



## **“Hiram HS Varsity Football Program will take over the Middle School Football Program”**

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In response to the below decision to eliminate District supported Middle School Athletics, Coach Dorsey wants to assure parents that their sons will have an opportunity to play football next season. Hiram High School Varsity Football Program will be taking over the Middle School Football Program. More information is to come in the near future. Please email Coach Dorsey at [adorsey@paulding.k12.ga.us](mailto:adorsey@paulding.k12.ga.us) with any questions.

Here is an excerpt from the latest Athletic Adventures where Mr. Colvard discusses the elimination of middle school athletics...

### **LETTER REGARDING MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETICS**

Dear Parents:

This letter is to make you aware of details discussed in a called Board Meeting held on May 4, 2010. Due to the \$30 million plus shortfall for fiscal year 2011, the Superintendent moved forward with several budget reduction recommendations. These reductions included reducing staff at all levels, shortening the school calendar, and requiring personnel to take up to six furlough days without pay. Additionally, in an effort to save approximately \$270,000, the District moved forward with the recommendation to eliminate District supported Middle School athletics for the 2010-2011 school year. We truly understand the importance of children participating in activities such as athletics and other extracurricular programs. However, in these very trying times the Paulding County School District must reduce costs in order to maintain our primary function which is to support learning and student achievement in our classrooms. We are already in communication with local youth groups to see how they may expand their current programs or create new programs that will allow your student to continue to experience the benefits of participation in athletic programs. In closing, in these very difficult financial times, our commitment to the Paulding County community is to continue to offer a quality instructional program with the focus always on learning and student achievement.

Sincerely,  
David Colvard  
Director of Safety and Athletics