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Good Afternoon Spackenkill Families,

As we enthusiastically return to school this week, I wanted to provide another update on the status of interscholastic athletics. I appreciate your patience these past few weeks as we waited for guidance from the NYSPHSAA and Section IX.

Section IX has rendered a decision, in favor of the Section Covid-19 Task Force recommendation, to move the start of all Fall Sports from September 21st to March 1, 2021. The decision was based on two main determining factors: the safety of the students and the fact that so many of the Section IX school districts are conducting all classes via remote learning.

The Section has approved **November 30th** as the Winter Sports start date and we hope to begin interscholastic athletics at that time. All Fall Sports will now take place in the months of **March and April 2021** with Spring Sports taking place in **May and June 2021**.

Section IX will continue to monitor the developments and make changes as needed. Our goal is to give all students, in all sports, an opportunity to play this year. I am hopeful and will continue to work hard to make that a reality for our student-athletes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marco R. Lanzoni".

Marco R. Lanzoni

Director of Physical Education, Health & Athletics