



## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

### ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS SPORTS FOOTAGE PLATFORM ACCESS

- WHEREAS,** Over the past few years, the Boston Public Schools have been providing athletic teams and students access to the online sports footage sharing platform Hudl; *and,*
- WHEREAS,** This product records game footage for coaches and student-athletes to be used for film review and the creation of student highlight videos; *and,*
- WHEREAS,** This product has been funded for students through \$80,000 in ESSER funds that are no longer available to Boston Public Schools; *and,*
- WHEREAS,** Since the 2024 school year, Boston Public School's Hudl has hosted 891 users, 2,500 uploads and 1,721 livestreams, which has resulted in 44,720 viewers for BPS athlete highlights; *and,*
- WHEREAS,** The livestreaming technology has allowed for our student athletes' families, friends and fans watch games they would otherwise be unable to attend due to disability, geography, work or childcare limitations, etc; *and,*
- WHEREAS,** The discontinuation of this service would require the removal of Hudl cameras and technology from Boston Public School facilities that would be expensive and time consuming to re-install; *and,*
- WHEREAS,** These recordings also have a safety component by providing footage that could be reviewed if an incident were to occur at a game or competition; *and,*
- WHEREAS,** The removal of this resource would put Boston Public School Athletics at a serious competitive disadvantage as as Hudl is used by 378 of the 382 high schools in MIAA for reviewing game film; *and,*
- WHEREAS,** Additionally the removal of this platform would also create a disadvantage for Boston Public Schools student-athletes wishing to compete in the collegiate level, as Hudl is the primary platform for providing highlight film to college recruits and coaches; *and,*
- WHEREAS,** If we wish to maintain strong athletic programs and provide students with greater pathways to college, it is essential that we maintain Hudl access across our schools; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

**ORDERED:** That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss maintaining access to sports footage platforms for Boston Public School Athletics. Representatives from the appropriate departments of the administration and other interested parties will be invited, and members of the public are encouraged to attend and testify.

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