

Appendix 11.3. Dramatic Situation

Your local board of education must determine how best to allocate the remaining five million dollars included within its upcoming budget. These funds can be applied to either upgrading its athletic facilities or retrofitting its science labs with new equipment. Both upgrades are necessary, and the money cannot be divided between the two options.

Adopting one of the following perspectives, compose a two-minute testimonial to be delivered in front of the board of education:

1. You are the captain of a high school football team who is poised to earn an athletic scholarship.
2. You are an athlete who has sustained a serious sports-related injury.
3. You are a member of the school's robotics team with little interest in traditional sports.
4. You are a struggling student who has considered dropping out of school but has continued to attend because of your involvement with sports.
5. You are a nonathlete who aspires to become a doctor and feels that the school is already overly invested in athletics.
6. You are the principal, and, as a former student athlete, you are genuinely torn about how best to spend the money.
7. You are the parent of a student who was recently cut from the JV soccer team.
8. You are an athletic trainer who has a passion for science but is also concerned about the condition of the school's sports equipment and facilities.