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To: the honorable members of the Cambridge School Committee  
From: Anne Strong, for Cambridge Youth Soccer

We were dismayed to learn yesterday (Jan. 26, at a meeting with Jim Conry and Paul Ryder) that your committee recently adopted a new policy terminating --after this year, anyway-- your traditional practice of "waiving" custodial fees for use of school buildings by community non-profit groups.

Cambridge Youth Soccer, which serves well over 500 Cambridge youngsters playing on 40 teams, is in need of some weekend indoor gym time during the seven or eight weeks preceeding the start of our outdoor season on April 7-8 -- to conduct skills clinics and to enable the various teams to work out together a couple of times before their first games.

The Recreation Dept. can give us 1 1/2 hours of its time in the CRLS Field House Sunday afternoons, but feels that that is all it can spare for a non-revenue-generating activity. This gym time will accomodate about one-third of our need, and we are thus requesting that the School Department again help us with the remainder, as you so generously did last year.

After this season, we assure you that we will revise our approach to funding this need for gym time, but we really need your help for the immediate future. In order to make soccer available to children from all backgrounds, we have kept the fees we charge as low as possible, and we would have great difficulty meeting this additional expense on such short notice.

The specifics of what we are requesting are as follows: for the seven Sundays beginning Feb. 18th and continuing through April 1,

- 1 1/2 hours at the Field House, from 5 to 6:30 pm, and
- 2 1/2 hours at a large gym such as the Fitzgerald.

We are more than willing to tack onto times that the custodian is already there in order to keep the cost down. By my estimate, the cost for our request would be about \$200 for the Field House and \$400 for the elementary school gym.

I shall be at your Feb. 6th meeting by 8:15 pm in case you need any further information that I can provide. Our thanks for your careful consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

*Anne Strong*

Anne Strong, for  
Cambridge Youth Soccer

cc: Paul Ryder,  
City Council

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Comm. from Anne Strong, Cambridge Youth Soccer, in opposition to the practice of "waiving" custodial fees for use of school buildings by community non-profit groups.

In City Council,

Feb. 12, 1990

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