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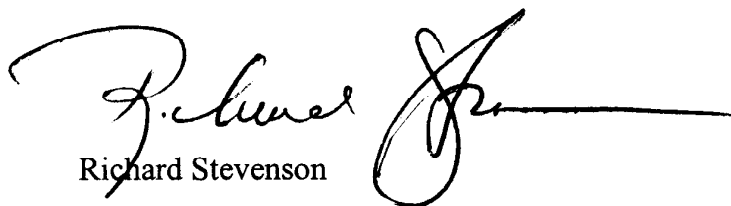
To whom it may concern:

I am writing as the Supervisor of Health and Physical Education for the West Chester Area School District in Chester County, Pennsylvania, to recommend the game of Tchoukball for inclusion in school district physical education programs. Recently, Mr. Pierre-Alain Girardin came to my district for some demonstrations of this game. The game is played in many countries around the world, but has just begun its growth in the United States. I would highly recommend this game for a co-educational environment of physical education for children in grades 4 and up.

The game has a set of defensive strategies that are very different than those employed in most sports/games that are typically used in physical education. There is no contact in this game because there is no defense of the players or the throws on the court/field. Because of this, the game is almost completely contact free and suitable in a physical education class. The scoring is accomplished by throwing the ball against the spring-like webbing on a 1 meter square metal frame and having the rebound come out and make contact with the floor. The defense can stop this score by catching the ball before it hits the floor. Play is continuous and fast.

The students were able to grasp the concepts of play in a short period of time and engage in the activity at an appropriate level to enjoy their initial experiences with the game. I would recommend contacting Mr. Girardin and asking him to come to your school district for a workshop.

Sincerely,


Richard Stevenson