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Re: Concord School District's Community Education Program

Dear ~~Mr. Gill~~: *David*

The Concord School District is in the process of finalizing our 2017-2018 Budget. This particular year has been difficult due to the increases in salaries, benefits – in particular New Hampshire Retirement System (NHRS), new debt service due to the closure of Concord Steam, and the request to add full-day kindergarten to our education programming.

As part of process, we have been reviewing our Community Enrichment Program, known as "Community Ed." Our school board has also been very supportive of this program and feels strongly that this program is a valuable community asset. This program has been around since the late 1970's, and has offered a variety of quality programs by both independent community and non-community vendors, and district staff. These programs include archery, cooking, sewing, computer, art classes, music, world languages and more.

During our review of this program, it has become apparent us that we are likely offering duplicative programs with the city's Parks and Recreation Department. In addition, we know that the city is building a new community center and wanting to expand services to the greater Concord community. Therefore, after discussion with the superintendent and the school board, I would like to discuss the idea of the Parks & Recreation Department taking over the Community Enrichment Program. I know there are many other factors to consider and we are willing to provide whatever program and cost information that you need to make your determination.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this request. I look forward to talking with you soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jack Dunn". The signature is written over a horizontal line.

Jack Dunn
Business Administrator

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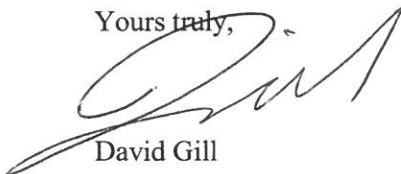
Dear Mr. Dunn,

Thank you for your letter regarding the Concord School District's Community Enrichment Program and the offer to turn it over to the Concord Parks and Recreation Department. The City is interested in discussing the possibilities with the School District.

As you stated, many of the programs offered by the School District's Community Enrichment Program and Parks and Recreation may be duplicative and our residents may be better served by having all programs coordinated through one organization. Additionally, the City's new Community Center will provide a great space to increase the number of programs offered to the community.

Please let us know of your availability to continue the conversation.

Yours truly,



David Gill

Parks and Recreation Director

cc Tom Aspell, City Manager



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