



AREA COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES  
CENTRAL OFFICE

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Dr. Thomas A. Giblin  
Superintendent of Schools  
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Dear Dr. Giblin:

I write to recommend that your school district make a formal commitment to join a high school sports Mega League in the South Central Connecticut area. Similar letters are being sent to other school districts or private/parochial schools. At the outset, I want to state my belief that any decision to participate in the proposed Mega League belongs to individual school districts or individual private/parochial schools. I do not believe that an existing league should make the decision for its members.

By way of background, the South Central Public School Superintendents group requested, in October 1992, that I facilitate discussion concerning a Mega League. The impetus for these discussions was the plight of four area high schools who are forced to travel substantial distances, including to Rhode Island, Massachusetts and New York, in order to have a full sports schedule. Other concerns were raised including the changing size of student enrollment in area high schools and racial/ethnic isolation.

At an initial meeting of high school Administrators, Athletic Directors and Board of Education members, it was determined that a concrete proposal was needed. Such a proposal would include specifics as to possible divisions of schools and some information as to how these divisions would relate. James Benanto, Athletic Director at Shelton High School agreed to chair a Planning Group to prepare one or more proposals. This Planning Group actually included over thirty Athletic Directors who spent a substantial amount of time discussing and deliberating on the matter.

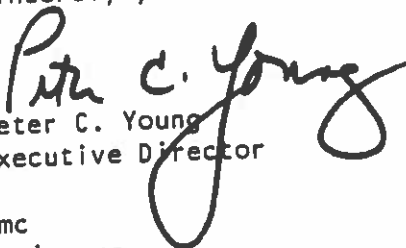
The proposal, which is enclosed, was brought to a second meeting on January 19, 1993. Invited to this session were representatives of each high school named in the proposal. Based on the comments, questions and discussion that took place, I can indicate that there was good support for the Mega League and the belief that it should be implemented.

In recommending that you commit to the Mega League, I must point out that the most important issue right now is the concept. The proposed divisions are subject to revision based on the individual decisions of schools to join and other factors that may emerge as operating procedures are developed. The goals for the Mega League are right and proper and demand your support.

Timing is important. There is agreement among the Athletic Directors that the Mega League could start operating in the 1994-1995 school year. However, there is a great deal of work to be done before operations commence. Therefore, please go through whatever decision making process necessary within your district or school and communicate the result to me by Friday, February 27, 1993. In the event that the process will require more time in your situation, please let me know by what date it can be accomplished.

Please know that I would be happy to meet, answer questions, provide resource people or in any way help in the decision making process. I urge you to make the Mega League a reality.

Sincerely yours,

  
Peter C. Young  
Executive Director

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enclosure

cc - Participants in the  
December 8, 1992 and  
January 19, 1993 meetings

1/19/93

## MEGA-LEAGUE DIVISIONS

### Criteria for Divisions:

1. Size
2. Geography
3. Social / Rivalry Considerations
4. Public Schools only

**LARGE:** Possibly some scheduling arrangements in non-football sports (eg.: Basketball) to spread the potential losses across more schools: Play each school in Large & Medium once = 15 games, plus traditional rivalries & pick up games from the other divisions as needed.

563 Hamden  
503 Wilbur Cross  
482 West Haven  
447 Amity  
435 Cheshire  
428 Shelton  
371 North Haven

**MEDIUM:** Possibly some scheduling arrangements in non-football sports (eg.: Basketball) to spread the potential losses across more schools: Play each school in Large & Medium once = 15 games, plus traditional rivalries & pick up games as needed from any division.

366 Guilford  
342 Lyman Hall  
322 Branford  
322 Hillhouse  
301 Hand  
298 Foran  
293 Law  
280 Middletown (may not be interested - stay in present league)  
216 Morgan (may not be interested - stay in present league)

**SMALL:** Possibly some scheduling arrangements in non-football sports (eg.: Basketball) to spread the potential losses across more schools: Play each school in Small division twice = 14 games, plus traditional rivalries and remaining games as needed from either Large or Medium divisions.)

295 - East Haven  
285 Bunnell  
257 Seymour  
254 Sheehan  
250 Stratford  
210 North Branford (may not be interested - stay in present league)  
180 Ansonia  
106 Derby

MEGA LEAGUE MODEL

SCHEDULE A

[FOOTBALL]

HOUSY

1. CHESHIRE
2. BRANFORD
3. SHELTON
4. LYMAN HALL
5. N. HAVEN
6. AMITY

DISTRICT

1. N. DAME (WH)
2. W. HAVEN
3. HAMDEN
4. PREP
5. XAVIER
6. W. CROSS

COASTAL

1. MIDDLETOWN
2. STRATFORD
3. HAND
4. BUNNELL
5. GUILFORD
6. N. DAME (BPT)
7. J. LAW
8. FORAN

SUBURBAN

1. ANSONIA
2. SHEEHAN
3. DERBY
4. SEYMOUR
5. MORGAN
6. HILLHOUSE
7. E. HAVEN

1. The numbers for each team, after the first year, will be assigned according to where they finished in the league the previous year. For the first year, the assigned numbers should use the final power ratings as they appear in the New Haven Register.

2. A school will play each school in their division every year.

3. The Housy and District divisions will have a mandatory cross into the other league for two additional games. The number one and two schools in each league will play the number one and two school in the other league. The third and fourth team play number three and four in the other league.

4. The Suburban school teams will cross into the Coastal division for one game with the team with the corresponding number.

**SCHEDULE B**

**[BOYS BASKETBALL]**

<b><u>HOUSY</u></b>	<b><u>DISTRICT</u></b>	<b><u>COASTAL</u></b>	<b><u>SUBURBAN</u></b>
1. AMITY	1. FAIRFIELD	1. BUNNELL	1. ANSONIA
2. BRANFORD	2. HAMDEN	2. FORAN	2. DERBY
3. CHESHIRE	3. HILLHOUSE	3. GUILFORD	3. EAST HAVEN
4. LYMAN HALL	4. NOTRE DAME	4. HAND	4. KOLBE
5. NORTH HAVEN	5. WEST HAVEN	5. J. LAW	5. MORGAN
6. SHELTON	6. WILBUR CROSS	6. MIDDLETOWN	6. SEYMOUR
	7. XAVIER	7. STRATFORD	7. SHEEHAN
		8. N. DAME (BPT)	

**[GIRLS BASKETBALL]**

<b><u>HOUSY</u></b>	<b><u>DISTRICT</u></b>	<b><u>COASTAL</u></b>	<b><u>SUBURBAN</u></b>
1. AMITY	1. LAURELTON HALL	1. BUNNELL	1. ANSONIA
2. BRANFORD	2. HAMDEN	2. FORAN	2. DERBY
3. CHESHIRE	3. HILLHOUSE	3. GUILFORD	3. EAST HAVEN
4. LYMAN HALL	4. SACRED HEART	4. HAND	4. KOLBE
5. NORTH HAVEN	5. WEST HAVEN	5. J. LAW	5. MORGAN
6. SHELTON	6. WILBUR CROSS	6. MIDDLETOWN	6. SEYMOUR
	7. MERCY	7. N. DAME (BPT)	7. SHEEHAN
		8. STRATFORD	

1. Numbers will be assigned according to where a team finished in the league standings in the previous year.

2. Teams in each division will play each other twice.

3. Teams in the Housy, District and Coastal divisions will have a mandatory cross over the other two leagues for two games with the corresponding team with the same number.

4. The teams for Mercy, Laurelton Hall and Sacred Heart will be assigned the same number as their counterpart in the boys division.

5. There is no mandatory cross over for the Suburban school division.

**SCHEDULE C**

**[ BASEBALL ]**

<b><u>HOUSY</u></b>	<b><u>DISTRICT</u></b>	<b><u>COASTAL</u></b>	<b><u>SUBURBAN</u></b>
1. AMITY	1. FAIRFIELD	1. BUNNELL	1. ANSONIA
2. BRANFORD	2. HAMDEN	2. FORAN	2. DERBY
3. CHESHIRE	3. NOTRE DAME	3. GUILFORD	3. EAST HAVEN
4. LYMAN HALL	4. WEST HAVEN	4. HAND	4. HILLHOUSE
5. NORTH HAVEN	5. WILBUR CROSS	5. J. LAW	5. KOLBE
6. SHELTON	6. XAVIER	6. MIDDLETOWN	6. MORGAN
		7. STRATFORD	7. SEYMOUR
		8. N. DAME (BPT)	8. SHEEHAN

**[ SOFTBALL ]**

<b><u>HOUSY</u></b>	<b><u>DISTRICT</u></b>	<b><u>COASTAL</u></b>	<b><u>SUBURBAN</u></b>
1. AMITY	1. LAURELTON HALL	1. BUNNELL	1. ANSONIA
2. BRANFORD	2. HAMDEN	2. FORAN	2. DERBY
3. CHESHIRE	3. SACRED HEART	3. GUILFORD	3. EAST HAVEN
4. LYMAN HALL	4. WEST HAVEN	4. HAND	4. HILLHOUSE
5. NORTH HAVEN	5. WILBUR CROSS	5. J. LAW	5. KOLBE
6. SHELTON	6. MERCY	6. MIDDLETOWN	6. MORGAN
		7. N. DAME (BPT)	7. SEYMOUR
		8. STRATFORD	8. SHEEHAN

1. Numbers will be assigned according to where a team finished in the league standings in the previous year.

2. Teams will play the teams in their division twice.

3. Teams in the Housy, District and Coastal divisions will have a mandatory cross over the other two leagues for two games with the corresponding team with the same number.

4. The teams for Mercy, Laurelton Hall and Sacred Heart will be assigned the same number as their counterpart in the boys division.

5. There is no mandatory cross over for the Suburban school division.

## SCHEDULE D

[SOCCER, TENNIS, SWIMMING, CROSS COUNTRY, GOLF, VOLLEYBALL AND TRACK]

### **LARGE SCHOOL**

1. AMITY(893)
2. BRANFORD(676)
3. CHESHIRE(864)
4. PREP / LAURELTON(1008)
5. GUILFORD(706)
6. HAMDEN(1058)
7. HAND(587)
8. LYMAN HALL(711)
9. NOTRE DAME / SACRED HEART (723)
10. NORTH HAVEN(663)
11. SHELTON(929)
12. WEST HAVEN(978)
13. WILBUR CROSS(1013)
14. XAVIER / MERCY (983)

### **SMALL SCHOOL**

1. ANSONIA(385)
2. BUNNELL(553)
3. DERBY(219)
4. EAST HAVEN(582)
5. FORAN(594)
6. HILLHOUSE(682)
7. J. LAW(563)
8. KOLBE(233)
9. MIDDLETOWN(558)
10. MORGAN(416)
11. NOTRE DAME(500)
12. SEYMOUR(527)
13. SHEEHAN(519)
14. STRATFORD(528)

1. The above schedule would be used for all individual sports and those sports for which the divisional format will not work either because of C.I.A.C. game restrictions or because an insufficient number of schools offer the activity.

2. On this schedule, each team would play every team in their division at least once. In those activities where an insufficient number of schools have teams, it may be necessary to play one or two schools a second time to fill out the schedule.

3. The number of games scheduled in each division should never exceed 80% of the number of games allowed. This will permit schools to schedule traditional rivals.

SCHEDULE E

[HOCKEY]

DIVISION I

1. EAST HAVEN
2. FAIRFIELD PREP
3. HAMDEN
4. NOTRE DAME (BPT)
5. NOTRE DAME (WH)
6. WEST HAVEN
7. NORTH HAVEN

DIVISION II

1. AMITY
2. BRANFORD
3. CHESHIRE
4. GUILFORD
5. LYMAN HALL
6. MILFORD
7. SHELTON
8. SHEEHAN
9. WILBUR CROSS

SCHEDULE F

[FIELD HOCKEY, GYMNASTICS AND WRESTLING]

1. AMITY
2. BRANFORD
3. CHESHIRE
4. FAIRFIELD PREP / LAURELTON HALL
5. GUILFORD
6. HAMDEN
7. HAND
8. LYMAN HALL
9. NOTRE DAME(W.H)/ SACRED HEART
10. NORTH HAVEN
11. SHELTON
12. WEST HAVEN
13. WILBUR CROSS
14. XAVIER / MERCY
15. ANSONIA
16. BUNNELL
17. DERBY
18. EAST HAVEN
19. FORAN
20. HILLHOUSE
21. J. LAW
22. KOLBE
23. MIDDLETOWN
24. MORGAN
25. NOTRE DAME(BPT)
26. SEYMOUR
27. SHEEHAN
28. STRATFORD