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Subject: School Gym Rental/Public Use of Facilities, Request to Change Policy AP 510

Dear Abbotsford School District Board Members,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to express my interest in starting a kids' physical literacy and health education program. I am enthusiastic about providing a valuable service to the community and fostering a culture of health and wellness among children (and eventually adults) in Abbotsford.

In order to ensure the success and consistency of the program, I would like to request the opportunity to use a school gym on a regular basis throughout the year. I understand that there are challenges related to gym availability during winter and spring breaks, as well as summer holidays, and I appreciate the need for such breaks. However, for the effectiveness of my program, I am seeking the possibility of uninterrupted access to a gym space.

I have researched the policies in place, specifically referring to AP 510, and I believe there might be an opportunity for consideration of a change that could accommodate my request. The Surrey School District, for example, not only permits ongoing gym bookings for individuals or organizations but also extends the benefit of the weekday rental rate to anyone making a minimum of 10 bookings on the weekends or holidays.

I propose that the Abbotsford School District explore the feasibility of a similar system, allowing for the bookings of gyms on a yearly or close-to-yearly basis. This could provide numerous benefits, not only for my program but also for the community at large by encouraging consistent physical literacy initiatives.

I understand that policy changes require careful consideration, and I am open to discussing any conditions or modifications that would address the concerns of the school board. I believe that such an adjustment could contribute positively to the overall well-being of the students and community members involved.

I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss this proposal further at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Aman K