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Dear Grant Administrators:

Coaching Boys Into Men is a ground-breaking program being promoted and championed by a few full-time staff members of Pittsburgh Action Against Rape (PAAR) on the South Side of Pittsburgh. The program that has been growing throughout the region thanks to some tremendous support from key foundations and local advocates in the sports world.

Coaching Boys Into Men is a violence prevention program for athletic coaches designed to inspire them to teach their young male athletes about the importance of respect for themselves, others and particularly women and girls.

Coaching Boys Into Men is a program of Futures Without Violence, a non-profit organization that works to end violence against women, children, and families around the world. It was launched in 2001. Within Pittsburgh Public Schools, few athletes and coaches have yet to embrace the program within their seasons.

The Play.CLOH.org playlist and pathways opportunity makes a wonderful opportunity for growing this program and helping the athletes, coaches and school cultures. The card series details 12 important conversations and would make for a fine XP (experience) in the LRNG system.

The topics include: pre-season expectations, personal responsibility, insulting language, disrespectful behavior towards women and girls, digital disrespect, understanding consent, bragging about sexual reputation, when aggression crosses the line, there's no excuse for relationship abuse, communicating boundaries, modeling respect and promoting equality, and a ritual -- signing the pledge.

The discussions can be blended into the activities throughout the year and fit within the playlist in the area of personal development. Let's get these valued messages out to our city high school athletes as soon as possible. We look forward to working with Coach Mark Rauterkus and the Sprout Fund in the future.

Sincerely,

Jerry McMeekin
Prevention Educator/CBIM Trainer



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