



Re: [EXTERNAL]Fwd: Donation Commitment for Athletic Field Lighting – Lakeside High School

From Donald Porter (Dept. Of Grants & Partnerships) <Donald_Porter@dekalbschoolsga.org>

Date Tue 4/28/2026 4:31 PM

To burst.samuel@gmail.com <burst.samuel@gmail.com>

Cc Lollar, Pete <jlollar@emory.edu>

Received- thank you!

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Mr. Porter,

Thank you for your follow-up.

Below is the email from Dr. Pete Lollar, the donor for the Lakeside High School Baseball and Softball lighting project, which we have been coordinating in collaboration with Mr. Hofstetter. Dr. Lollar has increased his financial commitment to \$750,000 to fully support the Musco lighting proposal for both fields (nine poles), as well as the geotechnical core drilling and any potential electrical infrastructure requirements associated with the project.

Please feel free to reach out if you need any additional information or if there are further steps required to meet District protocols. I am happy to assist in any way to help move this process forward.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,

Sam Burst

President

Lakeside Dugout Club

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From: Lollar, Pete <jlollar@emory.edu>

Date: Fri, Mar 20, 2026 at 3:51 PM

Subject: Donation Commitment for Athletic Field Lighting – Lakeside High School

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Erick Hofstetter
Chief Operating Officer
DeKalb County School District

Dear Mr. Hofstetter,

I am writing to confirm the intent of the SYS Fund to provide a donation to support athletic facility improvements at Lakeside High School. This donation will fully fund the purchase and installation of baseball and softball field lighting systems by Musco Sports Lighting as specified in Musco design 69157903E_7pol, project number 69157903, and contract number 041123-MSL (attached). The current quotation for the 7-pole baseball plus softball installation is \$656,030 (attached). Additionally, the Lakeside Dugout Club has received a quotation from Oasis Consulting Services for \$7,480 to conduct a geoengineering survey of the construction sites, with additional quotes for the survey expected. Thus, the current total estimated cost is \$663,510.

The SYS Fund is a donor-advised fund which is owned and controlled by Vanguard Charitable, a 501(c)(3) public charity. Pending approval of the Musco project proposal by the DeKalb County School District, the SYS Fund will provide documentation confirming it has an account at Vanguard Charitable totaling at least the estimated cost above, along with a letter of commitment to give a cash grant of at least this amount to the Lakeside Dugout Club.

The intent of this donation is to enhance the student-athlete experience and improve the usability and safety of the athletic facilities. This contribution will cover the necessary equipment and installation services required for project completion.

Please feel free to contact me directly at jlollar@emory.edu should you need any additional information or documentation regarding this donation. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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