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Dear East Irondequoit Parents and Students-Athletes:

Yesterday we received official word that the start of the 2020 Fall season will be delayed until September 21st. Here is the link to the full official press release: [NYSPHSAA Press Release](#). While this news is disappointing, it was not totally unexpected. It was in fact better news than was originally rumored which was the full cancellation of the entire Fall season.

At this time, the announced PAUSE makes complete sense. We must first be able to get students safely back in school before asking them to participate in extracurricular activities outside the school day. The district is working extremely hard to create a school re-opening plan that meets the guidelines provided by the New York State Education Department and the NYS Department of Health. It would not be prudent to start a sports season, prior to knowing students can safely return to school.

I am very encouraged by the fact that the NYSPHSAA has provided us with a backup plan if Fall sports cannot resume September 21st. Every effort is being made to provide these experiences during the 2020-21 school year.

For those interested in participating in athletics and/or other extra-curricular activities this fall, we still control our destiny. Please continue to follow the CDC guidelines and maintain proper safety procedures. Implementing these strategies consistently will allow us to continue the conversation about restarting extracurricular activities this school year.

- Wear a mask
- Practice social distancing
- Wash your hands

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Stay safe, stay healthy, and stay connected.

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