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Dear Local Community Member

Ref: Application for Grant Funding

During the 2010-2011 school year, the Fort Mill School Board made the difficult decision to cut middle school sports in our district. The only reason for this cut was the lack of funding which the district has been facing. We are very excited the school district has allowed a temporary, self-funded athletic program where the booster clubs from the three middle schools would be charged with raising the funds necessary to continue with the athletic programs.

We are proud to report that with the support of our community and corporations like SCBT, we were able to continue offering middle school sports to 917 athletes and raise \$40,000 to offer 42 team sports in 3 middle schools, Fort Mill Middle School, Springfield Middle School and Gold Hill Middle School, in the Fort Mill School District #4. This fall, Banks Trail Middle School is opening and will increase our participation levels to approximately 1010 athletes on 52 teams.

Last year we budgeted \$8,000 in sport scholarship needs, but actually awarded \$9145 in scholarships. Without these scholarships, children in our community would not be able to participate in the sports program. The FMSDAB has a budget of \$65,000 for the 2011-2012 school year. Included in the budget is \$12,000 of scholarship needs for the 1010 middle school student athletes.

We are very excited to be given the opportunity to offer middle school sports to the middle school students. We are asking that you please consider a grant for our organization for the upcoming 2011-2012 school year. Without continued corporate and community support, this program will not be able to continue with such success. I would like to thank you for your time and consideration. Please don't hesitate to contact me with questions or comments.

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