



CUMBERLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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Good afternoon grade 8/9 CCS families,

As we prepare for the 2025–2026 athletic year, we want to share an important update regarding our athletic programming at Cumberland Community School.

Due to rising costs and after thoughtful consultation with the CCS Parent Advisory Council (PAC), we will be implementing a system of athletic fees for our Grade 8 and 9 sports teams. To this end, a fee of **\$20 per grade 8/9 student, per sport** will be requested of CCS families.

This change will help support the sustainability of our athletic programs and brings our school into alignment with other grade 8/9 programs in the high schools across School District 71. The collected fees will be used to offset costs related to:

- Equipment replacement
- Short distance travel
- Refereeing
- Uniform replacement

We strongly believe that **no student should feel excluded from participating in school sports due to financial barriers**. If your family anticipates difficulty in covering these fees, we ask that you please reach out to us at the school. We are committed to help, and thereby ensure that every student has the opportunity to play, grow, and enjoy the benefits of school sports.

Finally, please note that these athletic fees do not cover all expenses associated with student sports. Additional costs—such as longer distance travel, ferry fares, and/or hotel stays for tournaments will carry additional fees for players.

Thank you for your continued support of our school community and student athletes. We look forward to another exciting year of teamwork, growth, and school spirit.

Warren Colegrave

Principal

Cumberland Community School