

June 9, 2015

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Board of Education  
4545 Central School Rd.  
St. Charles, MO 63304

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Rick was good friend of mine and a good friend to all, and I think deserving of this honor. Please contact me if you have any questions on my cell at 314-581-0485. I would very much appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Bob Mainieri

BM:jmt

March 18, 2016

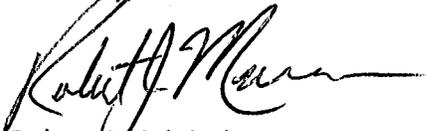
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Robert J. Mainieri

**From:** [PAVIA, EMILY](#)  
**To:** [SUPPLE, KEVIN](#)  
**Subject:** FW: To Whom It May Concern  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 17, 2016 4:59:32 PM

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Another one...

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**From:** Greg and Lori Norman [mailto:glnorman@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 17, 2016 9:11 AM  
**To:** PAVIA, EMILY  
**Subject:** To Whom It May Concern

To Whom It May Concern:

I had the privilege of knowing Eric Scott Pavia. I knew him as "Coach Scott", a coach to my son on the St. Louis Bears baseball team. My son Kyle, along with all the boys on the team, really looked up to him. He was enthusiastic, patient and giving.

He always had a smile on his face, and always wanted to put one on the faces of others. One vivid memory I have of Scott is at a baseball tournament only a week or so before he passed away. Before a game, he was walking toward the dugout, saw me, and came over and thanked me for doing some ongoing administrative work for our team (maintaining schedules, etc.). It caught me off guard, because what I do really isn't a big deal and doesn't take that much time. And he was a coach, which takes so much time and dedication. They were getting ready for a game, and he still took the time out to thank me. He was just that kind of guy. He put a smile on my face.

My parents moved into the Francis Howell School District when I was 15, and I was a member of the first graduating class at Francis Howell North. I have many fond memories of the Francis Howell School District. But now when I hear the words "Francis Howell" I always think of Scott, and how proud he was of the facilities and fields at Francis Howell, and how excited he was to be helping the boys.

Naming a Francis Howell building or field after Scott would be the perfect way to honor him!

Sincerely,  
Lori (Dennis) Norman  
FHN Class of 1989

**From:** [PAVIA, EMILY](#)  
**To:** [SUPPLE, KEVIN](#)  
**Subject:** FW: In Memory of Scott  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 17, 2016 4:58:01 PM

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Good evening. The paragraph below serves as a letter supporting something being named after Rick. I will most likely receive a few more in the next day or two as well. I will forward them your way. Thank you again.  
Emily

-----Original Message-----

From: Todd Noel [<mailto:todd.noel@sbcglobal.net>]  
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2016 7:20 AM  
To: PAVIA, EMILY  
Subject: In Memory of Scott

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of our family, I write in appreciation and memory of Scott Pavia. We are a family on Scott's Bears baseball team that were blessed to know him and benefit under his instruction and care of the boys on the baseball team. He valued each player and assisted the team in anyway that he possibly could on and off the field. He was considerate and hardworking. He put others' needs and concerns before his own interest and was a great model and leader of the word team. I support and request that he would be honored and be in memory through the naming of a field for him and his dear family.

Yvonne Noel

Sent from my iPhone

533 Legacy Pointe Drive  
St. Peters, MO 63376

May 18, 2016

Francis Howell School District  
4545 Central School Rd  
St. Charles, MO 63304

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to write to you in an effort to join and support a movement to have Eric “Rick” Scott Pavia remembered by your school district in the form of a field (or building) naming. Those who make such significant decisions must put a great amount of time into choosing carefully and into making sure that the high honor is one given on behalf of someone that is well-deserving. I am sure this task can be a challenging one, but in the case of Eric “Rick” Scott Pavia, the choice is one that seems quite apparent. Rick Pavia was a man who was the epitome of dedication and sportsmanship, and he deserves such an appropriate remembrance.

The Merriam Webster dictionary defines “dedication” as <sup>1</sup>*a feeling of very strong support for or loyalty to someone or something*. “Rick” Pavia dedicated twenty years of his life to the Francis Howell School District, becoming the go-to man for all of the facilities and fields. He did his job well, and he did it with a vast amount of love and pride for a district that he called his home. As shared in his eulogy given by Dr. Sloan, Rick was the man everyone in the district could count on for help whether it be early morning on a snow day or last-minute building preparation for activities. Rick also made efforts to make improvements to buildings and facilities for the benefit of all students in the district, especially those with special needs. While his dedication to the district is extremely admirable, some might not know that Rick was also known as “Coach Scott” to a plethora of young soccer and baseball players for many years. Having my own son play for Scott for five years, I witnessed and can attest to the wonderful man that Scott Pavia was, both on and off the field. “Coach Scott” devoted his free afternoons, evenings, and weekends to coaching, and he did it with utmost care for his players. He didn’t give up on any player for their differences in ability levels; he helped them grow from their level of play and was steadfast in his efforts to see that his players learned and had fun while doing so. His ability to develop bonds with his players helped to keep the same group of boys together for many years. Both on the clock and on the field, Rick was a man that exemplified dedication.

In addition to his strong commitment, “Coach Scott” was a man who consistently illustrated great sportsmanship. The young men on Scott’s soccer or baseball teams fully support that their coach was a fair and respectful man to his players, the referees or umpires, and other coaches. Scott always handled himself on the field with dignity, and he instilled the same expectation of pride into his players. He wanted his boys to learn how to handle challenging situations or calls with calmness and respect for others. He led by example, and his players were in awe of his leadership. Because it is important that athletes of all levels uphold and display such behavior toward opponents, there is no better name to have on display as they enter an athletic field than that of Eric Scott Pavia.

Finally, yet equally important, an additional definition given in the Merriam Webster dictionary for “dedication” is <sup>2</sup>*the act of officially saying that something (such as a new building) was created for a particular purpose (such as worship) or to remember or honor a particular person*. Understandably, a dedication should be given to someone who truly represents the fundamental beliefs of the district and the principles in which it holds. Eric Scott Pavia’s remarkable display of dedication and sportsmanship is what players need from a coach and what all coaches and players—no matter the sport—should display. How appropriate it would be to have a Francis Howell School District field named for a man who impacted so many players’ lives so positively! I whole-heartedly support such decision and can be reached for further discussion if necessary. The time and consideration given to this request is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Mary Dillon  
314-413-8640

**From:** [PAVIA, EMILY](#)  
**To:** [SUPPLE, KEVIN](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Letter for Coach Scott  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 18, 2016 9:25:21 PM

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Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** A Ribble <[amyribble@hotmail.com](mailto:amyribble@hotmail.com)>  
**Date:** May 18, 2016 at 9:11:31 PM CDT  
**To:** <[emily.pavia@fhdschools.org](mailto:emily.pavia@fhdschools.org)>  
**Subject:** Letter for Coach Scott

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Hudson Ribble and I know Coach Scott from The Bears Baseball Team that he helped coach. He was one of my coaches and I enjoyed

him very much. He was very helpful and cheered you on. I had the honor of being with him on his last night at baseball practice at All Star Sports. I can

remember every drill we did that night and the entire practice. I was so sad to loose him as our coach and I will always remember him. I think it would be

awesome if they built something in his memory and named it after him.

It would be a memorial that would keep his memory alive. I strongly support this idea

and I hope this happens soon.

Thank you for your time and i appreciate you reading my letter.

Sincerely,

Hudson Ribble  
2nd Baseman for the Bears

**From:** [PAVIA, EMILY](#)  
**To:** [SUPPLE, KEVIN](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Letter to Francis Howell School District - In Honor of Scott Pavia  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 18, 2016 9:24:47 PM

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**From:** [ctjvmullaney@aol.com](mailto:ctjvmullaney@aol.com)  
**Date:** May 18, 2016 at 9:11:08 PM CDT  
**To:** [emily.pavia@fhsdschools.org](mailto:emily.pavia@fhsdschools.org)  
**Subject:** Letter to Francis Howell School District - In Honor of Scott Pavia

To Whom It May Concern,

I met Scott Pavia several years ago when his son, Walker, joined my baseball team. Scott frequently attended the games and was always looking to help out when needed. After the first year, there was an opening for an assistant coach on our team, and of course, Scott jumped at the chance to help the boys and the team. Scott admittedly was more of a soccer coach than a baseball coach, but he was willing to help out wherever possible.

Scott coached the boys, fixed equipment, found us a place to practice and did whatever was necessary to help the team and the boys. His energy and enthusiasm for working with the boys made a real impression on all of us. But that was just Scott. Hard work, enthusiasm, getting things done and selflessness, were all a part of Scott's DNA.

On a personal note, Scott and I quickly developed a mutual respect and friendship for each other. I look back and realize how much I/we have lost for not having Scott with us any longer. I was with Scott the night he passed. And even though he wasn't feeling well, his commitment to the boys never wavered. I miss my friend, Scott. I miss his smile, I miss his "I can do anything attitude". I am a better man for knowing him. I will never forget him.

Scott was a shining example for us all to follow. Any effort to name a building or field after Scott is well deserved. And I wholeheartedly support that effort.

Sincerely,

Chris Mullaney  
Head Coach  
Stl Bears

## SUPPLE, KEVIN

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**From:** PAVIA, EMILY  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 18, 2016 10:25 PM  
**To:** SUPPLE, KEVIN  
**Subject:** Fwd: Letter to Francis Howell School District - In Honor of Scott Pavia

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** [ctjvmullaney@aol.com](mailto:ctjvmullaney@aol.com)  
**Date:** May 18, 2016 at 9:43:19 PM CDT  
**To:** [emily.pavia@fhsdschools.org](mailto:emily.pavia@fhsdschools.org)  
**Subject:** Letter to Francis Howell School District - In Honor of Scott Pavia

To Whom It May Concern,

Scott Pavia was an assistant coach on my son's baseball team last year. Although I did not know Scott very well, my husband was, and still is, the head coach, and through him, I was fortunate and blessed to get to know the kind of person Scott was. I knew that he was passionate about helping the boys to be better ball players and was willing to do whatever he could to help the team succeed. I knew that he was a kind man who loved his family and was always happy. From the few conversations I did have with him, I could tell that he truly loved coaching, as he was excited to be part of every practice and game. In his eyes, I could see that he cared so much for each and every person on the team, players and coaches. He wanted so much for all of the boys to hit that ball, make that play and score that run, just to see how happy it made them feel. He also did so much to bring the boys up when they were down and make them feel good about themselves as players and as young men.

That is what I new of Scott, and for my family, he really touched our hearts and we miss him dearly. Dedicating a building or field to Scott Pavia in the Francis Howell School District in which he worked, would enlighten so many for years to come. The kids he coached would have a way of remembering what a great role model he was. The faculty and staff with whom he worked would remember what a dedicated, hard worker he was. And those who knew him for a short time, like myself, would remember what an all around good guy he was.

Sincerely,  
Jessica Mullaney

**From:** [PAVIA, EMILY](#)  
**To:** [SUPPLE, KEVIN](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Letter to Francis Howell School District - In Honor of My Coach  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 18, 2016 9:26:09 PM

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**From:** [ctjvmullaney@aol.com](mailto:ctjvmullaney@aol.com)  
**Date:** May 18, 2016 at 9:19:58 PM CDT  
**To:** [emily.pavia@fhdschools.org](mailto:emily.pavia@fhdschools.org)  
**Subject:** **Letter to Francis Howell School District - In Honor of My Coach**

To Whom It May Concern,

I think you should dedicate a field or building after Coach Scott Pavia because he was such a good person. He was such a help to my team, and my teammates all appreciate him, and I know that I will remember him forever. Coach Scott really helped me as a person realize not to be selfish, for he was selfless. I really hope you consider what I have to say, and dedicate a field or building after Coach Scott Pavia.

Sincerely,  
Jameson Mullaney #3 STL Bears

## SUPPLE, KEVIN

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**From:** PAVIA, EMILY  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 18, 2016 9:30 AM  
**To:** SUPPLE, KEVIN  
**Subject:** FW: To Whom It May Concern (Eric Scott Pavia)

Kevin,  
This is an email from one of the baseball players. Very touching.  
Emily

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**From:** Greg and Lori Norman [mailto:glnorman@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 18, 2016 9:13 AM  
**To:** PAVIA, EMILY  
**Subject:** To Whom It May Concern (Eric Scott Pavia)

To Whom It May Concern:

Coach Scott became my baseball motivator when I met him. He encouraged me to strive for greatness. I still hear his voice when I come up to the plate, telling me "you can do it, Kyle". He wouldn't yell at anyone, he wouldn't get angry at anyone. He would always try to keep a smile on everyone's face and managed to keep one on his face all the time. Although he only coached us for a few games, he was the best coach that I've ever known and playing for him was an honor. It would be an amazing thing to see his name on a field to remember all of his great deeds. I will always miss him and someday I would like to take my kids to that field (named after him) and tell them the story of an amazing man I knew as Coach Scott.

Sincerely,  
Kyle Norman

## SUPPLE, KEVIN

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**From:** PAVIA, EMILY  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 19, 2016 12:02 PM  
**To:** SUPPLE, KEVIN  
**Subject:** FW: Scott was my second father, he did more for me than

-----Original Message-----

From: Emily Allen [mailto:eaalem25@gmail.com]  
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2016 11:36 AM  
To: PAVIA, EMILY  
Subject: Scott was my second father, he did more for me than

Scott was my second father, he did so much for me. He meant the world to me and was caring, loving, compassionate, smart, creative and grateful for the life. Scott gave everything to the Francis Howell School District and deserves to have a building or field named after him. Scott was a very helpful man. He would always comfort me in ways no one else could. When I was upset, he was the one I would go to for support and always put a smile on my face. I loved him very much and it would mean the world to me and anyone else who knew this great man, to name a building or field after Eric Scott Pavia.

Sincerely and truly yours,  
CC Allen  
Francis Howell Middle School

Sent from my iPhone

## **SUPPLE, KEVIN**

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**From:** PAVIA, EMILY  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 19, 2016 1:40 PM  
**To:** SUPPLE, KEVIN  
**Subject:** Pavia

To whom it may concern,

Hi my name is walker Allen and yes I am the stepson of the awesomest second dad in the world. He coached and helped me with everything. He would say "Don't forget guys attitude is everything". Whenever I'm walking to the plate I hear "you can do it and drive it in now". Although he was not only my coach he was my second dad that I'll never forget. I was there when he passed away at All Star Sports and I got to cherish those last moments with that selfless, good hearted man. I remember him not feeling good and still going to practice because he was selfless. Eric Scott Pavia was a huge idol for everyone lucky enough to meet my awesome second dad. To conclude, in honor of Scott Pavia I support the idea of getting a field or building named after the man who was so helpful in every way to family and the FHSD community.

Sincerely,

Walker Allen

To Whom It May Concern,

I wanted to let you know how Scott affected our family. Our son, Tyler, from the time he was four, had played soccer. For about 3 or 4 years, he switched to baseball and gave up soccer during that time. Once he decided to go back to the sport of soccer (at the age of 9), we had to scramble around for a team. We came across Scott's team and he welcomed us with open arms! In addition to Scott welcoming us, the entire soccer team embraced Ty, which shows that Scott not only coached on the field, but taught these kids teamwork and cooperation!

It would be an honor for the Francis Howell School District to have Scott's name on a building or field. Even though we only knew Scott for a couple of seasons, he had a big impact on Tyler. He was the one that brought back the "love of soccer" to my son. His compassion and dedication to these kids was a true testament to the kind of person he was.

Sincerely,  
The Accardi Family