

# Fairfield Public Schools



Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Dear CIAC Ice Hockey Committee,

We are writing on behalf of the Fairfield Public School's boys' ice hockey team.

On September 12, 2023, our athletic director, Gina DiGiacomo, submitted an application for cooperative team sponsorship for the Fairfield boys' ice hockey team. Before submission, a letter was distributed to both high school communities requiring early registration for all students interested in playing boys' ice hockey. The application data, as required by the CIAC, was based on the registration numbers when the application was due.

In September, 11 Fairfield Warde students registered, and 19 Fairfield Ludlowe students registered, putting us at 30 total students. Understandably, the application was denied because we were over the maximum threshold required for cooperative status. However, two months later, when the official season started, 22 students chose to participate, 9 Warde students and 13 Ludlowe students. These numbers, by the rules set forth by the CIAC, would have qualified the Fairfield boys hockey program for sponsorship as an official co-op.

We are currently fielding JV and Varsity teams with 22 student-athletes. These students have remained consistently dedicated throughout the season. Unfortunately, eight registered students chose not to participate, negatively impacting our application and our CIAC cooperative status for the current players.

Please allow this letter to serve as a formal request for the CIAC Boys Hockey Committee to reconsider our cooperative team status for the 2023-2024 season.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul A. Cavanna".

Paul A. Cavanna  
Head Principal, FWHS

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dr. Greg Hatzis".

Dr. Greg Hatzis  
Head Principal, FLHS