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CPS ATHLETIC IMPROVEMENTS

On Tuesday, November 6, Charlotte Public Schools will be asking the community to vote on a bond for improvements and renovations to our schools. A portion of the bond money would go toward athletic facility improvements. The following are a few of the athletic facility improvements that if approved, will be included in the bond:

The first improvement will help to build eight (8) tennis courts for our high school tennis program. Charlotte is one of three schools in the greater Lansing area that does not have their own tennis courts. Currently, the high school tennis teams, out of necessity, must use the city courts. The city courts are showing years of use and have maintenance concerns including significant cracks in the playing surface. Additionally, there are only four (4) city courts, which does not allow for competition matches or tournaments, let alone a good practice venue for our singles and doubles players. As a result, of not having our own courts, all matches for our student athletes are away. Parents and family members must travel to each meet and our teams are unable to enjoy a home-court advantage or crowd. New courts could be a revitalization for the entire tennis program.

The second addition to the athletic facilities would be the addition of an Auxiliary Gym at the high school. Many of our competitors in the greater Lansing area have an auxiliary gym at their high school. While our dome is one of the greatest venues for watching high school athletics, it isn't effective or sufficient when trying to schedule practices. Adding an auxiliary gym would allow us to schedule high school practices immediately after school, which will free up time for our youth programs to practice at a more reasonable hour in the evening. As you may be aware, some of our youth now practice until after 9 pm. Furthermore, with no auxiliary gym, we are unable to host a high school competitive cheer meet at the high school. We have one of the best competitive cheer programs in the state and we have to hold their invites and competitions at the middle school.

The last part of the athletic facility improvements would include a concession and restroom facility for the tennis, baseball, and softball venues. Right now, baseball and softball players and fans have to use port-a-johns, which has not been ideal in the spring.

All the above improvements have the potential to highlight our community, as we would have the ability to host tournaments for a variety of high school athletic programs. Tournaments are a wonderful way to highlight both the school system and our community as a whole. Additionally, it is the intention of the school district that once the tennis courts are built the courts would be available for community use at specified times.