To: All Coaches, Student-athletes, Parent/Guardians, and Booster Organizations
From: Corey Sigle
Subject: DASD Athletic Department Statement Regarding Off-season Activities
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We are pleased that our Summer Athletics Health and Safety Plan has been approved and we are ready to welcome back our athletes and coaches for voluntary summer workouts. This is the result of careful planning and coordination in order to provide a safe environment for our students and staff during COVID-19.

We recognize that outside organizations are offering summer camps, leagues, and clinics. Please know that participation in these summer camps, leagues, and clinics is entirely independent of our school. The PIAA states that coaches and/or students acting as private citizens, and on a voluntary basis, may participate in out of season activities, but the PIAA member school may not sponsor these teams. This also means that the school’s name, nickname, and interscholastic uniform may not be used unless approved by the school. At this time, the school district and our booster clubs cannot endorse participation in any activity outside of our program.

The school will not approve independent coaches and athletes, acting as private citizens, to use the school’s name, nickname, and uniform. And, although our coaches and students have the freedom to engage in these activities as private citizens, this year due to COVID-19 concerns, we do not endorse attending summer camps, leagues, and clinics.

This message is not intended to discourage kids from playing sports. However, it is important to understand the inherent risks associated with COVID-19, especially in activities/organizations that do not have strict health and safety plans such as our District’s Summer Athletics Health and Safety Plan. The school and our booster clubs cannot endorse participation in any activity outside of our program at this time.

As always, especially throughout this pandemic, thank you for your understanding and support.

Best,

Corey Sigle