

For all of the foregoing reasons, the Defendant respectfully requests that the Court deny the Plaintiff's request for injunctive relief.^{5/}

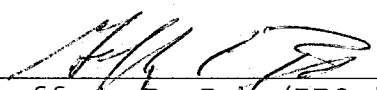
Verification

The undersigned hereby verifies, on information and belief, that all of the factual allegations contained in this Opposition are true and correct.

Respectfully submitted,

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^{5/} Plaintiff's claims of an equal protection violation are similarly without merit. The male student referred to in Complaint ¶ 22 was punished, just like the Plaintiff, for 25% of the scheduled games in a season (as computed under the formula provided MIAA Rule 62). He served half of this penalty by being prohibited from playing in the final football game of the season, and the rest of the penalty by being prohibited from playing in the first two basketball games when that season began. Since football has many fewer games than volleyball or basketball, half of the 25% penalty was served with fewer games in football than in the other two sports. Of course, for a North Andover High School football player to miss the school's traditional Thanksgiving Day game is a major penalty.