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Girls varsity hockey: The time is now

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To the school boards of Western New York:

We learned in school that Dr. Martin Luther King had a dream that all men are created equal. But does this only apply to men? As a female hockey player in Western New York, my dream is to play girls varsity hockey.

The year 2008 will always be remembered as a time of change when Barack Obama was elected president of the United States. We were given the opportunity to listen to President Obama make his inaugural address and to hear his words that "all are equal, all are free and all deserve a chance to pursue their full measure of happiness."

He talked about the risk-takers, the doers, the makers of things — people like you who work to make the school districts in Western New York better for all. Girls varsity hockey would give female hockey players the opportunity to pursue their full measure of happiness.

We are asking that the school boards in Western New York act swiftly and boldly to lay the foundation for girls varsity hockey for the 2009-10 season by including this important program in your budget proposal.

Please help us create a Western New York varsity girls hockey program. Give girls the chance to play for their high schools.

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