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Good Afternoon Westport Families,

I hope this letter finds you well, and that your summer has allowed for some rest and relaxation in the midst of these uncertain times. Throughout the course of the summer, hundreds of pages of guidance have been released on how to reopen schools along with athletic programs in Massachusetts. As we prepare for the beginning of school next week, the health, safety and wellness of our student-athletes, coaches and game officials has remained a top priority of the athletic department.

Recent guidance released by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA), has provided schools with the option of moving the fall sports season to a floating season in between the winter and spring seasons. The alternative is a fall season with the potential of shutdown, modified rules, and limited attendance of spectators (if any) at all athletic events. The fact that we are a fully remote school to start the year, along with only six out of forty-two schools in District 8 offering sports this fall, led the school committee to vote to move our fall sports to the floating season.

As a full member of the Mayflower Athletic Conference, Westport remains aligned with 14 other MAC schools in moving the fall sports season to the floating season. This will allow Westport to remain in competition with opponents that we are familiar with and have created rivalries with instead of being forced to play schools that are much larger than ours this fall. I am confident in the collaboration that has taken place thus far among MAC athletic directors as we continue to work on making the athletic experience for all student-athletes this year the best experience possible.

Many variables still need to be considered, discussed and approved in order for Westport Jr./Sr. High School to safely sanction all athletic opportunities this year. My goal over the next few weeks as we open the school year is to finalize new opportunities for student-athletes to remain in shape and engaged in extracurricular activities this fall. Please stay tuned for more information, and do not hesitate to reach out to me via the email address listed above.

Sincerely,

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