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Dear Windsor Public Schools Families,

I am writing to share an important update regarding our athletics program and the steps we are taking to preserve as many opportunities as possible for our student-athletes following reductions to the district's athletics budget. As you know, the district has had to make difficult financial decisions this year. Our goal throughout this process has been clear: **to protect student programming to the greatest extent possible while also being mindful of the financial impact on families.**

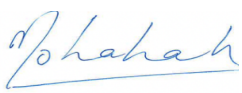
As discussed during the budget process, we are not addressing the athletics budget reduction solely through Pay-to-Play fees, we have taken a broader approach and identified multiple areas where costs can be reduced or additional revenue can be generated. This has included reducing certain athletics-related services and contracts, including some conditioning services, while carefully reviewing other operational expenses within the athletics program.

As part of that effort, Windsor Public Schools will also adjust admission fees for athletic contests. Historically, admission has already been charged for certain sports, including football and basketball. Beginning this school year (Effective September 21, 2026), admission will also be charged for additional ticketed athletic events, including volleyball, soccer, wrestling, swimming, track & field, lacrosse, and other contests where admission can reasonably be administered.

Admission rates for **Regular Season Home Games** (Season passes are for home games only) will be:

- **Adults:** $5 (Basketball and Football **$10**)
- **Students:** $3 (Basketball and Football **$5**)
- **Senior Citizens:** Free
- **Active Military and Veterans:** Free
- **Children under age 5:** Free
- **Individual Sport Season Pass-Choose 1 Sport** (Volleyball, Soccer, Wrestling, Swimming, Track, Lacrosse): $30/Adults, $15/Students
- **Football Season Pass:** $30/Adults, $15/Students
- **Boys or Girls Basketball Season Pass**: $60/Adults, $30/Students
- **2026-2027 Season Pass:** $200/Adults, $100/Students

These rates are consistent with the general range of admission practices used by many surrounding school districts and are intended to remain affordable for families while helping support the overall cost of maintaining our athletics program. I recognize that no family welcomes additional costs associated with school activities. That is precisely why we have worked to avoid placing the full impact of the athletics budget reduction on student participation fees alone. By using a combination of expenditure reductions, Pay-to-Play revenue, and event admission fees, we are working to distribute the financial impact while preserving athletic opportunities for our students. Athletics are an important part of the educational experience. They provide students with opportunities to develop teamwork, discipline, leadership, perseverance, school pride, and a strong sense of belonging. As always, our decisions will remain centered on maintaining meaningful opportunities for students while being responsible stewards of district resources. Thank you for your continued understanding and support of Windsor Public Schools and, most importantly, our student-athletes.



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