



Rhode Island Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association

Dear Colleagues,

It is with great honor and pride that I welcome you to our opening meeting of the 2019-2020 school year. As the President of the RIIAAA, I am proud to say we had a very productive and positive year one of my tenure as President. The association has worked with the league to introduce a new coaching out of season rule, that will allow our coaches to continue to build relationships and create opportunities for our student athletes to develop. We also started to address and establish an injury fund jamboree format that needs additional work. I look forward to the opportunity to represent my community, our association and the student athletes of Rhode Island. Whether you are a first year Athletic Director or Veteran of this association we have a tremendous responsibility to our athletes, coaches and league to insure the best possible experience for all involved in the Rhode Island Interscholastic League. In my 9 years as Director of Athletics at East Greenwich High School, I have worked hard to establish strong relationships with my peers that help me serve my community to the best of my ability. Over the years, it has become apparent to me that the relationships that we form within this organization are the most vital part of our individual and collective success. Personally, I am grateful for the guidance and support of Past Presidents Jeff Maidment, Jamey Vetelino and Tom Marcello for encouraging me to be an active member of the RIIAAA and to pursue an officer role.

During my second year as President, I would like to encourage our membership to increase their involvement in the many important roles, opportunities and events that we will present and participate in this year to improve the experiences of our student athletes statewide. Please consider becoming an active member of a sports committee, nominating individuals for awards and attending our appreciation breakfast and Spring banquet. In addition, I look forward to continuing the presence we have been able to establish as Athletic Administrators with the RIFCOA, RIIL, NIAAA, as well as, continuing to improve our relationship with the Middle School PCOA.

Thank you for all that you do to make each day a positive experience for all of the student athletes in the RIIL. I look forward to supporting your goals in any way that I can in order to make our work as enjoyable and successful as possible.

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