

**Continuous Improvement of the
Lakewood City School Athletic Department
and
Recreation Department Programming**

_____ moved and _____
seconded the motion that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, the Lakewood City School District is committed to achieving excellence in offering athletic and recreational activities for students; and

WHEREAS, the District strives to be responsive to the extracurricular and recreational needs of Lakewood students; and

WHEREAS, the ultimate goal is to improve academic achievement among student athletes; and

WHEREAS, the Lakewood City School District is committed to improving student participation in athletics and recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Lakewood Athletic Department and the Recreation Department are committed to improving collaboration in order to provide programming excellence; and

WHEREAS, accountable administrative oversight is critical to ensuring academic, athletic, and recreational excellence for our students and youth;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

1. That the Lakewood City School District Board of Education hereby expresses its gratitude to the Lakewood Athletics – Building for Excellence Committee for their time and talent in this effort; and
2. That the Lakewood City School District Board of Education recognizes and accepts the report of the Lakewood Athletic – Building for Excellence Committee as an important tool for the administration to use to ensure excellence in our Lakewood City Schools Athletic Department and Recreation Department programming; and

3. That the Lakewood City School District Board of Education hereby directs that the appropriate administrators ensure the high expectations and require high levels of accountability to provide the best possible academic, athletic, and recreational experiences for our students and youth; and
4. That the Lakewood City School District Board of Education directs there to be seamless cooperation and coordination between the high school athletic department, the middle school athletic program, and the Recreation Department; that the Recreation Department and programs shall act as a feeder system for the high school athletic program; and the respective administrators, directors, and coaches be so coordinated, and that the appropriate administrators are accountable to evaluate to ensure the expectations are met; and
5. That the Lakewood City School District Board of Education directs the administration to be accountable to ensure that there is a consistent and standardized evaluation system in place for all coaches at the high school, middle school, and recreation levels, which include, but are not limited to, excellence in those areas of expectation specifically mentioned herein; and
6. That the Lakewood City School District Board of Education directs the high school athletic department, the middle school athletic program, and the Recreation Department to have annual goals, objectives, and targets in place prior to each school year designed to maximize the number of students and youth participating in all athletic and recreation programs; and
7. That the Lakewood City School District Board of Education directs there be a scholar athlete program to be in place by the start of the 2010-2011 school year wherein coaches and department directors will be accountable to ensure the monitoring of their respective student athletes' eligibility and academic performance, particularly the timely recognition and addressing of academic deficiencies and needs, and to provide study tables, parent/family contact, and/or other interventions to keep athletes academically sound and eligible; and
8. That the Lakewood City School District Board of Education honors and commends the Lakewood Athletic Boosters as the premier volunteer support organization for athletics and urges all parents, family members, friends of student athletes, and all those who support our programs, to be involved in the Boosters and their efforts; and
9. That the Lakewood City School District Board of Education directs that the high school and middle school athletic programs and the Recreation Department establish specific, articulated goals, objectives, and targets, and that these departments and coaches shall have specific, articulated goals, objectives, and targets for the success of all teams; and

10. That the Lakewood City School District Board of Education hereby approves and directs the administration to submit application to join the West Shore Athletic Conference effective for participation in the 2012-2013 school year; and
11. That the Lakewood City School District Board of Education directs the administration to provide the Board with quarterly progress reports, beginning on or before September 1, 2010; and
12. That the Lakewood City School District Board of Education directs the Superintendent to ensure the coordination of the various departments involved herein and to evaluate such performance; and
13. That the Lakewood City School District Board of Education recognizes its obligation to promote and support these programs to the best of the District's capability and to hold each program accountable for ensuring excellence in academics, athletics, and recreation, and to require high expectations of performance.