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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Principals and Parents of our PAL Schools,

During the 2020-2021 school year, we were forced to put PAL athletics on hold due to the ever-changing dynamics of the COVID-19 pandemic. This academic school year, we were very excited to offer a few athletic programs with various protocols to ensure student, coach, and spectator safety.

With the onset of basketball season, the PAL directors and members of the Catholic School Department met to discuss how best to provide an opportunity for our students to participate in basketball.

Continued masking was a collaborative decision made by the Catholic School Department in consultation with all principals and athletic directors in the PAL. The majority of schools voiced concerns regarding the ability to administer weekly testing and/or verification of testing on a weekly basis. All players will be required to mask during practice and games for the entirety of the basketball season.

We would all like to see our students playing basketball without masks; however, at this time, weekly testing is not an option in all counties where PAL schools are located.

Sincerely,

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