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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Principals, Athletic Directors, and Coaches of member schools in the Northwest Jersey Athletic Conference work together to deliver on our mission to provide positive developmental experiences for all participants. Both sportsmanship and safety are foundational components of these experiences and feature prominently when we evaluate the quality of our athletic programs and the success of our student-athletes. As such, spectators present at NJAC scholastic-athletic events are expected to exhibit good sportsmanship, understanding its relationship to the safety and the overall experience of our student-athletes.

We, as a conference, have a designated sportsmanship committee comprised of Principals and Athletic Directors charged with creating appropriate guidelines for the conduct of our member schools and their spectators. Our student-athletes understand that they must compete fairly and honestly in all contests. In that same vein, our spectators must conduct themselves in a manner that is supportive of the young men and women in uniform and respects their opportunity to play the game independent of spectator interference. In short, we believe that "players should play, coaches should coach, officials should officiate, and spectators should enjoy the game."

Toward that end, we invite all parents to accept a lead role in cultivating these positive experiences so that our programs and the contests in which they compete may appropriately serve the growth and development of the character and citizenship of the participants. Regardless of which school you represent or support, we thank you for focusing your attention on the athletes' efforts before, during, and after competition. Our student-athletes will always be grateful for this kind of enthusiastic encouragement.

We look forward to appreciating the performances of all NJAC student-athletes alongside you and thank you in advance for ensuring that they receive a level of support that meets the level of sportsmanship we expect of them.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Tallamy William Schilling Jason Klebez Stephen Ryan President, BOG President, AD Vice President Vice President

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