

**COMMUNITY SPORTS COMMITTEE**  
**Pilot Scheme for Student Athlete Support**

**Purpose**

This paper reports to Members the implementation progress and latest development of the Pilot Scheme for Student Athlete Support (the Pilot Scheme).

**Background**

2. In the 2013 Policy Address, the Chief Executive announced that the Government would cooperate with the Hong Kong Schools Sports Federation (HKSSF) to provide appropriate support to students from low-income families so that they can realise their sporting potential. We worked with the HKSSF and launched the Pilot Scheme in 2013/14 school year to provide financial support to students from low-income families in pursuing their sporting goals, through participation in events organised by the HKSSF. The administrative work of the Pilot Scheme, such as processing of applications and year-end reports submitted by schools, liaison with schools and release of grants, is mainly handled by the HKSSF.

3. We have previously reported to the Community Sports Committee on the details and arrangements of the Pilot Scheme on 12 July 2013.

**Implementation of the Pilot Scheme in 2013/14 and 2014/15 school years**

4. When the Pilot Scheme was launched in 2013/14 school year, the funding ceiling per school was fixed at \$10,000. The funding provided covered three main areas, namely purchase of personal sports equipment, transportation costs and school squad coaching fees. Schools may decide on the amount of funding to be allocated to each area of support and the number of students to be supported, but the amount of support for each individual student must not exceed \$3,000 per year.

5. A total of 363 schools participated in the Pilot Scheme in the first year of implementation. The participating schools were required to submit a year-end report by the end of the school year for examination by the HKSSF

and the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB). The HKSSF reimbursed the expense to schools after confirming that the relevant requirements have been met.

6. Having considered the feedback from participating schools after the first year of implementation, we have continued the Pilot Scheme in 2014/15 school year. A total of 489 participated in the Pilot Scheme, representing an increase of about 34% as compared with the first year. The following adjustments have been made to the Pilot Scheme in 2014/15 school year –

- (a) increasing the funding ceiling per school from \$10,000 to \$12,000, with the maximum amount of support for any individual student remaining at \$3,000;
- (b) expanding the eligible expense items to cover course fees and transport costs for participating in the Outreach Coaching Programme (school squad training) and Joint School Sports Training Programme under LCSD’s School Sports Programme; and
- (c) cancelling advance payments to schools so as to reduce administrative work. Schools may receive funding by the end of April if their year-end reports are submitted by mid-February.

### Spending Position

7. Summaries of the year-end reports for the 2013/14 and 2014/15 school years are at **Annex I** and **Annex II** respectively.

8. About \$2.8 million and \$4.7 million were granted to participating schools in 2013/14 school year and 2014/15 school year respectively. The number of student beneficiaries has increased from about 8,500 students in 2013/14 school year to about 13,500 students in 2014/15 school year, representing an increase of about 60%. The spending position of the participating schools is summarised below –

Amount of expenditure	No. of Schools (Percentage)	
	2013/14 School Year	2014/15 School Year
\$6,000 or below	90 (24.8%)	85 (17.4%)
\$6,001 to \$8,000	41 (11.3%)	32 (6.5%)
\$8,001 to \$10,000	232 (63.9%)	35 (7.2%)
\$10,001 to \$12,000*	N/A	337 (68.9%)

\*Funding ceiling per school has been increased from \$10,000 to \$12,000 starting from 2014/15 school year.

9. Most of the grants were spent on purchase of sports equipment. Expenditure of participating schools by broad category is tabulated below -

Categories of eligible item	Actual Expenditure (%)	
	2013/14 School Year	2014/15 School Year
Purchase of equipment	\$1,910,341.00 (67.0%)	\$3,453,643.10 (71.2%)
Transportation	\$95,206.90 (3.5%)	\$130,794.60 (2.7%)
Coaching fees	\$830,979.50 (29.5%)	\$1,129,656.60 (23.3%)
LCSD School Sports Programme*	N/A	\$136,041.80 (2.8%)

\*Course fees and transportation costs related to LCSD's School Sports Programme has been included in the Scheme starting from 2014/15 school year.

10. The Pilot Scheme received positive feedback from schools. The participating schools considered that it could directly benefit the students with financial needs and they supported its continuation.

### Monitoring the Use of Funding

11. Apart from vetting the year-end report of each participating school, the HKSSF also conducted random checks to ensure that the beneficiaries had participated in HKSSF competitions. It also sampled supporting documents such as payment receipts and acknowledgements signed by parents. The HKSSF found that the spending of funding of the schools complied with the relevant requirements. HAB examined those year-end reports and the spot check reports prepared by the HKSSF. HAB had also, through the HKSSF, sought clarifications from schools where necessary to ensure that the spending position of schools is compliant with the relevant requirements.

### Latest Development

12. The Pilot Scheme continues in 2015/16 school year based on the funding level and categories of 2014/15 school year. In early September 2015, we have invited schools to submit applications by mid-September 2015. A total of 578 schools have submitted applications. We have vetted all the applications and found them to be in order. SHA has approved releasing a maximum of \$6.94 million from the Arts and Sport Development Fund (Sports Portion) to these 578 schools. HKSSF has informed the participating schools of the application results in November 2015.

13. The actual amount to be received by each school would depend on the year-end reports submitted. As in 2014/15 school year, schools could receive funding earlier by submitting their year-end reports early. The funding would be released to schools according to the following schedule –

Submission of Year-end Reports	Reimbursement
On or before 29 January 2016	On or before 15 April 2016
On or before 17 June 2016	On or before 31 August 2016

14. The HKSSF and HAB will continue to conduct vetting for the year-end reports and scrutinise the relevant supporting documents, to ensure the proper use of funds by the participating schools.

### **Advice Sought**

15. Members are invited to note the implementation progress and latest development of the Pilot Scheme.

**Home Affairs Bureau  
November 2015**

1. Submission of Reports

	Submission of year-end reports				
	Total	28.01.2014 to 30.06.2014	01.07.2014 to 18.07.2014	19.07.2014 to 29.08.2014	30.08.2014 to 12.09.2014
Primary schools	161	71	31	40	19
Secondary schools	202	89	27	49	37
<b>Total no. of schools</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>56</b>

2. Distribution of Beneficiaries by Event

Primary Schools

5-a-side Football	5-a-side Handball	Fencing	Squash
20	125	45	20
Football	Swimming	Athletics	Games
469	196	1086	1
Table Tennis	Badminton	Tennis	Basketball
376	215	15	792
Gymnastics	Volleyball		
67	308		

Secondary Schools

Cross-country	Hockey	Softball	Fencing
127	22	33	52
Indoor rowing	Squash	Archery	Football
90	4	85	685
Lifesaving	Swimming	Athletics	Table Tennis
0	79	1139	115
Badminton	Girls' Football	Netball	Tennis
257	10	34	6
Basketball	Gymnastics	Rugby	Tenpin Bowling
1436	8	143	5
Beach Volleyball	Handball	Rugby 7s	Volleyball
12	329	0	1102

Number of events per school

Average:	<u>2.8</u>
Maximum:	<u>7</u>
Minimum:	<u>1</u>

Number of events per school

Average:	<u>3.5</u>
Maximum:	<u>9</u>
Minimum:	<u>1</u>

3. Number of Beneficiaries

Primary schools

Male: 2086      Female: 1303      Total: 3389      Average: 21

Secondary schools

Male: 3040      Female: 2222      Total: 5262      Average: 26

Number of Primary School Beneficiaries by Grade

	P.1	P.2	P.3	P.4	P.5	P.6	Total
Male:	36	83	260	466	657	584	2086
Female:	20	48	135	286	419	395	1303
<b>Total:</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>752</b>	<b>1076</b>	<b>979</b>	<b>3389</b>

Number of Secondary School Beneficiaries by Grade

	S.1	S.2	S.3	S.4	S.5	S.5	Total
Male:	581	602	516	594	527	220	3040
Female:	538	491	451	347	285	110	2222
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1119</b>	<b>1093</b>	<b>967</b>	<b>941</b>	<b>812</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>5262</b>

#### 4. Subvented Items and Number of Beneficiaries

##### 4.1 Sports Equipment

###### Primary Schools

Competition Apparel	796
School Sportswear	79
Sports Shoes	1083
Rackets/Sports Equipment	853
Protective Gear	180
<b>Total:</b>	<b>2991</b>

###### Secondary Schools

Competition Apparel	2257
School Sportswear	48
Sports Shoes	1573
Rackets/Sports Equipment	455
Protective Gear	226
<b>Total:</b>	<b>4559</b>

##### 4.2 Transportation

Primary: 312      Secondary: 654      Total: 966

##### 4.3 School Squad Coaching Fee

###### Event

###### Primary Schools

5-a-side Football	5-a-side Handball	Fencing	Squash
2	4	1	3
Football	Swimming	Athletics	Games
21	18	16	0
Table Tennis	Badminton	Tennis	Basketball
33	23	4	35
Gymnastics	Volleyball		
2	8		

###### Secondary Schools

Cross-country	Hockey	Softball	Fencing
2	0	0	4
Indoor rowing	Squash	Archery	Football
2	1	0	11
Lifesaving	Swimming	Athletics	Table Tennis
0	6	12	10
Badminton	Girls' Football	Netball	Tennis
9	0	1	3
Basketball	Gymnastics	Rugby	Tenpin Bowling
33	1	5	0
Beach Volleyball	Handball	Rugby 7s	Volleyball
1	6	0	27

###### Number of Beneficiaries

###### Primary Schools

5-a-side Football	5-a-side Handball	Fencing	Squash
6	48	2	12
Football	Swimming	Athletics	Games
134	97	108	0
Table Tennis	Badminton	Tennis	Basketball
195	126	12	300
Gymnastics	Volleyball		
23	40		

###### Secondary Schools

Cross-country	Hockey	Softball	Fencing
24	0	0	12
Indoor rowing	Squash	Archery	Football
3	1	0	84
Lifesaving	Swimming	Athletics	Table Tennis
0	26	145	39
Badminton	Girls' Football	Netball	Tennis
67	0	24	3
Basketball	Gymnastics	Rugby	Tenpin Bowling
326	1	64	0
Beach Volleyball	Handball	Rugby 7s	Volleyball
2	29	0	301

**5. Vetted Actual Expenditure**

Primary Schools

Item	Total	Percentage	Per Person			Per School		
			Average	Maximum	Minimum	Average	Maximum	Minimum
Sports Equipment	\$640,095.70	55%	\$214.01	\$2,995.00	\$20.00	\$3,975.75	\$10,585.00	\$90.00
Transportation	\$19,685.00	2%	\$63.09	\$1,000.00	\$10.00	\$122.27	\$2,000.00	\$58.00
School Squad Coaching Fee	\$503,254.00	43%	\$456.26	\$7,000.00	\$50.00	\$3,125.80	\$10,240.00	\$140.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,163,034.7</b>							

Secondary Schools

Item	Total	Percentage	Per Person			Per School		
			Average	Maximum	Minimum	Average	Maximum	Minimum
Sports Equipment	\$1,270,245.30	76%	\$278.62	\$3,000.00	\$10.00	\$6,288.34	\$11,745.00	\$130.00
Transportation	\$75,521.90	5%	\$115.48	\$1,579.60	\$5.00	\$373.87	\$10,000.00	\$120.00
School Squad Coaching Fee	\$327,725.50	20%	\$284.73	\$2,075.00	\$50.00	\$1,622.40	\$21,100.00	\$180.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,673,492.7</b>							

**6. Comments on the Scheme 1(Highest) - 5(Lowest)**

	1	2	3	4	5
6.1 Effectiveness	201	124	26	5	0
6.2 Sufficiency of Funding	78	131	87	44	16
6.3 Adequacy of Areas of Support	116	145	57	33	5

1. Submission of Reports

	Total	Submission of year-end reports					
		1/1/2015 to 13/02/2015	14/02/2015 to 31/03/2015	01/04/2015 to 10/07/2015	11/07/2015 to 24/07/2015	27/07/2015 to 07/08/2015	No. of withdrawn applications
Primary schools	217	15	3	60	90	34	15
Secondary schools	272	33	0	84	99	46	10
Total no. of schools	489	48	3	144	189	80	25

2. Distribution of Beneficiaries by Event

Primary Schools

5-a-side Football	5-a-side Handball	Fencing	Squash
24	19	55	30
Football	Swimming	Table Tennis	Athletics
957	393	468	2012
Games	Badminton	Basketball	Gymnastics
51	443	1182	72
Volleyball			
646			

Secondary Schools

Cross-country	Hockey	Softball	Fencing
204	10	29	83
Indoor rowing	Squash	Archery	Football
197	9	53	1218
Lifesaving	Swimming	Athletics	Table Tennis
0	183	1694	274
Badminton	Girls' Football	Netball	Tennis
425	17	3	7
Basketball	Gymnastics	Rugby	Tenpin Bowling
2310	2	190	7
Beach Volleyball	Handball	Rugby 7s	Volleyball
9	468	0	1514

Number of events per school

Average:	3.0
Maximum:	8
Minimum:	1

Number of events per school

Average:	3.9
Maximum:	10
Minimum:	1

3. Number of Beneficiaries

Primary schools

Male:	3406	Female:	2230	Total:	5636	Average:	26
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Secondary schools

Male:	4851	Female:	3336	Total:	8187	Average:	30
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Number of Primary School Beneficiaries by Grade

	P.1	P.2	P.3	P.4	P.5	P.6	Total
Male:	46	151	457	786	1005	961	3406
Female:	46	89	270	481	660	684	2230
Total:	92	240	727	1267	1665	1645	5636

Number of Secondary School Beneficiaries by Grade

	F.1	F.2	F.3	F.4	F.5	F.6	Total
Male:	995	995	913	885	730	333	4851
Female:	787	794	647	545	404	159	3336
Total:	1782	1789	1560	1430	1134	492	8187

#### 4. Subvented Items and Number of Beneficiaries

##### Sports Equipment

##### 4.1 Primary Schools

Competition Apparel	2260
Sports Shoes	1564
Rackets	435
Protective Gear	619
Others	708
<b>Total:</b>	<b>5586</b>

##### Secondary Schools

Competition Apparel	4264
Sports Shoes	2277
Rackets	231
Protective Gear	450
Others	591
<b>Total:</b>	<b>7813</b>

##### 4.2 Transportation

Primary: 573      Secondary: 916      Total: 1489

##### 4.3 School Squad Coaching Fee

##### Event

##### Primary Schools

5-a-side Football	5-a-side Handball	Fencing	Squash
1	1	2	2
Football	Swimming	Table Tennis	Athletics
33	30	34	24
Games	Badminton	Basketball	Gymnastics
0	30	30	4
Volleyball			
10			

##### Secondary Schools

Cross-country	Hockey	Softball	Fencing
2	0	1	3
Indoor rowing	Squash	Archery	Football
1	0	4	16
Lifesaving	Swimming	Athletics	Table Tennis
0	6	17	15
Badminton	Girls' Football	Netball	Tennis
18	0	1	2
Basketball	Gymnastics	Rugby	Tenpin Bowling
37	0	2	0
Beach Volleyball	Handball	Rugby 7s	Volleyball
0	7	0	26

##### Number of Beneficiaries

##### Primary Schools

5-a-side Football	5-a-side Handball	Fencing	Squash
5	19	9	17
Football	Swimming	Table Tennis	Athletics
244	187	594	687
Games	Badminton	Basketball	Gymnastics
0	675	292	19
Volleyball			
41			

##### Secondary Schools

Cross-country	Hockey	Softball	Fencing
9	0	3	23
Indoor rowing	Squash	Archery	Football
5	0	14	155
Lifesaving	Swimming	Athletics	Table Tennis
0	24	195	60
Badminton	Girls' Football	Netball	Tennis
100	0	2	2
Basketball	Gymnastics	Rugby	Tenpin Bowling
398	0	14	0
Beach Volleyball	Handball	Rugby 7s	Volleyball
0	49	0	261

4.4 LCSD Schools Sports Programme

**Event**

**Primary Schools**

5-a-side Football	5-a-side Handball	Fencing	Squash
0	0	3	1
Football	Swimming	Table Tennis	Athletics
4	0	5	4
Games	Badminton	Basketball	Gymnastics
0	4	5	0
Volleyball			
0			

**Secondary Schools**

Cross-country	Hockey	Softball	Fencing
0	0	0	0
Indoor rowing	Squash	Archery	Football
0	0	0	1
Lifesaving	Swimming	Athletics	Table Tennis
0	0	2	2
Badminton	Girls' Football	Netball	Tennis
1	0	0	0
Basketball	Gymnastics	Rugby	Tenpin Bowling
5	0	1	0
Beach Volleyball	Handball	Rugby 7s	Volleyball
1	4	0	5

**Number of Beneficiaries**

**Primary Schools**

5-a-side Football	5-a-side Handball	Fencing	Squash
0	0	23	2
Football	Swimming	Table Tennis	Athletics
35	0	29	48
Games	Badminton	Basketball	Gymnastics
0	37	71	0
Volleyball			
0			

**Secondary Schools**

Cross-country	Hockey	Softball	Fencing
0	0	0	0
Indoor rowing	Squash	Archery	Football
0	0	0	7
Lifesaving	Swimming	Athletics	Table Tennis
0	0	37	12
Badminton	Girls' Football	Netball	Tennis
9	0	0	0
Basketball	Gymnastics	Rugby	Tenpin Bowling
46	0	20	0
Beach Volleyball	Handball	Rugby 7s	Volleyball
4	51	0	29

**5. Vetted Actual Expenditure**

**Primary Schools**

Item	Total	Percentage	Per Person			Per School		
			Average	Maximum	Minimum	Average	Maximum	Minimum
Sports Equipment	\$1,174,264.3	59.0%	\$210.2	\$3,014.0	\$20.0	\$5,411.4	\$12,996.0	\$105.0
Transportation	\$46,112.2	2.3%	\$80.5	\$2,710.0	\$13.2	\$212.5	\$5,600.0	\$36.0
Coaching Fees	\$698,925.6	35.1%	\$246.1	\$15,000.0	\$40.0	\$3,220.9	\$28,500.0	\$360.0
LCSD School Sports Programme	\$71,405.6	3.6%	\$284.5	\$1,200.0	\$100.0	\$329.1	\$5,880.0	\$360.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,990,707.7</b>							

**Secondary Schools**

Item	Total	Percentage	Per Person			Per School		
			Average	Maximum	Minimum	Average	Maximum	Minimum
Sports Equipment	\$2,279,378.8	79.7%	\$291.7	\$2,994.0	\$20.0	\$8,380.1	\$17,247.1	\$185.0
Transportation	\$84,682.4	3.0%	\$92.4	\$1,170.0	\$2.2	\$311.3	\$10,000.0	\$39.6
Coaching Fees	\$430,731.0	15.1%	\$284.5	\$3,000.0	\$20.0	\$1,583.6	\$20,000.0	\$50.0
LCSD School Sports Programme	\$64,636.2	2.3%	\$300.6	\$1,000.0	\$24.0	\$237.6	\$11,900.0	\$24.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,859,428.4</b>							

**6. Comments on the Scheme (1(Highest) - 5(Lowest))**

	1	2	3	4	5
6.1 Effectiveness	292	158	10	4	0
6.2 Sufficiency of Funding	136	199	78	40	11
6.3 Adequacy of Areas of Support	186	189	57	26	6