

To Whom It May Concern,

Who We Are

This letter has been composed on behalf of Grant County Little League Basketball, a non-profit organization created and managed for the betterment of the community. The league's general purpose is to facilitate an organized basketball league for the local youth, with a primary focus of enhancing children's development in grades 1-7.

What We Do

Each year, our league serves hundreds of participants (players and cheerleaders) as we aim to develop a love of the game of basketball while more importantly developing and instilling critical characteristics in the children we serve, namely; teamwork, leadership, work ethic, and communication.

Challenges We Face

Historically, one of the single greatest obstacles the league has faced is associated with consistent access to gym space. Our league is bifurcated into two primary groups – Junior League and Little League. The Junior League division begins play in the fall and ends around Christmas, while the Little League begins in December with a season that extends into March.

Given the time frame in which we operate, we must compete for gym space with varying Middle School and Varsity programs. We have only an Elementary and High School (unfortunately no Intermediate or Middle School), leaving only three gyms to be split among the two facilities (the Elementary School has a single gym, while the High School boasts an "old gym" and a "new gym"). These three facilities are shared among the school for traditional school activities and extracurricular events, while also providing space for the following school athletic programs:

- Varsity & Middle School Volleyball
- Varsity Boys & Girls Basketball
- Middle School Boys & Girls Basketball
- Varsity Wrestling
- Varsity Archery
- Softball (late season Little League, when weather does not permit outside practice)
- Baseball (late season Little League, when weather does not permit outside practice)

Solution

The waiting list remains long for access to the limited gym space currently available and the community has a significant need for additional multi-purpose gym and event space. The addition of a new facility would materially improve our players and coaches' overall engagement and propensity for success, as continued strain to access space represents a relentless impediment to ensuring adequate practice and game time is provided to each child.

Your consideration in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

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