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Dear Principals and Athletic Directors,

After much input from a variety of sources and a meeting this morning with the executive board, it has been decided that we are postponing all sports in our elementary schools. This decision is not something that has been taken lightly nor is it something that I am happy to announce. However, our priority has been to create a safe environment during the school day that allows us to continue to offer in-person instruction. When you consider all factors of a return to play scenario, including increased potential exposure for staff members, students, and family members who are at higher risk, the right decision becomes clearer.

Please know that we are committed to providing extra-curricular opportunities for students and will continue to revisit this issue throughout the school year. We will evaluate all options as the situation changes and as new information becomes available. Rest assured the importance of extra-curricular opportunities for students are well documented and are not forgotten by the executive board or me.

Thank you for all you have done for our students and will hopefully continue to do once again very soon.

Respectfully,

Jonathan Birdsong
Superintendent of Schools
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