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409 Chestnut St.
Nutley, NJ.

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Board of Education
Chestnut Street
Nutley, New Jersey

Attention: Mr. Louis Williams
President

Dear Mr. Williams:

I am one of the co-captains of the Nutley High School Football Team for 1979. I am writing this letter as the team representative.

The team knows that you are considering a gift of football uniforms for the 1979 season.

The team also recognizes that there are considerations being made by the Board that might cause you to reject this offer. We can understand this because you must make decisions based on the entire athletic program.

Although the enthusiasm for these new uniforms is running very high by the entire team, we would not be bitter in any way if the decision went against accepting these uniforms.

What I would like to bring across to the Board is the importance not only to our team and the students in the school at this time and also the future of the football program and what part these uniforms would play in the future of the football program and all athletics for the high school.

We as students and as athletes are excited over what is happening in the town since the end of the 1978 football season. Our parents and other adults in the town have come alive and we are receiving support from not only the parents but also the adults that do not have children in the high school. We are also excited to see that besides the girls wrestling auxiliary there is a new group which is the football auxiliary involving at this time approximately 70 girls in the school who have kindled the school spirit that everyone thought was lost.

The parents have combined a club, the wrestling and football people and we have done this in school. We are working along with the wrestling team, the girls wrestling auxiliary and the girls football auxiliary

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and in two projects we have seen great results. The two projects I am referring to is the special wrestling night in which the wrestling team participated along with younger children in the school system to put on a show and in which we sold tickets along with the wrestling team. The other project is the selling of candy throughout the town which surprisingly met with great enthusiasm and we had to order extra candy.

We do not want things handed to us, we are willing to participate and be part of doing the dirty work. We as a team are looking forward to the 1979 season and of course we would do our best no matter what uniform we wear. However this has been the first time that I can recall through my years of sports that I was involved in giving my ideas in the makeup of the uniform. We want to be a part of the entire program and we intend to prove that by our efforts before the season.

The mental attitude for an athlete is important and although the uniform might seem unimportant to most adults I can only give you an example of mental attitude. I and my friends have a different attitude when we're in jeans and an old shirt as opposed to being in a suit and tie. Or its like a soldier in uniform has pride in that particular uniform and acts a certain way in bus terminals etc. but when he is in civilian clothes without people knowing who he is there is a let down.

I feel that our mental attitude is important this coming year and the uniforms would be a part of that mental attitude. The pride that we have in our school I feel would even be greater only because of the discussions that my teammates and I have had. I do not mean to be dramatic but I do want to make this point.

Of course the most important thing that would bring people out to the park oval and rejuvenate the school spirit would be wins. Although we cannot guarantee this, we have a winning attitude and the fact that people are talking football through the winter nine or ten months before the beginning of the season has certainly not dampered our enthusiasm.

I must re-emphasize the fact that we don't want things handed to us. We have been willing and we are working along with everybody else to bring back some old spirit and renewed pride.

We know how hard we will have to work under Coach Farkas and we are willing to do that and more and I feel that we can contribute something positive to the high school

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and the athletic program.

We hope that you will consider our feelings and the future of the whole athletic program and we would like to let you know that PRIDE and TRADITION are not dead in Nutley.

David M. Chrystal

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