

Fee Waiver Staff Report

DATE:**TO:** DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**THROUGH:** DOUGLAS J. DEBORD, COUNTY MANAGER**FROM:** TERENCE T. QUINN, AICP, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT *TTQ for TD***CC:** STEVE SHOULTZ, CPRP, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PARKS, TRAILS AND BUILDING GROUND**SUBJECT:** **FEE WAIVER REQUEST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$175 FOR THE PLATTE RIVER ACADEMY CROSS COUNTRY MEET AT BLUFFS REGIONAL TRAIL****OWNER:**DOUGLAS COUNTY
100 THIRD STREET
CASTLE ROCK, CO 80104**REPRESENTATIVE:**BILL PASCUA, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR
PLATTE RIVER ACADEMY
4085 LARK SPARROW STREET
HIGHLANDS RANCH, CO 80126

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING**OCTOBER 8, 2024 @ 1:30 p.m.**

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Platte River Academy (PRA) requests a fee waiver in the amount of \$175 for their 5th Annual Cross Country Meet at the Bluffs Regional Trail (3rd year at this location) on October 3, 2024. There will be up to 100 students in attendance and approximately 75 family spectators. Each heat will have about 35 runners.

II. BACKGROUND

Platte River Academy is a K through 8th grade public Charter School with approximately 650 students in Douglas County, Colorado. PRA has a small team of cross country runners. PRA is on a limited budget and would like to request any financial assistance with the granting of a fee waiver or reduced fee.

III. REQUEST

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IV. STAFF ASSESSMENT

The Board of County Commissioners has the sole authority to waive or reduce all park use fees and may choose to waive or reduce the use fee of \$175 for the Platte River Academy.

ATTACHMENTS

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Platte River Academy

Knows and Grows Every Learner

Hello Board of County Commissioners,

My name is Bill Pascua and I am the athletic director at Platte River Academy in Highlands Ranch, a Douglas County school. We are hosting the 5th annual cross country for our school, but the first two years were held at the East West Trail near Mountain Vista High School. This is something we've enjoyed hosting and schools that attend have come to respect the challenge and beauty of the current location, Bluffs Regional Park.

Last year, we were told that we could likely have our permit fees waived for this event because we are a Douglas County School and essentially operate from similar resident taxes. We are hoping that the fee could be waived, or at least reduced, in order to subsidize our cross country program. It's a small team, but very enthusiastic and the coach has been with us for the last 8 years. From an operating budget, we do barely survive so any way we can offset our outgoing expenses would be greatly appreciated.

Here are the details of our upcoming event (already approved by Maryna Sheveria):

Thursday, October 3rd, 2024 3:30pm to 6:30pm

Bluffs Regional Park (map attached with the meet route)

Up to 100 students in total attendance, but racing in groups of approximately 35 runners at time). Parent spectators of approximately 75. We have had walkers/ hikers alongside us and it has never been a problem. Most of them just cheer on the runners.

I've attached the permit to this email.

Any help would be greatly appreciated and we understand you may get many of these requests. If the meetings to approve happen after the event, and it doesn't go in our favor, we will gladly take care of the fee.

Thank you so much for your time! - Bill Pascua, Athletic Director at Platte River Academy

