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TO: CIF OAKLAND SECTION PRINCIPALS
CIF OAKLAND SECTION ATHLETIC DIRECTORS

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SUBJECT: CIF OAKLAND SECTION UPDATE

I hope all is well with you and your loved ones. .

We are pleased with the progress and cooperation from students, staff, and families in this past year as we continue to navigate our return to sports. We are also pleased in the progress made to return to school based athletics

Where We Have Been - In the summer of 2020, plans were created with the hope that all school based athletic programs would be able to be held. We went from our traditional three seasons of sport: Fall, Winter, Spring to two seasons of sport.

SEASON 1	SEASON 2
Cross Country - Boys & Girls Football Girls Volleyball	Badminton - Girls, Golf - Boys & Girls, Tennis - Boys & Girls, Soccer - Boys & Girls, Baseball, Softball, Basketball - Boys & Girls, Girls Lacrosse, Track & Field - Boys & Girls, Swimming - Boys & Girls, Boys Volleyball Bowling - Boys & Girls, Wrestling - Boys & Girls

Our goal for season 1 sports was to begin December 14th but due to our state of order of shelter in place the start was postponed. As we continued to navigate the ever-changing landscape, we moved forward with a return to conditioning plan that would allow all students to begin organized physical activity in preparation for the upcoming season. Since then the California Department of Public Health has released updated guidance on youth sports that we will continue to monitor.

Where Are We Now - Today, with the efforts of all support staff, students, families, and district leadership we have been able to allow our students to return to sports in some form. For season 1 and season 2 sports, all teams have concluded a 3 week return to conditioning program and will transition into team specific practice. We fully intend to continue with Section Championships for our season 1 & 2 sports. For season 1, student athletes will be able to participate in competition for Cross Country and Football. Girls Volleyball as an indoor sport has been postponed with hopes of new guidance from CDPH being released soon. As of today, Season 2 sports have started as originally scheduled with plans to move



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into team specific practice and league schedule. While there are still some limitations for our indoor sports per CDPH guidelines, we will continue to monitor dialogue between CDPH, County, District, and Governor's office to ensure we are aligned with the latest guidelines. As of today, over 1300 OUSD students have completed the required sports participation registration and will remain open through the end of the school year.

With regards to our Middle School Sports programming, planning continues to move through our approval process and hope to open selected sites for conditioning and return to fitness by April 1st.

Where We Are Going - Season 2 Section Championships - As of today, we will continue to follow CDPH, County and District guidelines and proceed as scheduled for all season 2 outdoor sports. For all non-league contest, we are following travel guidelines as set by CDPH, County, and District.

League Play - For our outdoor sports in Season 2, there is a strong possibility that we will be able to complete league play. For our indoor sports, we must continue to follow state and county guidelines and will adjust accordingly.

I must appreciate the work done by our athletic directors, administrators, coaches and district support staff since we announced our changes to the sports calendar in the summer 2020. Since then, the priority has been to do everything we could to ensure that a return to sports follows all health and safety guidelines. The dedication and commitment of our educational professionals to our student athletes has always been present as we continued to navigate through this challenging time.

Thank you very much for your help and support as I hope this information is useful to you and always feel free to contact our office if you have any questions or concerns.