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Dear Community,

I am writing to share that recently our Governor, Andrew M. Cuomo, announced the following information which relates directly to athletics:

- Several lower-risk, school-sponsored sports (tennis, golf, soccer, cross country, field hockey, and swimming) in all regions may begin to practice and play beginning September 21, 2020.
- Travel for practices or contests will be prohibited outside of the school's region or contiguous regions or counties until October 19, 2020.
- Higher-risk sports (football, wrestling, rugby, hockey, competitive cheer, and volleyball) including those with full physical contact, may begin to practice on September 21, 2020, but cannot play contests until a later date or December 31, 2020; and
- In accordance with the Department of Health's guidance for sports and recreation during the COVID-19 public health emergency, practices for higher-risk sports are limited to individual and/or group sports and no - to low-contact training.

It should also be noted, while making these comments the Governor also shared that schools must:

- Follow the New York State Department of Health guidance for school sports
- Limit capacity of indoor facilities to no more than 50 percent occupancy; and
- Limit spectators to no more than two spectators per player, in addition to implementing social distancing and face coverings.

Given this new information and concern about the health and safety of our students, staff and community, the Oswego City School District, like many districts across the State, is now in the process of researching this matter. While doing so we are awaiting guidance from the New York State Department of Health and the New York State Public High School Athletic Association before we will resume our athletic programs.

We ask that our community be patient with us while we continue to work on this matter. We will reach out to our community as soon as we have the needed information and plans on how we will move forward with our athletic program.

Thank you in advance for your time, patience and efforts.

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