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Dear Wilton High School Community,

Last night during the girls soccer game between Wilton and Fairfield Ludlowe, an altercation developed between three student athletes. Two Wilton players and one Fairfield Ludlowe player received red cards and were ejected from the rest of that game and their next game. At the conclusion of the game, after the teams and coaches shook hands, a separate altercation took place between a Wilton parent and one of the Fairfield Ludlowe coaches. This matter remains under investigation by the school and the Wilton Police Department.

Regardless of where this investigation leads, it seems that at least one adult breached the Wilton Public Schools Civility Policy 1255 and the clear expectations outlined in the Parent/Spectator Code of Conduct in the Wilton High School Athletic Handbook. This cannot be "The Wilton Way".

This incident does not define who we are as a school community. Our Athletic Vision Statement provides that **"Wilton Athletics will strive to develop a community that finds inspiration from competition, exemplifies the highest standards of character, leadership, sportsmanship, fitness and achievement, and fosters growth in a supportive, respectful environment."** We must focus on the positive in our community as opposed to the negative. Often, negative behavior takes priority in the media when celebrations are happening all around us. Most of our fall teams have

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qualified for postseason tournaments. Our girls swimming team is undefeated, and we have also introduced Unified Sports in multiple seasons.

Together we will work to support our entire learning community in the wake of this unfortunate event, reinforcing our belief that civility and decency are paramount while maintaining a culture that is conducive to the health and wellness of our students, faculty, parents and visitors.

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