

TO: RSU 2 Community

FROM: Tonya Arnold, Superintendent

DATE: August 27, 2020

RE: Athletics and Co-Curricular Activities

Our middle school and high school administrative team and athletic directors met yesterday evening to review the MPA's process and begin to discuss a process for making local determinations once more information is released from DOE and CDC.

We recognize the emotional and psychological value of team, group and club activities. We want to do our best to continue to provide students access to these programs safely despite obstacles and barriers presented by the pandemic.

#### Fall Athletics

1. The Maine Principals' Association's *Sports Medicine Committee* and *Interscholastic Division* have both deliberated this topic and have forwarded their recommendations to the Maine Department of Education (MDOE) and Maine Center for Disease Control (MCDC).
2. We expect the MDOE and MCDC will take a reasonable amount of time to review these recommendations after which they will issue their own unified set of recommendations and guidelines to Maine school districts.
3. Once MDOE/MCDC recommendations and guidelines are issued to Maine school districts, we will be able to make decisions and move forward.
4. We know everyone is anxious and excited about the prospect of student participation in fall athletics.
5. Our Athletic Directors and Administrators are in daily contact regarding this matter. We will send out official information on how we will proceed as soon as possible.

#### Student Clubs, Organizations, Performing/Visual Arts

1. The middle and high school administrators will meet with the advisors to discuss plans for these groups.
2. It is our goal to safely provide students as many of these activities as possible.
3. We are encouraging these advisors and students to be innovative in how these activities can continue under COVID-19 guidelines and regulations whether we are in-person, hybrid, or remote status.