

# **H.H. Dow High School**

## **All Sports Booster Club**

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To: Midland Community of H.H. Dow High School

H.H. Dow has a proven record of academic excellence. We have one of the best-rated schools in the state, if not the country. The Staff of Dow High and Midland Public Schools do the very best that they can to maintain that standard. The bar is very high.

The academic education, while the most important, is not the whole education that a student receives at Dow High. Watching Graduation and attending Open Houses, one can see that the bonds these kids build with each other is not all done in the classroom. Much of it, in fact, is done on the sports fields, gyms, music rooms, stages, and clubs that Dow has to offer. There is nothing better than Homecoming on a warm fall night. The number of students that take part is truly amazing.

We have all heard about the shrinking budgets that are affecting MPS. The funding for the extra curricular actives like every things else has been cut. The All Sports Boosters believes that maintaining these actives are key elements for a well-rounded education.

Our yearly operating budget is \$19,250. The operating budget is used to provide coaching clinics, sprit money, and other money to each of the 24 sports programs. After the operating budget, the rest of the money goes to fund equipment requests from the Coaches and Athletic Director. In school year 2007-2008 the Booster, provide a record \$72,053 to the Dow High Sports programs. The types of requests that we have seen over the past few years has been changing from items that would make the programs more competitive to items that are required to compete and are growing each year.

In addition to providing monetary support, the membership has provided countless number of volunteer hours to reduce cost by providing transportation, event workers, and programs support.

When I moved to Midland in 1987, I was truly impressed with how the community supported Midland Public Schools. When the vote was taken to change how schools were funded, I knew in the back of my mind it was good for the state and that the Midland Community would find a way to get things done. We need to continue to look for ways to get things done for our community.

We owe the current and next generations of students the availably of quality educational athletic programs. Please consider showing your community support by becoming a member of the Dow All Sport Boosters. We are in need both your finical and volunteer support.

You will also notice in our membership rewards, we have moved away from sports punch cards. This decision was made in an effort to keep the membership contributions inside the walls of Dow High. The exception is with our Gold Elite Memberships who will receive two all-sport annual pass cards. Punch passes are still available for purchase at the ticket counters and the Athletic Office.

Thank for reading and please support the organizations that support the extra curricular activities at H. H. Dow High.

Kind Regards,  
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President H.H. Dow All Sports Booster