



## Department of Athletics

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To: Dr. Jon Dean, Superintendent of The Grosse Pointe Public School District

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Dr. Dean,

The following is a brief memo regarding usage and potential restructuring of athletic usage of the Practice Gym (formerly referred to as “The Girls’ Gym):

- The Practice Gym is no longer utilized for instructional purposes or lunch during the day.
- All three gyms (Main, Boll, and Practice) are only at full capacity in the winter and the first few weeks of spring only if our basketball teams have success in the MHSAA tournament.
- During the Winter, without the Practice Gym, we would still have 3 gyms by segmenting the Main Gym using the dividing wall which would effectively create two gyms that would each be equal in size to the Practice Gym.
  - On non-game days, the Main Gym would be segmented for two programs to utilize and the Boll Center Gym would be available as well.
  - Furthermore, the MPR has been measured and planned to feasibly meet the needs of different athletic groups as well as the performing arts.
  - On game days, if one program has the Main Gym for competitions during the standard 4-9:30PM time and all other winter sports require practice space (none are playing away games) then:
    - Cheer would utilize the MPR
    - Girls basketball (2 teams) would rotate through the Boll Gym
    - Unified Basketball (who only practices one day per week) would be scheduled to practice on non-game days
- During the Spring, all programs require an “inclement weather contingency space” which we currently accommodate using 3 gyms, however, again, by dividing the main gym we are still able to accommodate all programs equally.
- There are four locker rooms in the Boll Center (two outside and two inside) which are currently underutilized which would absorb the usage of the Girls’ Varsity Locker Room.
- GPS has two pit locker rooms (adjacent to the Main Gym)

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- The boys “Pit Locker Room” was updated when the “Boys’ Gym” and “Boys’ Locker Room” were repurposed to the Multi-Purpose Room (MPR) and Arts Storage.
- Moving forward, the Girls Pit Locker room would need similar retrofitting and upgrades. The primary upgrades to this space would be moving the current lockers from the Girls’ Varsity Locker Room to the Girls’ Pit Locker Room.
- GPS has a Varsity Locker Room (near the baseball field) that would be restructured by the Athletic Office to meet the needs of both boys and girls athletics during their seasons.

Educationally Yours,

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