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Dear Members of the Jamesville-DeWitt Community,

Jamesville-DeWitt has a well deserved reputation for excellence. This is possible in great part because the Jamesville-DeWitt community has demonstrated the value it places on a quality comprehensive education.

The budget development process last year was very different from years past due to extremely challenging fiscal times. The result was a budget that trimmed many services and programs. In athletics we maintained our programs at the modified, JV and varsity levels, but cut several coaching positions, thus decreasing the number of students that would be able to participate in district-sponsored athletic programs.

Several community members expressed concern that limiting the opportunity for middle and high school students to participate in our inter-scholastic sports program would have a detrimental effect on their development. After consultation with the board of education and district administration, they took the lead to organize a fund-raising process with the goal of reinstating those positions, officiating costs and travel expenses that would bring the athletic program back to the full program that existed in 2010-11. I am very pleased to report that the SaveJD Sports organization, led by Eric Johnson, Joy Binder and Orit Antosh, accomplished this goal, successfully raising the funds necessary to maintain the same level of opportunity for our student athletes in the spring of 2012 as they had in 2011. The J-D Youth Athletic Association, J-D All Sports Booster Club and J-D Little League all made significant contributions to this effort which helped greatly in the accomplishment of the goal.

On behalf of the district and board of education, I wish to thank the SaveJDSports organization for its amazing contribution in support our student athletes. Students will have increased opportunity to be a part of an inter-scholastic athletic program due to the hard work and commitment of the community members in this organization. We are extremely grateful.

Sincerely,

Alice Kendrick  
Superintendent of Schools