

PURPOSE: To allow MSMS sports and important events to be live streamed

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SECTION ONE (DEFINITIONS):

SidelineHD is an app and organization that allows schools nationwide to broadcast sports games. This live stream can be published on YouTube, Facebook, or can be watched on their SidelineLIVE app where people can watch the games for free. The materials needed for access to free streaming and watching games are two devices, such as iPhones or iPads. One device is used to stream the game and the other device (which can be purchased by the school, or the student can use their own device if they are willing). A tripod and an internet connection are also needed for streaming.

YouTube is a free platform that allows you to live stream if you are 18+ years of age and with 50 or more subscribers. Using YouTube will also need a device to stream on and a tripod. As far as updating the viewers on the score, the viewer will type in the live chat, and the student will verbally respond or reply with the score and updates in the chat.

SECTION TWO (REASONING):

MSMS is full of talented students who excel in sports. While athletes are transported via bus, many students lack their own personal transportation as well as the time to travel to see games. Unfortunately, this means as much as MSMS students would like to show their support; they often have no choice but to not see the games. Beyond allowing students to watch games, this will allow athletes to watch films. Watching films of opponents, as well as your team, allows coaches and their athletes to analyze flaws, opponents' habits, and strategic plays. With this implementation, scouts will be able to extensively watch film to evaluate our talented athletes, possibly allowing scholarships to our students.

As parents trust their children to excel in a new environment, they wish to show their support as well. However, many parents miss matches and can only attend important nights like senior nights. ~~Broadcasting-Livestreaming~~ and uploading games will allow parents across Mississippi to support their kids and be able to see the progress they are making away from home.

Events of popular demand amongst parents and the community will also be streamed and uploaded. Such as awards, speeches, retirement events, black history month programs, band performances and more. Before recording any events, consent from the adult responsible is required.

SECTION THREE (PROPOSED ACTION):

Option 1: With agreement from the director of student affairs and our executive director, MSMS will ask for a group of students and take the above steps to explain to students how sidelineHD works (for sporting events only). The YouTube channel, MSMS ~~broadcasting~~livestreaming, will then be created (or it would be uploaded to the existing YouTube channel). Under the sponsorship of Ms. Rainey, the students will be responsible for recording games that they can. They will come meet and decide what days and sports work best for them based on each sport schedule. They will travel with the team to away games. Students will not be excused from class to ~~broadcast~~ ~~livestream~~ games as athletes are. In this case, the manager will be responsible for ~~broadcasting~~livestreamingif they are not needed to help the team. Not all games are required to be ~~broadcasted~~, ~~livestreamed~~ but based on student interest, as many as possible will be ~~broadcasted~~ ~~livestreamed~~ and published. The video will not need to be edited due to it being strictly a visual and audio recording of the game. If for some reason there is a part that needs to be taken out, that student or the group of sports broadcasters will need to edit it out using a platform of their preference.

Option 2: With agreement from the director of student affairs and our executive director, MSMS will ask for a group of interested students and take steps to explain how live streaming on YouTube will work. Under the sponsorship of Ms. Rainey, all live streamed videos will be uploaded to MSMS broadcasting or the existing channel (all responsibilities and the process of recording from option two also apply to this option).

This process will start small with any important events parents are interested in seeing as well as playoff or home games. In the case of a sport like cross country, this will not be live streamed. Track and tennis will depend on the location and the amount of activity that can be captured.

SECTION FOUR (APPENDIX):

“I would be willing to help livestream games for MSMS. I actually have experience from my old school. So, I would love to help if I can.” - Jordyn Taylor

“I am in support of this because I think it would be a great opportunity for parents who can't drive up, or students who want to watch the games but don't have study hours off or cars. Our games were livestreamed at SLAMT, and my friends would keep up with it and watch the livestreams. I think it could be fun!”- Isabel Beckman

“I support this resolution because it makes sporting events more accessible to parents. Many parents live far away and are unable to attend their students' games or competitions. Personally, my parents really wanted to watch me play soccer but live two hours away and couldn't afford to take time off work and find babysitting for my brothers for the four hours round trip to watch me play an hour-long game.” - Irene Doyle

“I am in huge support of this bill as a member of the soccer team. My family is 4 hours away and was not able to see any of my games, I also think that since they didn’t do a spirit bus for a single soccer game the student would also benefit from this” - Kamdyn Patrick

“I absolutely support this resolution because it would allow potential students, current students, and parents to see what MSMS is all about! A lot of parents live far away and aren’t able to attend all the games or events, so this is a way for them to support the school and their kids. There are also many students who may not have the [privilege](#) plans or study hours off to go to events or games, so this is an amazing way for them to be included.” - Maya Diaz

“I fully support this resolution. Personally, I love basketball and coming here meant that I had to give that up. Yes, we have a club, but that is nothing like experiencing the community that you can build from teammates. Therefore, this bill will be a way for me to connect with my passion for sports even if that's not basketball.” - Lillian Smith

“I am in accordance with the resolution proposed. It will be amazing to watch friends and classmates play soccer, tennis, and other sports that some Juniors may not be able to watch in person due to their privilege plan. Having videos uploaded is also another way for those playing the sport to watch back how good they did at their game. Apart from peers being able to watch these videos, parents that live hours away from MSMS will be able to watch their kids!”
- Beyonce Lopez-Mendoza

“Yes, I would like to be able to watch the soccer games and events that my child is involved in, but I cannot go in person because I am 3 hours away. I would come to her games, but I cannot get there because of work. I do not have the time in between work and her games. I would like to see them streamed and broadcasted so I can watch them on YouTube.” - Sarah Patrick (MSMS parent)

“Live streaming events and extracurricular activities will allow the community stakeholders to show their support to the students and give the students a platform to demonstrate their talents inside and outside of the classroom.” - Dr. Angela Savage (MSMS parent)

“In my opinion, live streaming extracurricular events will be great. Not only for the students who can’t attend in person, but also for parents like myself who live 2 hours away. It’s difficult to make all activities when I live so far away. Having events streamed live will enable me to be a part of certain events as well as lift some of the pressure and guilt of not being able to attend.” - Schenita Williams (MSMS parent)

