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Massachusetts Residents Show Support for Local High Schools
Nine Area Institutions Receive High School Spirit Grants from Bay State Games

WOBURN, MA – The Bay State Games is proud to announce the winners of its 2010 High School Spirit program. After tabulating votes from more than the 8,000 participants of the 2010 Bay State Winter and Summer Games, nine schools, ranging in size from large (more than 1,000 students) to small (less than 500 students), were selected to receive grants to be used to support their athletic programs.

Following the successful model established by other state games across the country, the Bay State Games launched its High School Spirit program in 2009. The initiative aims to help promote the Games and to reward Massachusetts' high school athletic departments for their participation. Schools across the commonwealth are divided into three categories according to enrollment, and then more than \$5,000 in grants is awarded to the top three participating schools in those categories.

There is no sign-up for this program, meaning that all schools are eligible. Each participant, aged 6 to 86 are allowed to vote, enabling parents, relatives, and alumni to all have a say in determining which schools receive the grants. Based on this year's votes, the following schools were named the winners of the 2010 High School Spirit program:

Large Schools (more than 1,000 students)

1. Boston College HS
2. Andover HS
3. Westfield HS

Medium Schools (501-999 students)

1. Belchertown HS
2. Northampton HS
3. Bishop Fenwick HS

Small Schools (500 or less students)

1. Frontier Regional HS
2. Matignon HS
3. St Mary's of Lynn HS

About the Massachusetts Amateur Sports Foundation

The Massachusetts Amateur Sports Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that was established in 1982 to host the first sanctioned state games of the commonwealth. It operates with the mission of promoting personal development, education, physical fitness, teamwork, and sportsmanship to Massachusetts citizens of all ages and abilities. The Foundation is recognized nationwide for holding high-quality, Olympic-style events through the Bay State Summer and Winter Games, as well as educational programs including the Kids Fitness Challenge, High School Spirit Program and Verizon Future Leaders Scholarship. With more than 30,000 people from 300 cities and towns directly participating in its programs each year, the Foundation is an integral part of the lives of citizens across the commonwealth.

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