

Public Statement From Chelmsford High School All Sports Booster Club



April 2025

This statement serves as an update to our many supporters in Chelmsford regarding litigation filed in the United States District Court, whereas Chelmsford High School All Sports Booster Club was named as a Defendant in a lawsuit filed by Melissa McDonald, and her entity "Shop Lion Gear."

In her lawsuit, McDonald was seeking financial damages and an injunction against Chelmsford High School All Sports Booster Club. McDonald's allegations against Chelmsford High School All Sports Booster Club, included trademark infringement, unfair competition, false endorsement/false association, trademark dilution, common law trademark infringement, and intentional interference with advantageous business relations with impermissible use of a lion logo.

On February 20, 2025, Judge Myong J. Joun, United State District Court, District of Massachusetts, DENIED McDonald's motion for Preliminary Injunction against the Chelmsford High School All Sports Booster Club.

Moreover, Judge Joun allowed the Motion to Dismiss, filed by legal counsel for our co-defendants Peter Kajko and the law firm of Kajko, Weisman & Colasanti, LLP and thus dismissed, over McDonald's objection, ALL of McDonald's seven counts against Peter Kajko and the law firm of Kajko, Weisman & Colasanti, LLP.

On March 11, 2025 McDonald then filed a Notice of Voluntary Dismissal prior to the March 20, 2025 deadline set by Judge Joun, for McDonald to show cause why the court should not dismiss her case against the Boosters. Had McDonald not dismissed her claims, it was the full intent and resolve of the Booster's to aggressively defend McDonald's claims all the way to trial.

I am extremely proud of my team's effort to tirelessly defend against this malicious attack on our organization and all of our hard working volunteers, past and present. We will always pledge to protect the enduring legacy of this fine organization and will always defend the scholarships of Chelmsford High School athletics.

Our hearts are filled with expressions of gratitude for the endless love and support from the Chelmsford community as we unified and stood up against Melissa McDonald and her lawsuit against Chelmsford High School athletes. I am grateful for the support of Chelmsford High School leadership for continuing to sunset the controversial logo in a display of alliance, essentially rendering this logo as obsolete. Furthermore, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to our incredible lawyers at the firm of Lando and Anastasi, particularly Attorney Tom McNulty, and Attorney Peter Kajko and the lawyers of his law firm, particularly Edward Prisby, for their guidance, kindness and generosity. We also acknowledge and thank the many families, individuals and Chelmsford businesses, particularly the Druzy Rose (also a target of McDonald's lawsuit), that continued to support the Chelmsford Boosters during the McDonald lawsuit. We also thank the generous contributors who donated to our legal defense fund, including Christopher Ferreira of Christopher's Towing.

With this chapter now closed, we shall refocus our efforts solely on the perennial mission of supporting teams, coaches and the excellence of the Chelmsford High School students.

In solidarity,
Jamie Campo, President
Chelmsford High School All Sports Booster Club