

H.H. Dow High School All Sports Booster Club

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To: Midland Community of HH Dow High School

H.H. Dow High School 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, occurs on the sports fields, gyms, music rooms, stages and clubs that Dow has to offer. There is nothing better than Homecoming on a cool fall night. The number of students that take part in these numerous non-academic events is truly amazing.

We have all heard about the shrinking budgets that are affecting MPS. The funding for the extra curricular activities like every thing else has been cut. The All Sports Booster Club believes that maintaining these actives is a 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 funds to each of the 25 sports programs. After the operating budget, the rest of the money goes to fund equipment requests from the Coaches and Athletic Director. Over the last two years, we have provided over \$107,000 for these requests. The types of requests we have received over the past few years are changing from items that would make the programs more competitive to items that are required to compete and the dollar amounts are growing each year.

In addition to providing monetary support, the membership has provided countless volunteer hours in an effort to reduce costs 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. Now is that time when we, the entire Midland Community, need to get things done.

We owe the current and future generations of students the availability of quality educational athletic programs. Please consider showing your community support by becoming a member of the H H Dow All Sport Boosters. We need both your financial and volunteer support.

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

Kind Regards,

Phil Hansens –

President H.H. Dow All Sports Boosters