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**Athletic Department**

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Dear Laker athletic community,

This morning the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) has delayed the start of higher risk Winter Sports (Basketball, Competitive Cheer, Ice Hockey, and Wrestling) to January 4, 2021. Please note that this start date is contingent upon authorization from State officials. Low and moderate risk winter sports (bowling, gymnastics, indoor track & field, skiing, and boys swimming & diving) are still on schedule to begin for those schools and sections who have determined it feasible to host interscholastic athletics at that time.

“NYSPHSAA’s leadership recognizes the numerous challenges interscholastic programs are experiencing and the obstacles associated with resuming high risk sports,” said Julie Bergman, NYSPHSAA President. “While it is certainly the goal of the Association to provide all students with the ability to participate in interscholastic athletics we must remain steadfast in our decisions to ensure the safety of our athletes is our focus.”

At a prior meeting, the Section 3 Executive Committee postponed the indoor track season indefinitely due to the lack of venues to hold competitions and canceled all winter and Fall 2 sectional competitions hosted by Section 3 due to current NYSDOH limitations on large group gatherings and lack of available indoor facilities. Finally, the governing body of Section 3 also approved the following sport season dates for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year:

- ***Winter Sports Season – No sectionals***
  - **Monday December 14, 2020 – Sunday, February 28, 2021**
- ***Fall 2 Sports Season – No Sectionals***
  - **Monday, March 1, 2021 – Friday, April 30, 2021**
- ***Spring Sports Season – Sectionals TBA***
  - **Monday, April 19, 2021 – \*Wednesday, June 30, 2021**

**\* End date may be adjusted based on Regents Examination schedule.**

Although the NYSPHSAA has changed the start date for higher risk sports, approval to play games has still **not** been granted by the New York State Department of Health. As a result, Family ID will remain closed for registration. Once the NYS DOH determines higher risk sports can be played safely, we will notify families about registration. As a reminder, student-athletes **must** have a current/updated physical in order to participate in a winter sport if/when they are permitted. Please feel free to contact the athletic department with questions at 315-291-2236.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Stephen J. Munn", followed by a horizontal line.