



New sign on Route 110 celebrates Whittier Tech's championship football season

HAVERHILL -- Whittier Tech's perfect football season has been commemorated for all to see with a permanent, new sign on Route 110 at Kenoza Lake.

It reads, "Congratulations Whittier Tech! 2009 Football State Champions" and has been added to the top of the Welcome to Haverhill sign at edge of the lake, courtesy of Rep. Brian Dempsey, D-Haverhill.



Rep. Kevin Dempsey, Whittier Coach Kevin Bradley, Captains Dillon Ryan and Steve Surette, Assistant Coach James Carlson, Principal Maureen Lynch, Assistant Principal Chris Laganas and Superintendent William DeRosa.

"The Whittier football team brought a lot of pride to their school community and the City of Haverhill," Dempsey said at an unveiling of the sign Friday morning. "The Whittier parents, Booster Club, coaches and players all deserve a lot of credit for what they accomplished. We wanted to be sure they were recognized by the city."

Football Captains Dillon Ryan and Steve Surette, who both graduated from Whittier last week, came out to see their team's name on permanent display.

"It's a great sign," said Surette. "It's what people will see when they come into the city. It was really nice of Representative Dempsey to do this for us."

"It's pretty sweet," agreed Ryan, who let Rep. Dempsey

try on his Superbowl ring.

Whittier School Superintendent William DeRosa thanked Rep. Dempsey for recognizing the accomplishments and hard work of the players and the coaches.



Whittier Football Co-captains Steve Surette and Dillon Ryan admire the addition to the Welcome to Haverhill sign on Route 110 at Kenoza Lake.