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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Since its inception, S.P.O.R.T. (Students and Parents Organizing Resources for Teams) has fundraised to help offset the cost of athletics at Central School. S.P.O.R.T. is an organization of individuals dedicated to the goal of making the Central Middle School interscholastic sports programs successful and financially accessible to all students at all levels. S.P.O.R.T. annually provides a significant financial contribution to reduce the Pay to Play participation fees for the athletic program at Central Middle School.

Last year, S.P.O.R.T. contributed \$10,000 which was used to offset some of the Pay to Play fees. In addition, S.P.O.R.T. purchases uniforms for our teams on a rotational basis. S.P.O.R.T. has also paid for equipment for our fencing team, a portable pitching mound, championship banners and a track record board. To continue to provide this help to you in the future, S.P.O.R.T. needs your help.

S.P.O.R.T. needs to fill positions on its Executive Committee for the 2017-2018 school year. The current members of the committee will not be returning. President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer positions are open. The position descriptions are below.

If your child plans to participate or is already participating in the athletic program at Central Middle School, please consider serving in a position on this board. Without S.P.O.R.T., Pay to Play fees will be even greater than they are now and parents will be asked to bear the cost of uniforms, equipment, and any other items that S.P.O.R.T. had paid for in the past. For example, if S.P.O.R.T. did not subsidize Play to Play fees for the current school year, fees would have been about 20% higher. However, costs for an individual sport could increase by as much as 85% if uniforms need to be replaced in a particular year.

In addition, one of the biggest sources of funds for the Pay to Play subsidy is Monday and Wednesday Food Days at Central Middle School. We are currently also looking to fill several positions on those days to serve lunch to the students and also for someone to coordinate the ordering for Wednesdays.

If you have any questions please contact Karen Remington (908-419-0209) or Angela Cuonzo (908-604-4911).

Thank you.

### **POSITION DESCRIPTIONS**

The **PRESIDENT** is the principal officer of the organization who guides its functions. The president prepares the agenda prior to each meeting and presides at monthly meetings. In addition, the president serves as the liaison between the organization and the middle school, the athletic director and community organizations.

The **VICE-PRESIDENT** assists the President and act for him/her in his/her absence or by his/her direction and performs such duties as the President may direct

The **TREASURER** acts as custodian of all funds raised by the organization by keeping the books and accounts of receipts. At meetings, the treasurer reports on the financial activity of each month. In addition, the treasurer deposits all money received by the organization and makes payments for items purchased by the organization for the athletic program such as sports equipment, uniforms and scholarships, and to vendors for fundraising activities such as food day and the Patriot's game.

The **SECRETARY** acts as the custodian of the records of the organization including official correspondence and minutes of the monthly meetings of the organization. In addition, the secretary has notification of meetings and minutes posted on the school's website.