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Dear Mr. Lopez,

St. Lucy's Priory High School would like to seek relief from competing in the Baseline League.

With our enrollment dropping down to 470 this year, we are severely outnumbered and outmatched in many of our sports. In addition, this situation has been compounded by the reality that we are also losing girls from sports because of the intense competition that they face.

Competing in the League, knowing that they will lose, and aware that they will face a crushing defeat is counter-productive to the positive influence that we desire for our athletes. Our results have frequently been humiliating, demoralizing and have negatively impacted the confidence of our athletes. The immediate result of this has been an increase in the number of athletes who have withdrawn from sport as they have felt defeated and have not wished to continue in such lopsided, inequitable games.

The issue of winning championships is not even a consideration. We are unable to even win a game in in two of our sports. The school's desire is to support and develop young athletes in their most impressionable years and unfortunately our situation is such that this is difficult. We do acknowledge that graciously accepting defeat and learning from ones tactical errors that have contributed to this is part of developing as an athlete but our situation has gone beyond this scenario.

Specifically:

Basketball has not recorded a victory in Baseline League for three seasons. They have suffered from an average deficit in league games of 31.3, 38.7 and 45.5 points this year. Even suffering an 87-4 loss this year.

Soccer has had 1 win in three years in league play. Goals for, to goals against: two years ago being 8-38, last year 7-27 and this year 6-31.

We at St. Lucy's would like to ask for relief from the Baseline League in order to provide a more suitable athletic culture for our student-athletes and we thank you for your consideration.

Your sincerely,

Robyn Carroll  
Principal