Township of Union Public Schools

Patrick W. Martin Superintendent

PROPOSAL: "ZERO PERIOD" OPTION FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASSES AT

UNION HIGH SCHOOL

Union High School students would take a "fitness/wellness class" in a fitness classroom at the

high school from 6:30AM to 7:10AM on the school days when they would ordinarily take a

Physical Education class during the school day. Because this period will occur prior to Period 1

of the school day, it will be referred to as a "Zero Period" class.

This Fitness/Wellness Class will take the place of the student's regularly scheduled Physical

Education class. Each involved student can use the class period usually used for the Physical

Education class to take a study hall or another class.

The students in this Fitness/Wellness Class will receive individualized instruction on

fitness/wellness activities such as treadmill, Exercycle, free weights, etc. This instruction will

come from a certified Physical Education teacher from the Union High School faculty. The

faculty members (acting in many aspects as a fitness coach) will be responsible for maintaining

attendance records, prescribing and monitoring individualized student activities, and issuing

report card grades for the pupils.

Involved students will be encouraged to develop fitness/wellness activities and routines that they

might carry with them beyond their high school years and into their adult lives.

Involved students will be permitted to watch television news programs and bring beverages and

health snacks into the fitness/wellness area with them (in the same way that adults often watch

morning news programs on television while they are doing morning exercises, and in the same

way that adults consume fitness drinks and health snacks while performing morning exercises).