

**OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS  
DARIEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Darien, Connecticut**

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**DATE:** December 5, 2007

**TO:** Board of Education Stadium Lights Committee

**FROM:** Donald P. Fiftal, Superintendent

**RE:** Event Supervision for Varsity Football Games

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Per your request, I have held fresh conversations with Darien Police Captain Gary Pavia and Darien High School Administration to confirm the levels of police and staff supervision currently in place for day games and to recommend increases in those levels if we were to hold night football contests. The following data is the result of those conversations:

<b><u>Supervision</u></b>	<b><u>Current Reg. Day</u></b>	<b><u>Projected if Reg. Night</u></b>	<b><u>Current Spec. Day</u></b>	<b><u>Projected if Spec Night</u></b>
Darien Police	5	7	13	16
Administration	1 or 2	2	2 or 3	3
Campus Monitors	2 or 3	3	3 or 4	4
Teachers	1 or 2	2 or 3	3 or 4	4
Custodial	3	3	3	3

**Considerations**

- 1) Special games include the Turkey Bowl Game, held during the day, or a CIAC/FCIAC championship game held during the day or at night.
- 2) The primary functions of increased supervision if night games were held would be to closely monitor fan behavior and to increase our supervision capability to prevent alcohol use.
- 3) Variables that affect crowd size, and therefore anticipated supervision needs, include what the weather is like; who the opponent is; what special potential may be riding on the outcome (division championship or CIAC playoff berth); and if attached to a special occasion (such as Homecoming or Thanksgiving).

### Attendance Data for 2007 Football

1. Home with Trinity - afternoon game: @1,000 total in attendance
2. Away at Greenwich - **night game**: @ 250 Darien and 1000 Greenwich in attendance
3. Home with Wilton – afternoon game: @ 1,500 total attendance on Homecoming
4. Away at Bassick – **night game**: @ 200 total in attendance
5. Away at St. Joe’s – afternoon game: @ 2,000 total attendance on their Homecoming
6. Home with Ridgefield – afternoon game: @ 650-700 total attendance
7. Away at Warde – **night game**: @ 50 Darien and 200 Fairfield in a cold rain
8. Home with Staples – afternoon game: @ 700-800 total in attendance
9. Away at Central – **night game**: @ 100-150 total in attendance in a cold, windy, rain
10. Home with New Canaan – morning game: @ 2,100 total in attendance

### Analysis

A) Under normal circumstances, good attendance draws are traditional rivals or the nearby city schools of Norwalk and Stamford. More distant city schools from Bridgeport tend to be low attendance draws.

B) Average attendance of the three typical (not special events) home games was @ 830, while the average attendance at night (all away) games was @ 460.