



BURGETTSTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Mr. Stephen P. Puskar
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Dear Parents/Guardians,

After thoughtful deliberation at last night's board meeting, the school board signaled its intention to eliminate the play-to-participate fee. A motion to rescind the pay-to-participate policy, which mandates the fee, will be made at the January, 2024 meeting. It is planned for the action to be retroactive to the start of the 2023-2024 school year.

In anticipation of the motion passing by a majority of the board, effective immediately we will pause the collection of pay-to-participate fees for the 2023-2024 school year. Recognizing that a number of individuals have already paid all or part of the fee this year, we plan to process refunds for those individuals. The refunds cannot begin to be issued until after the January meeting, and we will work to make the refund process as seamless as possible.

The school district does not believe that rescinding the policy will have an adverse effect on our athletic programs, and the school board remains committed to ensuring our programs continue to receive the financial support our families deserve and have come to know.