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MISSION STATEMENT

D.C. Everest Area School District, in partnership with the community, is committed to being an innovative educational leader in developing knowledgeable, productive, caring, creative, responsible individuals prepared to meet the challenges of an ever-changing global society.

TO: Dr. Kristine Gilmore, Superintendent

FROM: Jack E. Stoskopf, Jr., Assistant Superintendent for Business/Personnel Services

RE: Elimination of Gymnastics Program

DATE: April 19, 2011

Currently only 4 schools (including DCE) offer girl's gymnastics. The number of participants has decreased greatly over the years. The low student participation has greatly increased the cost per participant as the fixed costs to run the sport remain the same. The cost per athlete is just over \$2,000 per participant. Total savings would exceed **\$18,000**.

The local non-school program for gymnastics also overlaps the school season. Students cannot participate in both. The local non-school option keeps the opportunity to participate in gymnastics available for our students who are interested.

The equipment could be sold quite readily and those funds could be used to convert the current room where all the equipment is stored into a useable space for physical education and other after school dance activities.

It is recommended that the board eliminate the girl's gymnastics program.



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To: Dr. Kristine Gilmore
From: Thomas W. Johansen
Date: April 12, 2011
Subject: Gymnastics Program

Please forward information to the School Board that we are in need of canceling our gymnastics program at the high school. The program has waned in participation over the last several seasons, ending in the most recent season with eight varsity athletes. When we looked at the potential of upcoming athletes, it was evident the numbers were not increasing and most likely would continue to decrease. This athletic program is an expensive program with high equipment maintenance costs and high costs for competition referees and coaches. It is my recommendation with the confirmation of our athletic director that we cancel this athletic program.

The availability of gymnastics club sport programs in our area has impacted the decreasing numbers of athletes in this program. Athletes are able to compete and practice year-round in the club sport programs. Both Wausau East and Wausau West cancelled their gymnastics programs in previous school years because of these same issues. Only 3 other Wisconsin Valley Schools offer gymnastics programs and communications with these schools have verified enrollment problems as well.

We have notified the WIAA and the Wisconsin Valley conference of our need to cancel the program because of our declining participation levels.

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