



WEST WINDSOR-PLAINSBORO REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear WW-P Parents, Students, and Coaches:

Over the last six months, the West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District has engaged in a process with the NJSIAA to find a solution to concerns about the viability of the HSN Varsity football program. Throughout this process, our students were failed by the West Jersey Football League, the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association, and the New Jersey Department of Education. The concerns raised by the district were never truly addressed as archaic rules trumped logic.

Due to the lack of care and compassion of the WJFL, NJSIAA, and NJDOE, WW-P was left with only two paths forward for consideration:

1. The first path, play the HSN Varsity season and make game decisions on a week-by-week basis. Should this path be enacted, we would enter the season in good faith and make weekly determinations based upon the strength and viability of our HSN team, as well as the strength of our opponents.
2. The second path, play a JV season at HSN and a varsity season at HSS. Under the second path, HSN would play an exhibition charity game versus HSS after the conclusion of the regular season.

Throughout the past several months, I have been overwhelmed by the support of our school community; in particular, our football community has shown tremendous heart and character. From our boosters to our Wildcats to our Cheer Squads to our Marching Band to our student body, I am proud how you have stood together.

Our concerns have been given lip service with no solutions provided. Despite the significant disappointment that this decision will bring, the HSN Varsity football team continues to face significant participation numbers and cannot risk entering the fall 2017 season undermanned and undersized. As a district, we will not risk the health and safety of our students. We are significantly disappointed that the individuals and agencies that are

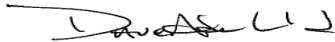
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supposed to both protect our students and provide opportunity and access choose to honor archaic rules versus find a workable solution to allow students to safely participate in a sport that they love. The WJFL and the NJSIAA should be ashamed of themselves.

Therefore, due to no other alternative, the WW-P Regional School District will suspend its HSN Varsity season for the fall 2017 season.

My continued thanks and appreciation to the members of our WW-P football family for the support and advocacy on behalf of student-athletes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David M. Aderhold".

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