

I normally do not write about athletics as it is such a small part of what schools provide to students, and they are extra-curricular, or not part of the curricular objectives we are required to work toward. However, I believe it is important to point out that on November 25th the school board at their monthly meeting will be discussing and possibly acting on if we should continue the spring sports co-ops with Lake Holcombe after this year into the spring of 2026. The Athletic Director, Mr. Braaten, has provided the school board with information as to why the Lake Holcombe Spring co-ops should be discontinued. He asked the board if we should just let the co-op agreements lapse, or if they wanted to act on them at a board meeting, which they asked to do. If you have thoughts either way on this, please feel free to share them with us in advance. At Cornell school board meetings, there is a public comment portion for agenda items where the public can state their thoughts for up to 3 minutes each. It is not a question/answer session, so if you have questions, please reach out to Mr. Braaten before the meeting.

As you may recall, a few years back the Lake Holcombe Board of Education discontinued the football co-op against the recommendation of their Athletic Director and Superintendent. This left some people quite upset and wanting to either have all of our own sports teams and/or look elsewhere for other co-ops. There are also those that like to be able to have additional Cornell students get more playing time without co-ops, as well as those that like the greater competitive advantage of having co-ops. There isn't a right or wrong answer and most of what I hear is more emotionally driven than fact-based. These are the type of decisions that are much more difficult to make, so please be sure to let your thoughts be known now rather than after a decision has been made.