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To: Network Chiefs, Principals, Athletic Directors and Coaches
From: David Rosengard, Executive Director Sports Administration
Subject: Low-Risk Winter Sports
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The governor has moved Chicago into Tier 2 which allows school districts to consider the resumption of low-risk sports programs that are currently allowed by the Illinois High School Association (IHSA). Those sports are Boys and Girls Bowling, Boys Swimming and Diving, Competitive Cheer and Dance, and Badminton.

The Office of Sports Administration (OSA) is working closely with our public health officials to determine if we are able to offer these activities and will provide an update as soon as possible. Until a decision has been made, practice may not begin on Monday, January 25, 2021.

The IHSA Athletics Board of Directors will meet on January 27 and they are expected to outline the sports season starting dates for the above mentioned sports and to possibly outline other sports seasons for the remainder of the school year.

At this time, OSA remains focused on preparing for the return of low-risk winter sports should we be able to begin the season. PPE supplies were sent to schools in November for the winter season sports. Additional masks and wipes can be provided to schools with badminton teams. If you did not receive your PPE delivery and are fielding the low-risk winter sports, please contact Thomas Smith at tesmith1@cps.edu.

A question and answer session with district athletic directors will be scheduled on January 27 from 3:15-4:15 p.m. following the IHSA Board meeting. A calendar invite will be sent shortly.

Thank you,
David Rosengard
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