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The safety of our students and staff has always been, and will remain, our district's top priority. While sports can bring fans together in celebration and camaraderie, we also understand that the community is still acclimating to being in large crowds and small settings after more than a year of near isolation.

We want both fans and students to know that any acts of violence in both our school and sporting events will not be tolerated. However, at the same time, we understand our students, like many students in the region and country, are relearning to negotiate personal spaces with their peers. We hope the ruling by the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA), while disappointing, can be used as a teachable moment for our student-athletes. We expect our student-athletes to aspire to the utmost sportsmanship on our playing fields and they must recognize that there are consequences and accountability for improper behavior.

We are working collaboratively with the NJSIAA to take the necessary steps – and will take additional measures as needed – to ensure that our staff and students are kept safe at all times. In addition, we will continue to work with NJSIAA to ensure that any and all actions are taken as a result of the events are distributed to all individuals involved in a fair and equitable manner. In recent days, I have hosted several roundtable discussions with our high school students and staff to learn first-hand about their experiences in starting the new school year. These discussions have been honest and productive in setting expectations moving forward.

Students First,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katrina T. McCombs". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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