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HEAD COACH
Wadie Geraigery

SEP 13 1988
Ans'd.

13 September 88

Mary Lou McGrath
Superintendent of Schools

An update of the practice/game situation for the football team is unfortunately not any better than it was prior to taking our concerns before the School Committee last November. The issues of safety and efficiency are simply not being met, therefore we must reiterate to you our need for your immediate help in solving these matters. A concise list of our concerns are as follows:

1. The Weight room was not open to students this summer unless they paid to use it at night. Considering that the football team furnished 90% of the equipment in the weight room through fundraising, it appears that the recreation department is way off base in not giving our kids the opportunity to use what they had worked for.
2. The field situation is in disarray. The Athletic Director and myself worked out a compromise last Spring on the use of Russell Field, so that all would be accommodated, only to find out on September 7 that the recreation department made the decision not to allow the football team to practice at the site which for 10 years they have been waiting to use. Instead girls soccer was given priority to use Russell Field. Furthermore, after numerous conversations with everyone involved, a decision was made to put trailers (without showers, lavs, or lockers) at Russell Field only to be used on the 5 game days. It seems absurd that the city would go to this expense and not allow us to use it for the entire season.
3. Vocell bus company has already broken their agreements three out of the first four days we used their busses.
 - A. A bus was not left with us at camp, in spite of previous arrangements to do so. Consequently, we had a two mile walk/run, three times a day, to and from practice.
 - B. On Friday night, September 9, two busses were suppose to drive us to a game at Lynn for a 5:00p.m. kick-off. One bus arrived 30



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minutes late and the other bus arrived 60 minutes late. As a result we had to start the game with half the team being present and the other half of the team on route.

(On our first practice day, Monday, September 12, one bus was 15 minutes late and the other bus was 35 minutes late.

4. In conclusion then, I respectfully ask for whatever help you can give us to solve our problems immediately. It's been 10 months now since the School Committee hearing and we need to have what our competition has if we are ever to match up with them. All we ask for is safe and reasonable practice and game conditions for these young men, who have invested their time and money into participating on the football field, and it is just as important as the time that is spent in the classroom. Thank you for reading this, and I'm looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely, *Wadie*
Coach Wadie Geraigery



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

September 19, 1988

MAYOR VELLUCCI

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to review the attached correspondence dated, September 13, 1988 from Wadie Geraigery, C.R.L.S. Football Coach, around issues that have been previously discussed with School Department Officials.

attachment

In City Council September 19, 1988.
Adopted by the affirmative vote of 9 members.
Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Joseph E. Connarton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "C".

Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

Order #13

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M. Vellucci order re: that the City Manager be requested to review the attached correspondence dated September 13, 1988 from Wadie Geraigery, CRLS Football Coach Re: issues previously discussed with School Dept. officials.

In City Council,

September 19, 1988

9-19-88

M. Vellucci

Order Adopted

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