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Discussion Item

Ending support for the NJ Mobile Museum

In May 2012, the Board passed a resolution to provide funding in the Member Services budget for sponsorship of the New Jersey Hall of Fame Mobile Museum. The cost is \$25,000 every two years and the sponsorship was renewed May 2016 -2018. A major justification for sponsorship was that the museum would visit a certain number of Member schools each year. However, the mobile museum has been out of service for renovations, and is now becoming a permanent fixture at the Meadowlands. It will not be traveling to any Member schools for at least six months.

Does NJSIG wish to continue supporting the NJHOF Mobile Museum? If not, should NJSIG demand a pro-rated return of the current sponsorship? Another option is to put our sponsorship on “hold” for a reasonable period, then start it up again when the museum becomes mobile.

A statement from the Hall of Fames website regarding the importance of the mobile museum reads as follows: Inductees of the New Jersey Hall of Fame are used as models or case studies to promote the concepts of goal setting, perseverance, and achievement. Lessons are designed to link inductees to students by examining what both groups have in common. Research allows teachers and students to participate in research projects that promote an expansion of thinking beyond the traditional sense into transitional life strategies. The Mobile Museum will serve as a research center of primary sources and inspiration to take pride in the history of New Jersey and local communities. Biographies and induction speeches allow students to experience a multimedia approach to hearing about the inductees values and successes in their own words. Interactive displays also add depth to the impact inductees had on New Jersey, the United States, and even the global community

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