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### **WAYNE HILLS HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM IS IN THE PLAYOFFS**

On Wednesday November 9, 2016, the parents of Wayne Hills High School football team athletes filed an appeal of NJSIAA's decision that disqualified the Wayne Hills High School football team from all 2016 tournament play (playoffs). The Wayne Township Board of Education filed a motion to intervene and joined in the appeal on behalf of the eligible players of the Wayne Hills High School football team. On November 10, 2016, Acting Commissioner of Education, Kimberley Harrington, stayed the NJSIAA's decision to declare the students ineligible because the students were not afforded any due process.

On November 15, 2016, the NJSIAA held a hearing to determine whether the student athletes in question were eligible. After hours of testimony, the NJSIAA determined that our student athletics were eligible and that Wayne Hills High School football team deserves to be in the playoffs.

"Despite the controversial process that our student athletes and school community have gone through this past week, I am especially pleased that our boys will move to the playoffs without any doubt of their eligibility to do so," said Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Mark Toback. "They will demonstrate their hard work on the football field, and the championship title will not be tainted by rumors or allegations of ineligibility. I am very much looking forward to watching them on the field next weekend. Good luck boys!"

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