

Dear Lancer Nation Parents and Students

Many of you have asked about the fate of spring sports, and the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference met this morning with the state's league commissioners to discuss that question. The full press release is included below, and you can access additional CIAC resources about spring sports at this link: <http://ciacsports.com/site/?p=14246>.

In short, the CIAC has decided that making a final decision about the fate of spring sports for this year is premature, and that they will "adhere to the guidelines from the Governor's office, Department of Education and health experts regarding the potential reopening of schools to establish a specific time frame."

What does this mean for Lancer Nation's student-athletes? It means that at least for now there is a potential to salvage part of the spring season, but that this may or may not happen based on what state health officials consider safe and appropriate. So for now, keep training, and keep your fingers crossed!

Go Lancers!

Andre Hauser  
WHS Principal

## **CIAC Spring Sports Update Regarding COVID – 19**

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CHESHIRE, Conn. – Following an online meeting with nearly 70 school, athletic and governmental leaders CIAC reached a consensus that canceling the entirety of the spring sports season is premature at this time. There is a strong desire to provide student athletes some spring athletic experience if possible. Any plan for spring sports will need to adhere to the guidelines from the Governor's office, Department of Education and health experts regarding the potential reopening of schools to establish a specific time frame.

"These are unprecedented challenges for our schools, and it is of the utmost importance that we provide answers and a structure to support our membership and maintain the possibility of a spring sports experience for our student-athletes," CAS-CIAC Executive Director Glenn Lungarini stated. "CIAC understands the value of providing students a spring sports experience, if possible. However, the health and safety of our communities must remain at the center of our decision making."

The online meeting discussion emphasized that while student-athletes may want to begin preparations for a potential season that respecting the recommendations for social distancing and avoiding group activities prior to the approved time will aid in keeping athletes safe and allow for the season to begin in a timely manner if approved. The uncertainty of the timeline for school openings requires the understanding that any plans to begin spring sports will be fluid and should have the ability to reflect the different needs of different school communities.