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Memorandum

Date: Thursday, March 5, 2026

To: Buncombe County Board of Education Members

From: Lisa Sharpe, Accounts Payable, Purchasing, and Risk Control Manager

Subject: North Buncombe Middle School – Athletic Capital Outlay Request – Softball Pitching Machine

North Buncombe Middle School is requesting approval to purchase a new softball pitching machine using athletic capital outlay funds. The school received three quotes for pitching machines.

MAXBP Fast Training provided the lowest quote for the pitching machine. Including sales tax and freight, the total purchase price is $1,096.73.

Per Mr. Honeycutt's attached memo, he and the North Buncombe Middle School Advisory Council approve purchasing the softball pitching machine using athletic capital outlay funds.

Mr. David Ball, District Athletic Specialist has reviewed the documentation for this request. Mr. Ball supports North Buncombe Middle School's athletic capital outlay request as submitted.

Pursuant to Buncombe County Board of Education Policies 6430-R (State Purchasing Requirements for Equipment, Materials and Supplies) and 6440 (Local Purchasing Requirements for Equipment, Materials, and Supplies), the Purchasing Department verifies the purchasing requirements for the North Buncombe Middle School athletic capital outlay request have been satisfied.

Recommendation: Approve North Buncombe Middle School's request to purchase a softball pitching machine using athletic capital outlay funds.

Attachments: Memo from Mr. Nicholas Honeycutt, North Buncombe Middle School Principal
Quotes: MAXBP Fast Training and Hey Bata

C: Mr. Nicholas Honeycutt, North Buncombe Middle School Principal
Ms. Melanie Aiello, North Buncombe Middle School Bookkeeper
Mr. David Ball, District Athletic Specialist
Ms. Tina Thorpe, Chief Financial Officer
Ms. Tina Jones, Assistant Financial Officer

NORTH BUNCOMBE MIDDLE SCHOOL

51 N Buncombe School Road
Weaverville, NC 28787
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Memorandum

Date: January 28, 2026

To: Lisa Sharpe, Accounts Payable, Purchasing, and Risk Control Manager
Buncombe County Schools

From: Nicholas Honeycutt
North Buncombe Middle School, Principal

Subject: Request to Use Athletic Capital Outlay Funds

North Buncombe Middle School requests to use Athletic Capital Outlay Funds to purchase a pitching machine. Specifically, we would like to purchase the Max BP Original Pitching Machine from MAXBP. The total cost, including freight and tax, is $1,096.73.

Chris Brown, head softball coach at NBMS, received three quotes from MAXPB, Mound YETI, and HeyBata.

This machine is different from others on the market in that it simulates different types of pitches, pitches thrown at different speeds, and pitches thrown by both left and right handed pitchers. Another unique feature is that it throws small wiffle style balls rather than actual softballs. We will be able to use it both on the field and in the gym as the included balls will not damage the gym floor/bleachers/walls/etc. It is lighter than the other machines and with the included battery pack, we can take it anywhere.

The North Buncombe Parent Advisory Council voted to approve this purchase on Wednesday, January 28, 2026.

Thank you for your help with this request.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Honeycutt

Nicholas Honeycutt
Principal

MAXBP
FAST TRAINING

Cart > Information > **Shipping** > Payment

Contact	melanie.aiello@bcsemail.org	Change
Ship to	North Buncombe Middle School, 51 N Buncombe School Rd, Weaverville NC 28787, United States	Change

Shipping method

Economy 5 to 8 business days	$49.99
Expedited (2-3 Business Days)	$99.99
Overnight (must order by 1:00pm Pacific - note Friday order delivers Monday)	$165.00
Overnight Saturday Delivery (must pay by 1:00pm Pacific Friday)	$225.00

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Boost Your Results - Popular Addons for Your MaxBP Machine



WebGlove - Baseball or Softball Catch Training Glove
(38% OFF)
$12.50 ~~$20.00~~

Quantity / Color: 1-pack / Green — Add



FG Polar-Flex Cold Weather Batting Gloves
(17% OFF)
$50.00 ~~$60.00~~

Color / Size: Black / Adult Small — Add



HeavyBat™ Weighted Baseball Training Bat
(25% OFF)
$250.00 ~~$335.00~~

Length and Weight: HeavyBat™ 3040 Leng... — Add



1 MaxBP Original Pitching Machine Bundle #1 — $975.00
Yellow / No Training Bat / Yes - Pop-up 01 & WebGlove



1 STGD: Vision Tracking Discs (1 White, 1 Yellow) — ~~$12.00~~ FREE
FREE TRACKING DISCS (-$12.00)



1 MaxBP Coffee Mug 2025-26 — ~~$25.00~~ FREE
FREE MUG WITH MACHINE BUNDLE (-$25.00)

Discount code or gift card — Apply

Subtotal · 3 items	$975.00
Shipping	$49.99
Estimated taxes	$71.74
Total	USD **$1,096.73**

TOTAL SAVINGS $37.00

FREE Shipping On All Pitching Machines!



Mound Yeti™ 2 Pitching Machine

★★★★★ (75)

SKU: YETI-2

FREE Shipping

$1,799.00

From **$162.37**/mo with shop Pay Check your purchasing power

Subtotal: $1,799.00
Accrued Tax: $ 125.93
Total: $1,924.93

Lisa Sharpe

Quantity:

EXCLUSIVE DISCOUNT

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DESCRIPTION

The Mound Yeti™ 2 Pitching Machine is one of the most versatile pitching machines on the market. This machine pitches both baseballs and softballs and includes a conversion kit. The conversion kit also includes a set of shorter legs, taller legs and two ball chutes to accommodate the size of baseballs and softballs. With pitch speeds ranging from 45 – 95mph, this works great for all skill levels. With a quick adjustment, this machine can throw left-handed breaking balls, right-handed breaking balls, fastballs, sliders, and knuckleballs. Speed settings can be set at low, medium, high, or crank it up to bring the heat! The Mound Yeti™ 2 can be used for more than just BP! Angle the head of the machine up for fly ball or down for grounders. The wheels are made from polyurethane. Dimpled balls are recommended for use. Use of leather balls can cause excessive wear on the wheel surface. The Mound Yeti™ 2 includes the conversion kit, transport kit, and a 2-year limited warranty (learn more).

Note: This machine is not compatible with the Bata Auto Feeder

FEATURES

WHAT'S INCLUDED

SPECIFICATIONS

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

MANUAL

WARRANTY

FREQUENTLY BOUGHT TOGETHER

Total price: $2,063.00

ADD SELECTED TO CART

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- [x] **This item: Mound Yeti™ 2 Pitching Machine** $1,799.00
- [x] Extended Warranty - Mound Yeti 2 2 Year Extended Warranty $129.00
- [x] Bata 12in Low Seam Softballs (12 Pack) $95.00
- [x] Bata 9in White Lightweight Dimpled Training Baseballs (12 Pack) $40.00

FREE Shipping On All Pitching Machines!



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EXCLUSIVE DISCOUNT

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SKU: PM BATA B1 SB 10

Best Seller FREE Shipping

Subtotal: $1,329.00
Accrued Tax: $ 93.03
Total: $1,422.03

$1,329.00

From **$119.95**/mo with shop Pay Check your purchasing power

Select Option: Softball

Baseball | Combination Bb/Sb | Softball

Quantity: − 1 +

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DESCRIPTION

The Bata 1 Pitching Machine is an economical choice in our pitching machine lineup, offering versatility and reliability. Capable of delivering fastballs and fly ball pitches, it boasts a maximum speed of 62mph, making it suitable for a wide range of players, from those in need of batting practice to little league and high school players, as well as participants in pitching machine leagues. Crafted in the United States, it embodies the essence of quality and durability, and it comes backed by a 10-year limited warranty, ensuring peace of mind for its users.

FEATURES

WHAT'S INCLUDED

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MANUAL

WARRANTY

FREQUENTLY BOUGHT TOGETHER

Total price: ~~$3,302.99~~ $3,063.19

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