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Dear Parents, Students, Staff and Community:

Last week, after careful review and consultation with the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services, the district <u>announced the cancellation</u> of in-person fall and winter sports and extracurricular activities for the first semester of the 2020–2021 school year. These programs provide valuable and enriching experiences for our students and we know that this announcement was very disappointing for many of our families, students and staff. We are writing to provide you with an update on the status of these activities, including fine arts, for the upcoming school year.

MCPS Update – July 30, 2020 Athletics & Extracurricular Activities

MCPS Athletics, Fine Arts, Student Leadership and Extracurricular Activities will be conducting engaging virtual programs for students throughout the first semester. During the second semester, pending approval and guidance from state and County health officials, our hope is to be able to offer <u>in-person</u> activities and programs for Athletics, Fine Arts, and Extracurricular Activities. Details regarding all extracurricular program offerings, including plans for reenvisioned sports' seasons, are being finalized and will be included with the MCPS Recovery Plan and shared at the next Montgomery County Board of Education meeting on August 6, 2020.

We appreciate the ongoing efforts of our coaches, teachers, sponsors, and students during these challenging times. You continue to inspire us all and we look forward to working collaboratively with you in the future. Together, *#WeRAISE MCPS Athletics* and promote *Student Engagement through Leadership, Service and Extracurricular Activities*!

Sincerely,

Shella Cherry Director, Student Leadership and Extracurricular Activities Randy Rumpf, Ph.D. Supervisor, PK-12 Fine Arts Jeffrey K. Sullivan, Ed.D. Director, Systemwide Athletics