



# SOCASTEE HIGH SCHOOL

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Principal  
Dr. Paul K. Browning

January 9, 2015

Dr. Rick Maxey

Superintendent, Horry County Schools

Dr. Maxey:

The purpose of this letter is to request start-up funds for Lacrosse at Socastee High School. There are letters and budgets included from Matt Fox, our men's Lacrosse coach, that explains the history of Lacrosse at SHS, as well as a memo from Tim Renfrow, our Athletic Director.

Socastee has had Lacrosse for men and women since 2007. We started Lacrosse as a club program and later became affiliated with the SCHSL. We served multiple schools until last year. All fund raising was done by parents and team members and Lacrosse expenses were totally funded in this fashion until 2014. The fact that Lacrosse was started at Socastee has resulted in the sports growth at area high schools. We have had players from the high schools granted start-up money, and in truth, this is Carolina Forest's third year of Lacrosse. I am wondering why SHS was denied start-up money and CFHS was granted start-up money in their third year of operation.

We have fully funded Lacrosse since 2007 and we think we are responsible for the growth of Lacrosse in our sister schools, which is a huge positive for Horry County and high school athletics. I would request from a spirit of equity and equality that Socastee High School be granted start-up funds equal to our sister schools. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul K. Browning".

Paul K. Browning, Ed. D.

# *Socastee High School Braves Athletics*

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**Dr. Rick Maxey,**

**A Lacrosse Program was started about 8 years ago at Socastee High School. We operated as a club team for the first two years and in 2009 we became a part of the SCHSL. In 2014, Horry County Schools initiated paying for a Head Coach in Varsity Girls & Boys Lacrosse.**

**Our Lacrosse Program has been totally self-supportive until 2014. In 2014 the school began paying for officials and part of the team's transportation cost. The cost of the Lacrosse program has been a huge burden on our parents and community since its inception in 2007, but we felt it was a worthwhile endeavor for our students. Our students have normally purchased their own gear and therefore we have very little that is owned by the High School. Most of the fundraising money has been used for transportation and officials. However, fundraising for this specific sport has had an impact on our overall athletic fundraising.**

**We hope that you will understand that we have a need for Lacrosse start-up money at Socastee High School. We have not been able to keep much of our gear since it was paid for by former players and their parents. Therefore, in order to keep us on the same playing field with other schools, we will need to purchase equipment in order to compete. It is our request that Socastee High will not be discriminated against and will be granted the same amount of money for the Lacrosse program as other schools in the county will be granted.**

**Socastee High School initiated the Lacrosse programs in our school district and our parents and community incurred all the cost. We do not want to see Socastee High Athletics penalized for being the leaders of this program in our district.**

**Thank you for your consideration,**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Renfrow'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Tim Renfrow/Athletic Director**



# Socastee High School

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January 5, 2015

Dr. Rick Maxey,

Socastee Lacrosse has represented Socastee High School and Horry County Schools since the 2007 season. That was the first year that the players were allowed to play as a club program under the name of Socastee High School. Dr. Browning and former AD Roger Dixon were gracious enough to let us use the name and the football field for a game that year. In that same spring of 2007, the three of us and Bill Gullledge (the girl's head coach) met to begin planning to implement Socastee Lacrosse as an official sport at the high school. It was a great step forward, as the team had operated as a club financed through an independent financial backer from 1999 to 2007.

In 2007, the Socastee Lacrosse team was already represented by two other schools, having a player from North Myrtle Beach and Myrtle Beach High Schools. The 2008 season ended with excitement as the SCHSL had promised to run the tournament that year and the sport would be a fully sanctioned high school sport in 2009. At that point, Roger addressed the county for budget money to help with the sport, since it would be fully approved by the SCHSL, and we received none. That year was a great year as we made the state semi-finals (lower state championships), and represented our county with a player from North Myrtle Beach and two from Myrtle Beach. I was fortunate that year to be named Coach of the Year for SC and our goalie from Myrtle Beach was named All-American and wore Socastee Lacrosse with pride at his high school because it was our team.

We had hoped that our success and publicity for the sport and the recognition for the county would potentially gain some funding from the county, yet it did not. What our publicity did, however, do was gain students from other schools. 2010 was the first year that we had players join from Carolina Forest adding to the Myrtle Beach player we already had in our program as well as adding a JV team. While we did not do have the same success as a program, our growth continued. In 2011 we had 46 players on Varsity and JV, 10 from Carolina Forest, 3 from Myrtle Beach, and 3 from St. James High Schools. We truly were the county's team, yet we received no funding from the school district. Our last year as a combined team was 2012 and that was due to the SCHSL forbidding us from participating in the post-season due to the fact that we drew players from the four schools and our combined student population would make us larger than the largest 4A school. While we played that season out, it was heartbreaking and groundbreaking at the same time.

2013 began with new promise as the 10 players from Carolina Forest that had played for Socastee convinced their principal to allow them to play as a club team at Carolina

Forest. AD Bo Rainbow and Coach Zack McQuigg did a great job getting that off the ground with help from myself and our AD, David Bennett. We all thought that if Carolina Forest were successful, that the other schools could create teams and possibly get funding from the county. Unfortunately, that still has yet to happen at Socastee, yet our parents have done a great job raising the necessary funds to help finance our program over the past 9 years. I have attached our budgets from 2008-present to provide you with where our costs are, as well as two letters that Socastee sent to SCHSL that state our financial burdens at those times. While we are not a start-up program, we have continued financial burdens that all these other programs face as well.

I hope that you will consider providing our students the same financial backing as you have given Carolina Forest in their third year, Myrtle Beach, and St. James programs in their first years.

Respectfully,

*Matthew R Fox*

Matthew R. Fox  
Head Coach  
Socastee Lacrosse



SOCASTEE HIGH SCHOOL  
4900 SOCASTEE BOULEVARD; MYRTLE BEACH, SC 29588

October 22, 2012

Dr. Beth Taylor  
President, AAAA Athletic Conference – SCHSL  
Greenwood High School  
1816 Cokesbury Rd.  
Greenwood, SC 29649-9299

RE: Men's and Women's Lacrosse

Dear Dr. Taylor

The past three years, Socastee High School has requested the AAAA Athletic Conference of the SCHSL to allow the students of Horry County to operate as "combined" lacrosse teams (men and women). With the continued financial strains placed on the individual schools we are, again, requesting approval from the AAAA Conference to permit the students of Horry County to participate as a 'combined' team; one men's team and one women's team.

Horry County Schools will not be providing financial support for the lacrosse teams. As previously stated, the men's and women's lacrosse teams began as "club" teams at Socastee High School. Each parent and/or student has paid their own expenses and will continue to bear team expenses with the purchase of his/her equipment and travel; thus, there will be only one men's and one women's team currently operating out of Horry County.

On behalf of the students of Horry County wishing to participate in lacrosse, Socastee High School is requesting approval for the combination of males from Socastee High School and St. James High School to participate as a combined team. There are approximately five students from St. James High School that would like to participate.

Additionally, we are requesting approval for the combination of female students from Socastee, St. James, Carolina Forest, and Myrtle Beach High Schools to participate on the Socastee teams under the guidelines of the combined team format. There are approximately one to two students from Myrtle Beach and Carolina Forest, and approximately four students from St. James that would like to participate.

If you should have any questions, please call me at 843-293-1789 or email at: [dbennett@horrycountyschools.net](mailto:dbennett@horrycountyschools.net).

I will appreciate the understanding and consideration of the SCHSL AAAA Athletic Conference.

Sincerely

David Bennett

Note: This request is approved by the following Horry County Athletic Directors.

Boe Rainbow, Carolina Forest  
John Cahill, Myrtle Beach  
Joe Quigley, North Myrtle Beach  
Paula Lee, St. James

# *Socastee High School*

*Athletic Department 4900 Socastee Boulevard Myrtle Beach, SC 29588*



November 23, 2009

Mr. Marion Waters, Principal  
President, AAA Athletic Conference  
Greer High School  
300 East Gap Creek Road  
Greer, SC 29651

RE: Men's and Women's Lacrosse

Dear Mr. Waters

I spoke to Mr. Singleton earlier in the fall about combining the Horry County schools as combined lacrosse teams. Due to the current financial circumstances, Horry County Schools will not be providing financial support for the lacrosse teams which have previously operated as "club" teams at Socastee High School. Each parent or student will be burdened with assisting with team expenses; thus, there is only one men's and one women's team currently operating out of Horry County.

On behalf of those wishing to participate in lacrosse, Socastee High School is requesting that any male or female student in Horry County who wishes to participate in lacrosse be allowed to play on the Socastee team under the guidelines of the combined team format. Currently, it appears that students will be combined from Carolina Forest, North Myrtle Beach, Myrtle Beach, St. James and Socastee to make-up the team.

I will appreciate the understanding and consideration of the SCHSL AAA Conference.

Sincerely

*Roger Dixon*

Roger Dixon, CAA  
Socastee High School

<b>2015 Projected Socastee Lacrosse Costs</b>					
<b>Games</b>					
<b>Home Games</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Ave. Cost</b>	<b>Ref Cost</b>	<b>Games</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
Referees	2	150	300	7	\$2,100.00
<b>Away Games</b>	<b>Distance</b>	<b>Travel Rate</b>	<b>Bus Cost</b>	<b>Trips</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
Hilton Head	450	1.83	823.5	1	\$823.50
Columbia	326	1.83	596.58	1	\$596.58
Wilmington	90	1.83	164.7	0	\$0.00
Charleston	210	1.83	384.3	2	\$768.60
Waccamaw	53	1.83	96.99	1	\$96.99
Carolina Forest	25	1.83	45.75	1	\$45.75
<b>Bus Driver Cost</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Driver Rate</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Trip</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
Hilton Head	32	28	896	1	\$896.00
Columbia	10	28	280	1	\$280.00
Wilmington	6	28	168	0	\$0.00
Charleston	7	28	196	2	\$392.00
Waccamaw	3	28	84	1	\$84.00
Carolina Forest	3	28	84	1	\$84.00
<b><u>Game Costs Subtotal</u></b>					<b><u>\$6,167.42</u></b>
<b>Other Costs</b>			<b>Cost</b>	<b>Number</b>	
Balls	2 Cases		198	2	\$396.00
2 Jerseys and Shorts			110	30	\$3,300.00
Reversible Pack			6	15	\$90.00
Helmets			189	30	\$5,670.00
Scorebook			25	1	\$25.00
Sidewall String			25	0	\$0.00
String for Goals			20	2	\$40.00
Nets for Goals			100	2	\$200.00
Goals			400	2	\$800.00
<b><u>Other Costs Subtotal</u></b>					<b><u>\$10,521.00</u></b>
<b>Coaches Pay</b>	<b>Weeks</b>	<b>Hours/Wk</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Rate</b>	
Assistant Coach	21	24	504	1.984126984	\$1,000.00
JV Coach	9	12	108	4.62962963	\$500.00
<b><u>Coaches Pay Subtotal</u></b>					<b><u>\$1,500.00</u></b>
<b><u>2015 Estimated Total Costs</u></b>					<b><u>\$18,188.42</u></b>

<b>2014 Projected Socastee Lacrosse Costs</b>					
<b>Games</b>					
<b>Home Games</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Ave. Cost</b>	<b>Ref Cost</b>	<b>Games</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
Referees	2	150	300	7	\$2,100.00
<b>Away Games</b>	<b>Distance</b>	<b>Travel Rate</b>	<b>Bus Cost</b>	<b>Trips</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
Hilton Head	450	1.83	823.5	0	\$0.00
Columbia	326	1.83	596.58	1	\$596.58
Wilmington	90	1.83	164.7	1	\$164.70
Charleston	210	1.83	384.3	2	\$768.60
Waccamaw	53	1.83	96.99	1	\$96.99
Carolina Forest	25	1.83	45.75	1	\$45.75
<b>Bus Driver Cost</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Driver Rate</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Trip</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
Hilton Head	32	28	896	0	\$0.00
Columbia	10	28	280	1	\$280.00
Wilmington	6	28	168	1	\$168.00
Charleston	7	28	196	2	\$392.00
Waccamaw	3	28	84	1	\$84.00
Carolina Forest	3	28	84	1	\$84.00
<b><u>Game Costs Subtotal</u></b>					<b><u>\$4,780.62</u></b>
<b>Other Costs</b>			<b>Cost</b>	<b>Number</b>	
Balls	1 Cases		150	1	\$150.00
Home Shorts			35	30	\$1,050.00
Reversible Pack			0	15	\$0.00
Helmets			150	10	\$1,500.00
Scorebook			25	1	\$25.00
Sidewall String			25	0	\$0.00
String for Goals			20	2	\$40.00
Nets for Goals			0	2	\$0.00
<b><u>Other Costs Subtotal</u></b>					<b><u>\$2,765.00</u></b>
<b>Coaches Pay</b>	<b>Weeks</b>	<b>Hours/Wk</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Rate</b>	
Assistant Coach	21	24	504	1.984126984	\$1,000.00
JV Coach	9	12	108	4.62962963	\$500.00
<b><u>Coaches Pay Subtotal</u></b>					<b><u>\$1,500.00</u></b>
<b><u>2014 Estimated Total Costs</u></b>					<b><u>\$9,045.62</u></b>



<b>2013 Projected Socastee Lacrosse Costs</b>					
<b>Games</b>					
<b>Home Games</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Ave. Cost</b>	<b>Ref Cost</b>	<b>Games</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
Referees	2	150	300	7	\$2,100.00
<b>Away Games</b>	<b>Distance</b>	<b>Travel Rate</b>	<b>Bus Cost</b>	<b>Trips</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
Hilton Head	450	1.57	706.5	1	\$706.50
Camden	250	1.57	392.5	0	\$0.00
Wilmington	90	1.57	141.3	1	\$141.30
Charleston	210	1.57	329.7	2	\$659.40
Carolina Forest	25	1.57	39.25	1	\$39.25
<b><u>Game Costs Subtotal</u></b>					<b><u>\$3,646.45</u></b>
<b>Other Costs</b>			<b>Cost</b>	<b>Number</b>	
Balls	2 Cases		125	2	\$250.00
Paint	2 Cases		30	2	\$60.00
Home Jerseys			45	30	\$1,350.00
Reversible Pack			0	15	\$0.00
Helmets			150	10	\$1,500.00
Scorebook			25	1	\$25.00
Sidewall String			25	0	\$0.00
String for Goals			20	2	\$40.00
Nets for Goals			0	2	\$0.00
<b><u>Other Costs Subtotal</u></b>					<b><u>\$3,225.00</u></b>
<b>Coaches Pay</b>	<b>Weeks</b>	<b>Hours/Wk</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Rate</b>	
Head Coach	21	24	504	0	\$0.00
Assistant Coach	9	12	108	0	\$0.00
<b><u>Coaches Pay Subtotal</u></b>					<b><u>\$0.00</u></b>
					Total
<b><u>2013 Estimated Total Costs</u></b>					<b><u>\$6,871.45</u></b>

## 2012 Projected Socastee Lacrosse Costs

<b>Games</b>					
<b>Home Games</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Ave. Cost</b>	<b>Ref Cost</b>	<b>Games</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
Referees	2	150	300	6	\$1,800.00
<b>Away Games</b>	<b>Distance</b>	<b>Travel Rate</b>	<b>Bus Cost</b>	<b>Trips</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
Hilton Head	450	1.57	706.5	0	\$0.00
Camden	250	1.57	392.5	0	\$0.00
Wilmington	90	1.57	141.3	1	\$141.30
Charleston	210	1.57	329.7	4	\$1,318.80
Columbia	308	1.57	483.56	1	\$483.56
<b><u>Game Costs Subtotal</u></b>					<b><u>\$3,743.66</u></b>
<b>Other Costs</b>			<b>Cost</b>	<b>Number</b>	
Balls	2 Cases		125	2	\$250.00
Paint	2 Cases		30	2	\$60.00
Home Jerseys			45	30	\$1,350.00
Reversible Pack			50	15	\$750.00
Helmets			150	10	\$1,500.00
Scorebook			25	1	\$25.00
Sidewall String			25	0	\$0.00
String for Goals			20	2	\$40.00
Nets for Goals			125	2	\$250.00
<b><u>Other Costs Subtotal</u></b>					<b><u>\$4,225.00</u></b>
<b>Coaches Pay</b>	<b>Weeks</b>	<b>Hours/Wk</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Rate</b>	
Head Coach	21	24	504	1.488095238	\$750.00
Assistant Coach	9	12	108	4.62962963	\$500.00
<b><u>Coaches Pay Subtotal</u></b>					<b><u>\$1,250.00</u></b>
					Total
<b><u>2012 Estimated Total Costs</u></b>					<b><u>\$9,218.66</u></b>

2011 Projected Socastee Lacrosse Costs					
<b>Games</b>					
<b>Home Games</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Ave. Cost</b>	<b>Ref Cost</b>	<b>Games</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
Referees	2	150	300	5	\$1,500.00
<b>Away Games</b>					
	<b>Distance</b>	<b>Travel Rate</b>	<b>Bus Cost</b>	<b>Trips</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
Hilton Head	450	1.32	594	1	\$594.00
Camden	250	1.32	330	0	\$0.00
Wilmington	90	1.32	118.8	1	\$118.80
Charleston	210	1.32	277.2	2	\$554.40
<b><u>Game Costs Subtotal</u></b>					<b><u>\$2,767.20</u></b>
<b>Other Costs</b>					
			<b>Cost</b>	<b>Number</b>	
Balls	2 Cases		125	2	\$250.00
Paint	2 Cases		30	2	\$60.00
Home Jerseys			34	0	\$0.00
Reversible Pack			25	30	\$750.00
Helmets			100	5	\$500.00
Scorebook			25	1	\$25.00
Sidewall String			25	1	\$25.00
String for Goals			20	0	
Nets for Goals			125	0	
<b><u>Other Costs Subtotal</u></b>					<b><u>\$1,610.00</u></b>
<b>Coaches Pay</b>					
	<b>Weeks</b>	<b>Hours/Wk</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Rate</b>	
Head Coach	21	24	504	1.488095238	\$750.00
Assistant Coach	9	12	108	4.62962963	\$500.00
<b><u>Coaches Pay Subtotal</u></b>					<b><u>\$1,250.00</u></b>
					Total
<b><u>2011 Estimated Total Costs</u></b>					<b><u>\$5,627.20</u></b>

## Real Costs for Socastee Lacrosse for 2009 Season

### Current 2009

<u>Item</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Cost/Gm</u>	<u>Home Gms</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
Referees	2	65	130	6	780
Trainers	1	30	30	6	180
Paint (Case)	2	45	90	6	540
Balls (72)	1	118	118	1	118
SCLL Fee	1	225	225	1	225
Coach. Stip.	2	250	500	1	500
Helmets	3	90	270	1	270

**Subtotal** **2613**

<u>Bus Costs</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Mileage</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Games</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
Columbia	1	1.34	312	1	418.08
Charleston	1	1.34	186	2	498.48
Hilton Head	1	1.34	470	1	629.8
Wilmington	1	1.34	184	1	246.56
<b>Subtotal</b>					<b>1792.92</b>

<u>Driver Costs</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Wage</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Games</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
Columbia	1	22	9	1	198
Charleston	1	22	7	2	308
Hilton Head	1	22	11	1	242
Wilmington	1	22	7	1	154
<b>Subtotal</b>					<b>902</b>

## Estimated Costs for Socastee Lacrosse for 2010 Season

### Projected 2010

<u>Item</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Cost/Gm</u>	<u>Home Gms</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
Referees	2	65	130	6	780
Trainers	1	30	30	6	180
Paint (Case)	1	45	45	6	270
Balls (72)	1	118			118
Away Jersey	1	225	225	1	225
Helmets	2	250	500	1	500

**Subtotal** **2073**

<u>Bus Costs</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Mileage</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Games</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
Columbia	1	1.34	312	3	1254.24
Charleston	1	1.34	186	2	498.48
Hilton Head	1	1.34	470	0	0
Wilmington	1	1.34	184	1	246.56
<b>Subtotal</b>					<b>1999.28</b>

<u>Driver Costs</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Wage</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Games</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
Columbia	1	22	9	3	594
Charleston	1	22	7	2	308

**Estimated Costs for Socastee Lacrosse for 2009 Season**

<u>Item</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Cost/Gm</u>	<u>Home Gms</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
Referees	2	85	170	8	1360
Trainers	1	30	30	8	240
Paint (Case)	1	45	45	8	360
Balls (72)	1	118			118
<b>Subtotal</b>					<b>2078</b>

**Current 2008**

<u>Bus Costs</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Mileage</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Games</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
Columbia	1	1.15	156	5	897
Charleston	1	1.15	93	1	106.95
Greenville	1	1.15	255	2	586.5
<b>Subtotal</b>					<b>1590.45</b>

<u>Driver Costs</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Wage</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Games</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
Columbia	1	22	9	5	990
Charleston	1	22	7	1	154
Greenville	1	22	11	2	484
<b>Subtotal</b>					<b>1628</b>

**Projected 2009**

Columbia	1	1.34	312	1	418.08
Charleston	1	1.34	186	2	498.48
Hilton Head	1	1.34	470	1	629.8
Wilmington	1	1.34	184	1	246.56
<b>Subtotal</b>					<b>1546.36</b>

<u>Driver Costs</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Wage</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Games</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
Columbia	1	22	9	3	594
Charleston	1	22	7	2	308
Hilton Head	1	22	11	1	242
<b>Subtotal</b>					<b>1144</b>

**Fundraising for 2008**

1st Year Greenery Sale	1250
1st Year Spaghetti Dinner	1300
Raffle for Trip to NV	2000
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>4550</b>

Hilton Head	1	22	11	0	0
Wilmington	1	22	7	1	154
<b>Subtotal</b>					<b>1056</b>

Estimated Total for 2009	5307.92
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Estimated Total for 2010	5668.28
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**Fundraising for 2009**

2nd Year Greenery Sale			750 Actual
1st X-Box Raffle			300 Actual
Beef-O-Brady's	400	2	800 Estimated
2nd Year Spaghetti Dinner	20	6	1200 Estimated
Raffle Trip			2000 Estimated
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>5050 Estimated</b>