



# Laurel Soccer Club, Inc.

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Dear Soccer Parent,

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The time has come for all Laurel School District families to speak up and ask why there is no soccer in our school. For the last few months as we did several years ago, the Laurel Soccer Club has been approaching the school board and administrators regarding the implementation of a soccer program. After several letters, presentations, and conversations, the answer from the school board and administration is they will not address adding a soccer program to our school.

Below is a brief outline of the requests that were made to the school. Anyone wishing to read the entire statements and view the charts, studies and articles to support these statements as well as the schools' written responses may do so on the clubs' website at [www.laurelsoccerclub.com](http://www.laurelsoccerclub.com) or may request copies by calling 724-652-2443.

The club offered up 3 basic ways to start a soccer program. First) Allow several girls to join an existing program at Lincoln High School in Ellwood City, this Co-op program is allowed through WPIAL rules, if both school boards agree. Second) A "club" program, again permitted by WPIAL, the school would allow the club to use its' name, and offer no financial support. Third) Institute a timeline for implementing a varsity soccer program. The answer to all of these requests was "no", with a reason of "our current enrollment just cannot support the addition of another major athletic team".

Apparently the members of the school board and administrators are not convinced that this is a matter of importance to the voters of this community. It is up to us to let the elected officials of this school board know that it is of interest to us and to let the school administrators know that they are there to best prepare our children for the future. I have enclosed a list of the school board members & high school administrators. Please take the time to write, speak or visit with any of these individuals as often as possible to make them aware that they need to open their minds to change and allow this issue to be addressed.

I would appreciate anyone writing a letter, or having any other form of conversation to please mail me a copy of your letter or write me a note including dates and details of your conversation along with the names of who was present during the conversation. That way as I continue to make my presence known at upcoming school board meetings, I can be prepared with supporting documents, should any conversation arise regarding this subject.

The next work session for the Laurel School Board is Wednesday August 9<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:00 pm in the Laurel High School Library. The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday August 15<sup>th</sup> also in the library at 7:00 pm. Please be advised that while I encourage everyone to attend these meetings, there are specific rules that must be followed in order to speak at these meetings. A letter must be sent one week before the meeting to either Dr. Hennon, school superintendent or Timothy Redfoot, president of the school board. After receipt of the letter you should receive a phone call confirming you have been added to the agenda and given the time limit you will be allowed to speak. Please realize that the board is under no obligation to respond to any questions or comments made at these meetings.

We need to take action now, to pave the way for our future high school athletes to be allowed to play the sport of their choosing not to be restricted by a board and administration unwilling to even consider soccer.

Sincerely,

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