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**To:** Don Fiftal  
**From:** John Keleher  
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**Re:** Athletic Director Comments about Lighted Fields and Night Contests

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## Greenwich

"We always had good crowds even before lights. We get more students now for football. We definitely get larger crowds for other games, field hockey, soccer, etc. possibly 50-100 versus 25-50 in afternoon. Great for parents of soccer, lacrosse and field hockey."

## Fairfield Ludlowe

"We are not a football powerhouse. We get good student crowds on Friday nights, very few problems - no more than Saturday afternoon. Very good for school spirit, band, cheerleaders and teams love it."

## New Canaan

"Lights on our facility have been a great rally point for community, school and league events. Our teams love to play at night. Our crowds are larger, especially members of other New Canaan teams. Youth teams support the comparable high school team, (i.e. youth football night)."

## Norwalk/McMahon

"Great asset to program. Extend and overlay practice. Larger student crowds for games. Working parents can get to contests. Better community support."

## Farmington

"We had a lot of public debate over lights. We have had increased crowds and school spirit surrounding night events with few problems. We increased night neighborhood patrols prior to and after games in final few weeks once lights went in and have dropped them since."

## Trumbull

"Many night contests and community enjoys it very much. Students and adult crowds are larger than day events. We have had very few problems with crowd control and poor behavior."

## Ridgefield

"Multi-use of same fields for practices and games. Additional students and parents at all games. Supervision needs to be tailored to the level of the event. Heavy coverage, including police, for rivalries – but not so much for others."