

December 12, 2013

Office of the Superintendent
Helen A. Friel, Ed.D.
Assistant to the Superintendent
Worcester Public Schools
Dr. John E. Durkin Administration Building
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Dear Dr. Friel,

On behalf of a multitude of former classmates and teammates as well as members of many graduating classes of North High School, both students and athletes alike, I request that the appropriate subcommittee of the Worcester School Committee strongly consider this petition for the new field (girls softball, along Harrington Way) at North High School to be henceforth named 'Coach Brian Dougal Field'. It is out of a profound respect for the twenty years (1973-1993) of unequalled and incomparable contributions Coach Brian Dougal made to North High School that this petition is respectfully submitted.

Coach Brian Dougal's teaching, leadership, extraordinary involvement with student activities including school dances and running the school newspaper even well beyond when he left there as a teacher, friendship, and coaching philosophy personally influenced the lives of countless students at North High School. For many years he coached both girls softball and basketball as well as the football team, and the manner in which he did so has created a powerful legacy among those athletes who were challenged and bettered due to his high expectations and passion for competitive sport.

Therefore, it is only a fitting tribute to his decades of giving to and caring about the fabric of the entire North High School community that this new field be named 'Coach Brian Dougal Field'. Thank you for accepting this petition, and I look forward to myself and others continuing to bring visibility and expression to the great impact Coach Brian Dougal has had.

Sincerely,



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