



Dear School Families,

Thank you for your unwavering support of our student-athletes! You are an essential part of our school athletic programs. Without your support, students would not have the opportunity to learn from playing the sports they love.

It is not easy finding coaches and sports officials. Being a coach or a sports official takes commitment, composure, integrity, and patience. Without coaches and officials, we could not offer school sports.

Lawrence Public Schools joins the Kansas State High School Activities Association and the National Federation of State High School Associations in the #BenchBadBehavior campaign. We encourage all fans – students and adults – to keep it positive and always be respectful, encouraging, and supportive of EVERYONE involved in athletic events, and of one another.

We expect good sportsmanship from all students, coaches, staff, and fans, whether in the game, in the stands, or online. Ask your student how their digital footprint represent them and their school. We know that our children are watching the behaviors of their adult role models. What examples are we setting for them?

We also expect fans to follow all rules in place for everyone's safety. This includes that all elementary and middle school students must be accompanied by an adult to enter high school athletic events and must be seated during these events. We will ask students and adults failing to comply with this rule to leave, and refunds will not be issued.

Without teamwork, no team wins! We appreciate the cooperation of coaches, staff, and student-athletes representing both teams, and of all of our fans – children and adults.

Go, Chesty Lions and Firebirds!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anthony S. Lewis, Ph.D." in a cursive style.

Anthony S. Lewis, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools

