

September 3, 2019

Executive Summary

Ice Hockey Update

By consensus at their August 22nd board meeting, the Timberlane Regional School Board directed, in lieu of a running a full TRHS Hockey Team Program, to participate and compete in a weekly High School Hockey League. Numerous factors were associated with the board's directive, which include: a low number of students committed to the full team program, the costs associated with ice rental/program should team numbers decrease, and the opportunity to provide a program that would benefit a larger number of students. We are hopeful this option will also serve to grow the interest and talents of our hockey students to which we can then explore the full Hockey Team Program option in the future.

The High School League will operate at the Icenter in Salem, NH for the 2019-2020 Season with all grade levels (9-12) eligible to compete. As a school-sponsored program, all eligibility rules and procedures will apply to students interested in and participating in the program.

An email was sent to parents on Friday August 30 stating the above information. The email requested a response by Friday, September 13 to confirm the athlete's participation or no participation in the program. Once participation numbers are confirmed, the situation will be assessed. At that point, a coach may be hired and then practice schedule may be drafted. The Icenter manager is awaiting the decision. Timberlane is welcome in the league and may have a few hours of practice time. The manager of the Methuen ice rink is also on notice and willing to offer some practice time, if needed.

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