Memo

To: Dr. Thomas Richey

From: Henderson Tennis Club – Shanon Thomson, Jr. Tennis Chair

CC: Henderson County School Board Members

Date:

Re: Board Approval for Quickstart Lines

The United States Tennis Association has adopted new rules for 10 – under tennis, called Quickstart Tennis. QuickStart Tennis play format takes a new and better approach to introducing kids to the game. Balls are lower in compression; they bounce lower and don't move as fast so they are easier to hit. Racquets are sized for small hands, so they are easier to swing, and the courts are smaller and easier to cover. Full sized courts can easily be reconfigured to accommodate the new Quickstart requirements by simply painting additional lines that are hardly noticeable.

The United States Tennis Association is offering a grant to cover 75% of the cost to paint the lines, and the Henderson Tennis Club will pay for the remaining 25%. The club needs the board’s approval in order to paint four courts at Henderson County High School.

The club would like to stress that it will not cost Henderson County Schools any money, or cause any additional work for any Henderson County School employee. It will, however, be a great benefit for the kids in the community both physically and socially, as they will be able to participate on a team sport that could eventually take them to the collegiate level. The new lines will also allow the Henderson Tennis Club to create feeder programs for the HCHS tennis teams. The Henderson Tennis community is very excited to have a chance to offer another sport for kids to participate in, because as you know children who participate in athletics tend to demonstrate better academic and social skills proving to be an asset to the district that invested in them.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our request, and if you have any questions please contact me at 270-860-8970.

Shanon Thomson

Henderson Tennis Club Junior Committee Chair