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Dear John F. Kennedy Middle & High School Families:

I would like to take this time to provide our community with an update on our 2021 Winter Sports offerings. Prior to the Winter Recess, the Section VI Executive Committee in accordance with the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) set the start date for low/moderate risk sports as **January 18, 2021**. In our District, low/moderate risk sports include Girls' Varsity Bowling and Boys' Varsity Bowling. High-risk sports such as Basketball and Competitive Cheerleading are currently postponed until authorization is granted by State officials.

Additionally, the New York State Education Department is permitting student athletes to participate in the 2020-2021 sports seasons if they have previously had a health examination for school attendance in the 2018-2019 or 2019-2020 school years and provide a current health history completed and signed by their parent/guardian within 30 days of the start of the season. This form will be provided to student athletes during their first week of the Winter Sports season.

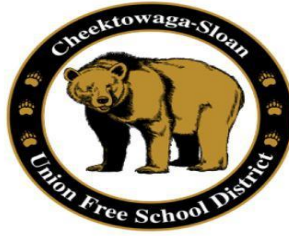
Furthermore, in order to maintain the health and safety of student athletes, spectators, and District families, the following safety procedures will be in place during the Winter Sports season:

- Student athletes **must go home** after dismissal. Students **cannot remain on campus** before practices/games.
 - Transportation back to JFK High School will be the student's responsibility.
- Transportation to and from athletic competitions will be provided by the District.
- Masks must be worn by athletes and coaches and physical distancing will be implemented when traveling on buses to/from competition.
- No spectators are permitted during practices, games, or competitions. These limitations are in place throughout Western New York at this time, and will be strictly enforced by JFK and the District.
- Temperature checks of all athletes will be conducted by coaches prior to all practices/games.
- Each sport may have its own regulations and expectations regarding the athletes' wearing of masks/face coverings during practices, games, and while on the bench.

Each coach and athlete will be responsible for ensuring that the above safety guidelines and expectations are followed. At the first practice, all athletes will be expected to sign the *Athletics & Extracurricular Code of Conduct* and a form indicating that they understand these safety guidelines and expectations, and are prepared to follow them for all practices and games.

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If you are interested in signing up for Girls' Varsity Bowling or Boys' Varsity Bowling, please complete the following Google Form by Monday, January 18, 2021.

Click on this link to access the Google Form and submit when complete:

[Winter Sports Sign Up Form](#)

We are extremely excited to continue to offer athletics to our school community and thank you for your continued patience and understanding during this unique time.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any specific questions or concerns.

Regards,

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