

## Publics Schools Athletic League Teams Added For the 2016-2017 School Year - Report to City Council

The following report is provided pursuant to the Terms and Conditions of Council funding for FY17, which states:

In relation to the funding in units of appropriation 401, 403, and 453 for the Public School Athletic League ("PSAL"), the Department of Education ("DOE") shall provide a report to the City Council, no later than April 1, 2016, listing each sports team which received funding for the 2016-2017 school year. Such list shall be disaggregated by 1) sport; 2) gender; 3) school name; 4) school DBN; 5) sport season; 6) league (i.e. PSAL, Small Schools Athletic League ("SSAL"), or transfer); and 7) amount of funding provided by PSAL for each team. Such report shall also include a list of all teams that were rejected by PSAL for formation in the 2016-2017 school year, disaggregated by 1) sport; 2) gender; 3) school DBN; 5) league; and 6) reason for denial. The report shall also include a breakdown of PSAL's total funding (not including funding provided for teams) by PS and OTPS.

During the 2016-2017 school year the PSAL added many new teams. Thanks to the continued support of City Council as well as available funds in PSAL's budget, the Department of Education made significant strides towards reaching full parity between male and female sports opportunities as well as meeting previously unmet demand for additional teams, particularly among smaller and newer schools.

In accordance with the above, new team requests were approved when meeting one or a combination of these priorities:

- Compliance with Title IX requirements for equal sports opportunities between male and female students. DOE has entered into a resolution agreement with the Office of Civil Rights according to which full compliance will be reached within the next two years. We are very close to reaching this goal.
- Continuing to grow sports programs at small and underserved schools. Many of these schools are newer and have not had much opportunity to increase sports offerings. We have made great progress in recent years in this effort.
- > Growing sports programs at schools with no teams or few teams relative to enrollment size.
- Growing new and innovative sports, such as STUNT, Double Dutch, and Cricket.

The following charts show the distribution of the 91 teams added for the 16-17 school year by gender and by division:



\*Schools choose which division to join

Per the report requested above, the attached spreadsheet includes the following tabs:

- Summary" general notes regarding PSAL funding and summary of total allocations.
- > "Added 16-17" lists all new teams added to PSAL's various division during the current school year.
- > "Denied 16-17" lists all requests for new teams that were denied for formation during the current school year.
- "PSAL Program & DBN Crosswalk" many schools participate in joint "campus" PSAL programs. This lists shows the schools associated with each program during the current school year.