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Department of Facilities and Transportation Services

City Square Building, Suite 300
10640 Page Avenue
Fairfax, Virginia 22030

October 15, 2009

Mr. Clement Chan
Fairfax County Athletic Council
12011 Government Center Parkway
Fairfax, Virginia 22035

Dear Mr. Chan:

We are receipt of your letter to Superintendent Jack Dale, dated September 22, 2009, regarding the possible inclusion of badminton lines in FCPS middle school gyms. While we do not disagree that community members have a stake in our schools, it is essential that the facility is designed to maintain the focus on the educational program.

The design of our schools is a collaborative effort between the Department of Instructional Services, Special Services, and Facilities and Transportation Services (Office of Design and Construction). We receive input from various users of our buildings including Fairfax County Community and Recreation Services.

In the near future we will embark upon the creation of a new educational specification where we will introduce your request for the badminton lines to be included as part of the middle school gymnasium striping.

Thank you for sharing your request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dean A. Tistadt', written in a cursive style.

Dean A. Tistadt
Chief Operating Officer

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cc: Jack Dale, Superintendent, FCPS
Patricia Harrison, Director, Fairfax County Community and Recreation Services
Bill Curran, Director, Student Activities and Athletic Programs, FCPS
Kevin Sneed, Director, Design and Construction, FCPS



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Dr. Jack Dale, Superintendent
Fairfax County Public Schools
Office of the Superintendent
Fairfax County School Administration Center
8115 Gatehouse Road
Falls Church, VA 22042

Dear Dr. Dale:

On behalf of the Fairfax County Athletic Council, I would like to thank Fairfax County Public Schools for its support of community athletics in the county. As the Athletic Council member-at-large, I represent new and emerging sports. Badminton is an emerging and rapidly growing sport in the county. Therefore, I have been working with the Department of Community and Recreation Services (CRS) to provide badminton space to the community at middle school gyms.

In general, Fairfax County middle school gyms are not designed for badminton, which requires a 24-foot high ceiling, but the floor surface used at new and renovated schools is adequate. While I understand that building structures cannot be readily modified to accommodate the height requirement for badminton, installing the standard floor layout for badminton courts which is 44' x 20' (please see the attached diagram) in middle school gyms would pose no significant costs to the schools either being renovated or built. While Holmes and Kilmer Middle Schools both have standard badminton layouts, other middle schools do not. A good example is Key Middle School, which was renovated in 2006-2007. During the renovation, six 39-foot-long badminton courts were installed in the Key Middle School gym. Instead of the 39-foot courts, it would have cost nothing extra to design six standard 44-foot-long badminton courts.

I understand that the badminton community's problems cannot be addressed all at once or overnight, but the badminton community has been very patient and has tried to become constructively engaged in the sports community. When I inquired whether future renovations of middle school gyms would include badminton layouts, I was told that the schools do lay out standard badminton courts as that sport is not played in the middle schools. However, the schools are a community asset and the community plays badminton.

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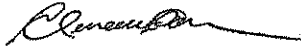
Dr. Jack Dale
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Therefore, the Athletic Council requests that future renovations of middle school gyms include standard layouts for badminton courts. This policy would not impact the cost of renovation and would facilitate further development of badminton in the county. If more courts were available for badminton use, CRS would have additional options for scheduling badminton groups and would be better able to meet geographic needs. CRS would also be able to make adjustments when schools become unavailable due to maintenance or school activities.

I would be happy to meet with your staff to further discuss any element of my request. I can be reached at clement.chan@evergreensports.net or (C) 703-577-9760.

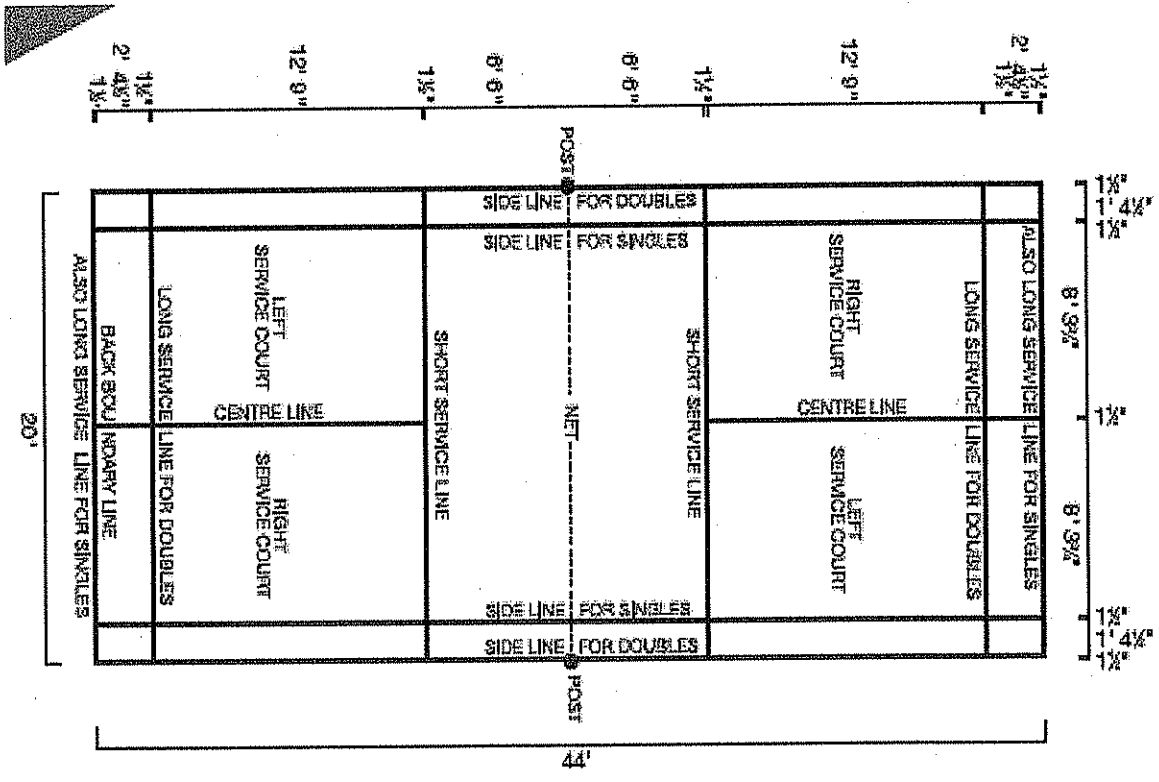
Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,



Clement Chan
Member-At-Large

cc: Patricia D. Harrison, Director, Community and Recreation Services
Bill Curran, FCPS Director of Student Activities and Athletic Programs
Fairfax County Athletic Council



**Standard Badminton Court Measurement
Specification per World Badminton Federation**