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Good Evening Students and Families,

Late last week, the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) announced the postponement of the Fall Season until September 21st and the cancellation of Fall Regional and State Championships. This <u>memo</u> illustrates that school-based athletic programs and open workouts, typically conducted during this time of year, remain on pause until authorized by state officials. It also provides a plan to condense seasons to afford athletic offerings for all sports during the 2020-21 school year, in the event there are further delays to the fall season. The NYSPHSAA also released a Zoom recorded conference call with state-wide media addressing the decision and topics. <u>Click here</u> to view.

Although the dates on this memo are tentative, implications of the current plan include restricting multi-sport participation, adversely affecting program rosters, and limiting availability of coaches. I have expressed these concerns to both the Section I Athletic Office & Task Force over the potential impact the overlapping seasons would have on our student-athletes, coaches and programs. As information becomes readily available, I will continue to provide you with updates.

For up to the minute updates please follow us on Twitter <u>@IrvBulldogs</u>, on Instagram at <u>irvingtonbulldogs</u> & on Facebook <u>Irvington Athletics</u>. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Sincerely Yours, John Buonamano