

# *Office of Athletics and Co-Curricular Activities*

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Monday, February 22, 2010, a group of community members and parents from the Youngsville attendance area shared a concern about the YMCA Elementary Basketball Program. Several of the concerns were cost, travel, lack of fundamentals being taught, and the lack of success of the Youngsville basketball programs. The group was requesting that Bidy Basketball be reintroduced to the Warren County School District.

The Bidy Basketball and Tabby Football programs were dropped by the school district in 2003. The YMCA picked up the basketball league and the community of Warren and Youngsville each developed elementary football leagues. The YMCA offers financial aid to parents who cannot afford the price.

Warren County School District does not financially support any elementary sports programs. During the presentation to the board, Ms. Thompson stated that the elementary wrestling programs are in the schools. As a point of clarification, the elementary wrestling program is not sponsored by the school district. The elementary wrestling programs fill out a building utilization form and reserve the time at the various schools. Community groups/organizations are given the opportunity to use the school facilities as long as they fill out the building utilization form and have proof of insurance, understanding that school functions/practices/games take precedence over outside organizations.

There were many issues when the school district ran the Bidy Basketball program. Many of the coaches refused to follow the school district's clearances and attending the required Special Education meeting. It was difficult finding referees and most of the time coaches or young people would referee. The referees (even though they volunteered) would take a lot of grief from parents.

In 2003, "the administration (elementary principals) and the athletic committee felt that what the "Y" is able to offer the youth would be a benefit to them". I met with Mr. Turner from the YMCA and discussed how the program can be improved. The school district believes the YMCA can continue to run Bidy Basketball and each community can develop their own programs as they see fit.