

<b>Title:</b> Athletics: MIAA Membership Application	Date: Wednesday, September 11, 2019
<b>Presentation Overview/Action Proposed:</b>	BPS Athletics is seeking approval from the School Committee to submit Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) membership applications for the Dearborn, E.M. Kennedy and Network 9 - Alternative Schools. District membership maintenance is needed due to recent school changes and to ensure all schools with athletic programs are included. MIAA membership provides access to interscholastic athletic participation opportunities, and enables schools to participate as cooperative teams if a school does not offer that sport. BPS is required to have an official School Committee vote to seek membership for additional schools.
<b>Educational and Racial Equity Implications:</b>	<p>Adding the proposed schools provides greater access and opportunity for students to participate in athletics. The Dearborn, E.M. Kennedy and alternative schools serve high needs populations, and these memberships will therefore help close athletic opportunity gaps.</p> <p>The new memberships will ensure that all BPS high schools are MIAA affiliated, and have access to athletics and MIAA governance. We currently have 24 MIAA member schools.</p>
<b>Policy Implications:</b>	The MIAA requires approval from the School Committee as part of the school application process. The vote authorizes the MIAA to manage interscholastic athletics for the school.
<b>Budget Impact:</b>	Budgetary impact will be minimal. Annual membership fees for the Dearborn and EMK will replace those of closed BPS schools. The alternative schools will be added to the existing McKinley School MIAA membership.
<b>Implications of Yes Vote:</b>	BPS Athletics can submit applications, and seek membership for the Dearborn, EMK and Alternative School Network.
<b>Implications of No Vote:</b>	Applications for the Dearborn, EMK, and Alternative School Network can not be submitted to the MIAA. The schools will not be added as new members.

