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Newton South Boosters Club Seeks Board Members

Dear Newton South Athletic Community,

In 2004, Lisa Hines, a Newton South parent, revived a dormant Newton South Booster Club, and worked to grow its presence until her youngest graduated in 2008. And over the last few years under the leadership and guidance of Jon Frieze, Karen Agnew, Mimi Karys, Scott Halpryn, Patty McNamara and many volunteers, the Booster Club has grown in strength and numbers. The pride in our Newton South Athletic community has continued to increase with each passing season. Newton South fields over 50 teams (Varsity, Jr. Varsity and Freshman) playing 26 sports. Over half of our Newton South students participate in at least one sport. Many of our teams participate in the end of the season state tournaments and meets, and some go on to national competitions.

With the renovation of Newton South about 10 years ago, enrollment more than doubled to over 1800 students today. In stride, the NS Lions outgrew Division III athletics to become a Division I school. We compete in one of the top leagues in the state, the Dual County League. With the growth in the student body, our athletic program has risen in the ranks and the Booster Club has become an integral support of athletics at South.

Lion pride is present and school spirit continues to grow. South gear is sold every Friday outside the cafeteria during lunch and for special events, and the students wear Newton South sweatshirts and t-shirts around school and to the games to cheer on their Lion teams. The Booster Club held its first Annual Booster Bash in October to add to other fundraisers held over the years. Through dues and fundraising the Booster Club contributes up to \$15,000 per year to our sports teams and the wellness department for equipment and training.

With the youngest of her 3 kids graduating this year, Mimi is retiring. Others on the board are also graduating. We need to keep the momentum going in support of our hardworking athletes. We are committed to being active participants on the Booster Club Board, and need others to work with us. If you are a parent who is involved in your child's sport(s) at Newton South, we need you. We need you to help us advocate for our athletes. Please consider taking a leadership role with the Booster program next year; we have terrific volunteers and systems in place for support and for the key tasks involved in the daily running of the Boosters. We need a couple parents who love their kids' sports to lead the Boosters as

President, Vice President or a member of the Board. Our students each have just four years at South. Please consider this important work to support our athletes as they grow during their time at Newton South, and contact either one of us with your questions about the Boosters and how you can help.

Thank you so much and GO LIONS!!!

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