



September 5, 2023

Oregon Community Unit School District Board of Education  
c/o President Bryan Wills  
206 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Oregon, IL 61061

RE: Athletic Partnerships

On behalf of the Oregon Park District staff and athletic participants I would like to recognize several OHS athletic coaches for their efforts to assist the Oregon Park District in developing our youth volunteer athletic coaches and youth athletes. Youth athletics can be an exciting experience for many and the first opportunity these young individuals come in contact with team sports.

For many years, the park district has investigated options with OHS to enlist varsity coaches to assist with coaching clinics, youth skill development and impressing upon our youth the importance of being an Oregon Hawk. A renewed emphasis was placed on these efforts in 2018-19. Since that time, we continue to build programming through our organizations to benefit students in OCUSD #220.

We want to recognize the successful efforts of your coaches during the 2022-23 school year. From September 2022-August 2023 we provided opportunities to increase students' exposure to athletics through camps and sports nights.

In the 2022-23 School year we had participation from Nate Girton, Varsity Baseball Coach; Segar Larson, Varsity Soccer Coach; Olyvia Donahue, Varsity Girls Basketball; Tiffany Rufer, Varsity Soccer Coach; Farrell Tremble, Varsity Volleyball Coach; Jarrett Reynolds, OHS Varsity Basketball Coach and Broc Kundert, Varsity Football Coach. Their efforts allowed us to offer skills-based camps, clinics, and assistance to our volunteer coaches.

As a result, the park district has contributed \$11,074.45 in 2022-23 back to their respective programs in return for their services. The organizations were given 100% of all proceeds. Camps and clinics were held throughout the year and included baseball, boys and girls basketball, volleyball, soccer, Little Baseball All-Stars, and two new summer additions of Strength Camp and Little Athletes.

In addition to camps, we've had several teams step up to volunteer during the year. Special thank you to Andy Eckardt and the Bass Fishing Club. Mr. Eckardt and several students volunteered during our June Pop Up and Play at Lutheran Outdoor Ministries to teach and assist kids with fishing. Thank you to the



OHS Wrestling and OHS Soccer teams for volunteering during our August Color Run. We appreciate the coaches and students volunteer efforts in our community.

A highlight for our youth teams is our OHS High School nights. Players are invited to come support OHS Athletics on a specific night, receive free admission, a treat and get to participate in some way in the evening. Thank you to Mr. Lawton for scheduling these nights and the coaches for getting youth involved. Nights were held for Baseball, Softball, Boys and Girls Soccer, Boys and Girls Basketball and Volleyball this year. Each year attendance increases and we look forward to what the 2023-24 school year brings.

As a District, we understand the commitment required of an OHS coach and hope to continue to develop our relationships with each coach to directly benefit our volunteer coaches and the skill development of each future Oregon Hawk.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tina Ketter'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Tina' and last name 'Ketter' clearly distinguishable.

Tina Ketter  
Superintendent of Recreation

CC: Dr. Tom Mahoney, Superintendent of Schools; Heidi Deininger, OHS Principal