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To: Horizon Families & Staff
From: Kevin C. Garinger, Director of Education
Cc: Horizon Board of Education
Date: November 16, 2020
Re: Pause on School Sports

Good morning, Horizon families & staff.

I am writing this morning to inform you that Horizon School Division is **pausing extra-curricular school sports effective today, Monday, November 16**. This pause will be in effect until at least the beginning of January, as we continue to review our protocols and monitor COVID-19 cases across our province. I will be sharing more information and updates following the Christmas break.

In the meantime, teams can continue to practice within their schools, with their current teams, following all health and safety requirements for their sport found within our [Return to Sport Protocol](#).

As firm advocates for providing opportunities for our students, the decision to pause school sports is not one that is taken lightly. However, at this time, it is a necessary decision. We have been very fortunate to enjoy school sports so far this year, and our protocols have been effective to mitigate viral transmission. However, our province is seeing a surge in new cases, and we need to act now to reduce some activities that may be a higher risk at this time.

As a reminder, please visit saskatchewan.ca/covid19 for all the latest guidelines, information, and the Self-Assessment Tool.

We continue to be inspired by the efforts of our students, staff, and families, which have resulted in the relatively limited impact of the disease in our Horizon schools. We remain vigilant, and thank our families for your adherence to Health guidelines and the necessary precautions to keep our schools and communities safe – including staying home when sick and calling 811. In the meantime, we continue to think about all those impacted by COVID-19 across our system and the world. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin C. Garinger', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Kevin C. Garinger
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