

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE CONTACT: Marian Parrella PHONE NUMBER: 781.314.5401 EMAIL: <u>MarianParrella@walthampublicschools.org</u> SUBJECT: Press Release from Superintendent Drew Echelson

Parade Honoring State Champion Boys' Hockey Team and Ceremony Honoring Boys' and Girls' Hockey Team for Good Sportsmanship Award Saturday, March 24, 2018. NOTE: CHANGE OF ROUTE

[WALTHAM, MA] [March 19, 2018] I want to first congratulate the Waltham Boys' Hockey team—the 2018 Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) Boys' Hockey Division-1 State Champion. I am equally impressed and proud that the Waltham Girls' and Boys' hockey teams who were awarded the MIAA Good Sportsmanship award. These accomplishments reflect positively on our community and it was such a touching moment to see these accomplishments bestowed upon our scholar athletes in a sea of red super fans.

I also wanted to congratulate Coach John Maguire and his team for their expert guidance and coaching. There is no question that Coach Maguire's leadership was a factor in the success of the program. Coach Maguire is to be applauded, along with the entire team, for his support and leadership of the hockey program.

To show our community support for our State Champion Boys' Hockey team, the City of Waltham will host a parade on Saturday, March 24 starting around 11:00 a.m. The Boys' Hockey Team will assemble at Veteran's Field and load into a trolley. Around 11:00 a.m. with the Boys' Hockey team leading the pack, the parade route will move down Forest Street and take a right onto Beaver Street. The parade will go around the rotary to Lyman. The route will proceed down Lyman and take a right on Main Street. From Main the parade will take a left on Elm Street and will unload at Elm. The Boys' Hockey team will proceed to the steps of City Hall where they will meet the Girls' Hockey team.

The Honorable Jeannette A. McCarthy, Mayor of the City of Waltham, will preside over a ceremony honoring the Boys' State Champion Team at City Hall on or around noon. She will also acknowledge the Girls' and Boys' hockey team for earning the Good Sportsmanship awards.

Congratulations again to the 2018 Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) Boys' Hockey Division-1 State Champion: Waltham Hawks. Special congratulations to the Boys' and Girls' Hockey team for earning the important Good Sportsmanship Award. We look forward to honoring our student athletes on Saturday, March 24.