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To: Donna Peterson, Superintendent
Members, Board of Education

From: Dave Spence, Executive Secretary 
Kenai Peninsula School Activities Association

Through: Dave Jones, Assistant Superintendent 

Subject: Proposals for Club Basketball at Port Graham and Nanwalek Schools

Proposals from Port Graham and Nanwalek schools have been submitted to the Kenai Peninsula School Activities Association requesting that basketball be added to their schools' high school activity programs for the 2007-08 school year. (Please see attached.) Port Graham is requesting the addition of only a boys' team, while Nanwalek believes there is sufficient interest at their school for both boys' and girls' teams.

In order to assess the viability of these requests, KPSAA recommends approval by the Board of Education as club activities for this school year at no cost to the district.

Thank you.

Attachment
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PORT GRAHAM SCHOOLS
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Dave Spence,

Port Graham would like to add a basketball club for the 2007-2008 school year. We understand that we will be considered a club for 1 year and then be allowed to apply to become a KPSAA sanctioned team for the 2009-2009 school year. Port Graham school meets the following guidelines for adding an activity:

1. **Need:** The students and community in Port Graham have expressed a desire to establish a basketball team. Our need for this program is to help our students overall health and moral. We hope that through this basketball program they will become more independent and responsible and be more committed to academic excellence. There is currently no other program for the Port Graham High School youth except NYO.
2. **Budgetary Considerations:** The school is planning to form a student led fund raising group to help raise the needed monies for travel and other expenses. We have the support of our community and will also request their assistance when appropriate.
3. **Probationary Period:** Port Graham School is aware that there is a 1 year probationary period. During current school year, the school will keep student participation, eligibility, and fundraising records to justify adding basketball for the 2008-2009 school year.
4. **Facility:** Port Graham School has a gymnasium that will be used for practices and scrimmages this year.
5. **Number of Participants:** Port Graham high school currently has 7 students expressing interest in participating in basketball. We will mail a hard copy of the student sign-up sheet along with a hard copy of this letter.
6. **Community support:** The Site Base Committee, parents and school staff all support the addition of basketball.
The topic was discussed at the 9/27/07 meeting.
7. **Coaching:** Port Graham School has at least 1 adult volunteer, Father David Ogan who is willing to coach the team this year. He is willing to pursue coaching certification following the requirements in the Alaska Schools Activity Association.
8. **Compatibility with Regions/Borough:** There are at least 8 schools with similar enrollment.
9. **Out-of school time:** Practices will run daily for about 60 minutes after school. Scrimmages will take place on weekends. Basketball practice and games are not expected to require any time out of the classroom.
10. **Safety:** Father David Ogan is certified in first aid.
11. **Weather:** Weather may impact travel opportunities, but will not be a factor in the operation of this indoor activity.

Sincerely,
Peggy Arnold-Hoobler
Principal/Teacher



Nanwalek Elementary/High School

Dave Spence,

Nanwalek would like to add a basketball club for the 2007-2008 school year. The intent is to operate as a club for 1 year and then apply to become a KPSAA sanctioned team for the 2009-2009 school year. Nanwalek school meets the following guidelines for adding an activity:

12. **Need:** The students and community in Nanwalek frequently communicate a desire to establish student athletics. Student athletics help build school-spirit and individual commitment and responsibility.
13. **Budgetary Considerations:** The school has formed a Student Activity Club that fundraises nightly for student opportunities. This year, the club will raise money for basketball and NYO travel. Plane tickets cost about between \$60-\$100 per person. The club has already raised enough money to sponsor 2 trips this year.
14. **Probationary Period:** Nanwalek School is aware that there is a 1 year probationary period. During current school year, the school will keep student participation, eligibility, and fundraising records to justify adding basketball for the 2008-2009 school year.
15. **Facility:** Nanwalek School has a gymnasium that will be used for practices and scrimmages this year.
16. **Number of Participants:** Nanwalek high school has 19 students, all of whom have expressed interest in participating in athletics.
17. **Community support:** The SBC supports the addition of basketball and other athletic programs. The topic was discussed at the 9/27/07 meeting.
18. **Coaching:** Nanwalek School has at least 2 volunteers willing to coach the team this year. Both of whom have first aid certifications.
19. **Compatibility with Regions/Borough:** There are at least 8 schools with similar enrollment.
20. **Out-of school time:** Practices will run daily for about 90 minutes after school. Scrimmages will take place on weekends. Basketball is not expected to require any time out of the classroom.
21. **Safety:** Coaching staff will complete first aid training and will take the required coaching course.
22. **Weather:** Weather may impact travel opportunities, but will not be a factor in the operation of this indoor activity.

Sincerely,

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