

*Office of
Athletics and Co-Curricular Activities*

MEMORANDUM

TO: Personnel/Athletics and Co-Curricular Activities Committee

FROM: John N. Werner
Supervisor of District-Wide Athletics and Co-Curricular Activities

RE: Additional Certified Athletic Trainer (ATC) Services

DATE: March 8, 2007

The Warren County School District currently provides reimbursement to Warren General Hospital for the services of our Certified Athletic Trainer (ATC). We effectively pay the salary of our ATC while WGH provides mileage and benefits. Our present expense is \$35,020. A request has been made from various avenues to increase our ATC staff.

At a recent meeting of our Building Athletic Coordinators, it was noted that while we are very satisfied with the services offered by our trainer, she is seriously shorthanded. Our student-athletes participate on 92 squads, each of which follows its own schedule. Mrs. Shene obviously cannot service our student-athletes at more than one location. If that isn't enough, Mrs. Shene has direct statistics which show that 70% of our injuries occur at practices. It is highly unlikely that she is present when an athlete sustains an injury at practice. Furthermore, she has virtually no opportunity to address injury prevention with our staff.

Mrs. Shene has noted that in addition to her responsibilities of covering events and practices, she manages our ImPACT Concussion Management program and she is our only Certified Weight Assessor, servicing wrestling squads at five schools. These activities extend Mrs. Shene beyond reasonable expectations. Further, should Mrs. Shene not be available, we would have to contract her Certified Weight Assessor responsibilities from somewhere. Most likely, we would pay an Assessor from another school an hourly rate.

Finally, Mrs. Deborah Swanson of Rehab Works of WGH has also petitioned us to consider increasing our ATC services. Mrs. Swanson noted that a student will graduate and complete ATC certification soon and will be available. That in itself is noteworthy as we searched for over a full year before we hired Mrs. Shene, our current trainer. Mrs. Swanson also noted that Dr. Johnson of Orthopedic Surgeons of Warren supports the expansion of our ATC staff. Dr. Johnson and his staff may see increased referrals for our trainers. However, Mrs. Swanson feels WGH would consider adjusting our expenses dependent upon that increase. A competitive salary might fall in the range of \$25,000 - \$28,000. It is anticipated that \$25,000 would be the maximum expense that the WCSD would incur.

Thank you for considering this service to our student-athletes. I look forward to further discussion and the opportunity to answer your questions and concerns.

JNW/wn