



DIOCESE *of* SACRAMENTO
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Elementary School Principals, Athletic Directors, and Parents,

In the late fall, we informed the elementary schools in the Diocese of Sacramento that all sports for the 2020-2021 school year would be suspended, and that we would re-assess this decision in the early spring. With current restrictions in place and the concern over the increase in COVID-19 cases following the holidays, we have determined not to proceed with any elementary school sports through the rest of the 2020-21 school year. (The elementary schools do not follow the same protocols as the high schools' CIF.)

The obvious concern is for the safety of students, their families, staff, coaches, and volunteers. We have an obligation to provide a safe environment for our students and school communities. Our schools and families have done an exceptional job in following COVID-19 protocols to ensure the safety of all and are already strained by the challenges related to COVID-19.

Please know that we value our communities for their passion in support of youth athletics and appreciate their understanding of multiple layers for consideration in providing a safe environment for our students, coaches, officials, and spectators to return to competition. As we look forward to the 2021-22 school year, we eagerly await the return of elementary school-sponsored athletics!

We pray that all of our school communities stay well through the end of this challenging year.

Peace,

Lincoln Snyder
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