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**MasterMinds
2016-2017 Season**

TO: Capital District Region High School Principals
MasterMinds Coaches

FROM: Kimberly Bramfeld, Program Manager
Scott M. Kroner, MasterMinds Commissioner

RE: **Registration for the 2016-2017 MasterMinds Season**

DATE: September 8, 2016

Planning is now underway for this year's MasterMinds program. Extending throughout the school year, MasterMinds recognizes and celebrates the intellectual strengths of our students and our schools. Just as sports does for the athletically inclined, MasterMinds provides a competitive structure for students with academic strengths to extend those talents against some of the best and brightest from the local schools. Plus, students benefit from the opportunity to develop teamwork and learn the value of sportsmanship.

MasterMinds is an exciting program, with growing interest among local schools evidenced by record numbers last year, as 30 area schools participated. The time has never been better to join one of the most worthwhile academic programs around.

The cost is \$722 per Varsity team and \$315 for an optional Junior Varsity team (varsity participation is a prerequisite). Teams will play a 12-game regular season. Fees also cover practice questions, orientation for any new schools, and playoffs for the top varsity teams. Schools are responsible for their own transportation.

If you are unfamiliar with MasterMinds, are uncertain about student interest, or are interested in finding out more about the program, you can request a demonstration for your school. Such a request should be made as soon as possible, either by returning the enclosed registration form, or by contacting MasterMinds Commissioner Scott Kroner.

Schools must register before they are scheduled for any competitions. While efforts will be made to accommodate late interest, schools trying to register after September 30th, may not have the option of hosting, will have no input in schedules, and may not have any opportunity to participate at all if leagues are full.

To register for MasterMinds, complete and return the enclosed Registration Form **no later than Friday, September 30th**. Coaches can then submit a Prescheduling Form which can be downloaded from the website at: <http://www.nymasterminds.com/general/downloads/AlbanyPreschedulingForm.pdf>. The Prescheduling Form can be submitted once coaches have had a chance to meet with their players. Schools without completed registration materials cannot be scheduled for games.

We hope to see your school register this year. For more information contact Scott Kroner at the state MasterMinds office at (585) 473-0864 or by email mminds@rochester.rr.com. The MasterMinds website also offers answers to a host of questions: www.nymasterminds.com.