key factors:

- **Staffing:** Ensuring adequate staffing for after-school practices and games is crucial.

- **Site Management:** Effective site managers are needed to oversee contests and ensure smooth operations.
- **Security:** Security and School Resource Officer (SRO) coverage is essential for the safety and well-being of students during contests.
- **Transportation:** Reliable transportation for students to and from games and events is critical.
- **Referees:** Securing qualified referees for all sports is paramount to fair play and competition.
- **Venues:** Access to appropriate venues for all sporting events is essential.

**Looking Ahead:**

The Lowell Middle School intramural sports program is thriving, offering a diverse range of athletic opportunities to students. Continued focus on the key dependencies outlined above will be essential to ensure the program's continued success and positive impact on the student community. It is particularly noteworthy to acknowledge the collaborative efforts of the Lowell HS athletic programs, the Lowell Police community services, and the wider community in supporting these programs.