



June 19, 2018

Dear _____,

I hope this note finds you well and enjoying the summer. The reason I write is to give you an update on a very special event you helped make happen last year, **Net Gain**.

As you recall, we were able to raise over \$30,000 at the inaugural game last summer between Orr and Lake Forest to benefit the Orr basketball program. Frankly, the event and financial support exceeded our wildest dreams. The relationship between the schools continued throughout the year, including our obtaining a comprehensive weight / training room for Orr student athletes. For more information on all that's happened, check the **Net Gain** website www.netgain2017.org.

As we considered options for this year, **Net Gain** leaders Fred Koch, Chris Morehead & Phil LaScala (LFHS), Rick Telander & I were unsure as to best path moving forward. Should **Net Gain** be an annual game, or should we let go of it and be grateful for a unique, one-time event? The answer came to us a few months back when Joe Dondanville contacted us. Joe is the producer of the critically acclaimed documentary *Gamechangers*, which tells the story of the historic 1960's games between New Trier and Marshall High Schools. Joe wondered, "would we be interested in doing something together this year?"

As we spoke about the possibilities, in short order it became clear that a wonderful opportunity was before us. **Net Gain** leaders had quietly dreamed that our initial event might be a springboard for similar city / suburban relationships to develop – and that's what happened. As a result, this year's **Net Gain** will be held on Monday, July 1 beginning at 12:00 noon, featuring New Trier vs. Marshall followed by Lake Forest vs. 2018 AA State Champion Orr. It promises to be a great afternoon of basketball and equally important, a valuable cultural exchange between city and suburban student athletes.

While we are enthusiastically accepting donations to support the event, we are not offering a formal sponsorship program with banners, t-shirts, etc. If you'd like to make a donation, you can send a check to **Net Gain**, c/o The Community Church, P.O. Box 26, Lake Bluff, IL 60045 or donate online via – go to the Community Church website <http://www.thecommunitychurch.us> and click on donate. Most importantly, though, please know that what you helped start is moving forward in exciting ways, and that it would not have happened without your support. Thank you.

Peace,

Thomas S. Dickelman