

August 5, 2020

Dear Chardon Athletic and Extracurricular Program Parents:

I understand and value the importance of clear direction related to the athletic and extracurricular issues that continue to impact high schools across the State of Ohio. I have also attempted to address the status of these activities within Chardon Schools in a clear and transparent manner even if that means the information is not necessarily what we hope to hear. To that end, I am writing today to update you concerning the meeting held with member districts of the Western Reserve Conference of which Chardon High School is a member.

I respect the opinions shared by those in leadership positions in the various districts. The conversation among the school districts did not result in any decision involving a single unified response from the WRC. As a result, schools are left, at least for the time being, to make decisions on an individual basis that relate only to their school districts. From my perspective, this is likely to contribute to the uncertainty that surrounds this important issue, as well as an uneven response across schools with each district doing what they believe serves the best interest of their students and school district.

With respect to athletics and extracurricular activities in Chardon Schools, the following will outline our status as of August 5, 2020:

1. All sports will continue to practice as they have been since the opening of the fall sports season.
2. Current ODH/OHSAA regulations permit contests in non-contact sports. Those will proceed as scheduled until further notice.
3. Current ODH/OHSAA regulations have suspended scrimmages in contact sports. Those sports will continue practicing until further notice with no scrimmages scheduled.

Our district's position is to continue as we are presently operating for all sports and associated extracurricular activities in order to allow time for the Ohio Department of Health, the OHSAA and the Governor to finally make some decision(s) related to these activities. I must emphasize that the foregoing should not be interpreted as a final decision related to the district's participation in interscholastic competition for the balance of the fall season.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with further questions in this regard.

Sincerely,

Michael P. Hanlon, Jr., Ph.D.
Superintendent

