



Carolina Lightning Hockey
9309 Meadow Rue Place, Raleigh NC 27603

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Dear Carolina Lightning Families,

Over the last several months, there has been a lot of talk, rumor, and speculation regarding the possibility of integrating all of our local youth hockey players into one (1) consolidated organization.

To quickly summarize, the Lightning and East Coast Eagles organizations were approached last summer and then again last fall about consolidation by the Carolina Hurricanes. At that time, we were asked specifically what it would take for our organizations to join such a movement. Both the Eagles and Lightning had a couple of very specific requirements, and both organizations agreed that it had to be “done right” or we were not interested.

Many meetings and discussions have taken place since last fall, and we did put together an excellent core group of “hockey guys” as a proposed Board of Directors for this new entity, but with any new business, there are a lot of personnel, operational, logistical and financial issues and challenges to overcome.

All members of the Lightning Board of Directors were kept informed of the new entity discussions throughout the process, including the personnel involved, those proposed, the business model, operations and logistics, financials, meeting minutes, etc.

After review and consideration, Carolina Lightning Hockey has decided **not** to proceed with consolidation.

Lightning Hockey is already a unique and successful youth hockey program and we are fully committed to moving forward and continuing to provide the important philosophies, coaching, special people, and travel ice hockey program for our kids that we have been doing together for the last 10 years. The Lightning will continue to support both girls and boys hockey. We will continue to grow, and Lightning teams will continue to be eligible to play B through AAA level hockey, based on the skill level of the teams as we do now.

We will continue to be “all about our kids”, and we will continue to develop our athlete’s on- and off-ice physical and personal skills and have fun doing so.

Thanks for all your support. I look forward to the next 10 years.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me anytime at 919.779.2330 (home), 919.436.6434 (cell) and/or schaap1@live.com.

Regards
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Coach and President