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Huntington 'Spirit Check' Fundraising Program Growth Helps More High School Sports Teams Score Support

Fivefold increase in school participation in customized check program

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Feb. 7 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- As Midwest high school hoops teams line up for spring tournaments, more and more fans can express their school spirit while financially supporting hometown student programs through the Huntington Bank Spirit Check initiative.

To date 91 high schools in Ohio, West Virginia, Michigan, Northern Kentucky and Indianapolis have adopted the Spirit Check program, through which Huntington is designed to collect \$3 for school programs for the purchase of every box of customized checks bearing the team mascot.

"At Huntington we have been working with families and school administrators to determine how we can help support athletics, academic and other student programs," said Mary Navarro, executive senior vice president of retail and commercial banking at Huntington Bank. "Through the Spirit Check program, Huntington has found a way to help schools raise money, give families more choice in the checks they order and spread team spirit throughout the community."

Launched in 2006, enrollment in Huntington's Spirit Check program has grown from an initial 15 schools to nearly 100 and continues to attract new participants. Interested schools can contact Huntington to sign up so that boosters can order the fundraising checks. For more information, visit HuntingtonforSchools.com or stop by your local Huntington Bank branch.

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