

**Consideration of Varsity Lacrosse
as a SCHSL-Sanctioned Sport for the 2014-15 School Year at Carolina
Forest High School, Myrtle Beach High School, and St. James High School**

Background Information:

Myrtle Beach High School and St. James High School seek to offer SCHSL -sanctioned lacrosse for the 2014 -2015 school year. Both schools are asking to forego the club status designation that Socastee went through and what Carolina Forest is currently going through. In addition, Carolina Forest would like to change its lacrosse designation from “club” status to SCHSL- sanctioned status effective the 2014-2015 school year. The schools have met with parents and have gauged sufficient interest for fielding male and female varsity teams.

Purpose:

This is a timely request since the SCHSL 4A athletic directors have voted against district schools athletes being allowed to play for Socastee High School as they have been permitted to do in the past. This happened when Socastee became a 4A school during SCHSL realignment, and the other 4A athletic directors felt this would give them an unfair advantage in lacrosse competition. Only students enrolled at Socastee High are allowed to participate on the Socastee High School lacrosse team.

For additional information:

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Recommended Action:

The administration recommends the board approve the establishment of SCHSL –sanctioned varsity lacrosse teams at CFHS, MBHS and SJHS and the funding of the teams as follows: 1. HCS approved stipends for 2 varsity lacrosse head coaches at each school. 2. Startup funds to assist in purchasing supplies and equipment for each school for one year only.

Estimated Project Cost:

Recurring \$54,192

Non-recurring \$ 7,500 (startup money)

Funding Sources: General fund