



September 8, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I'd like to update you on the status of interscholastic athletics at GSA this fall.

In late August, the Maine Principals' Association released guidelines for fall interscholastic sports. On Sept. 1, the commissioners of the Maine Department of Health and Human Services and Department of Education sent a letter to the executive director of the MPA. That letter pointed out areas in which the MPA guidelines contradict Maine Department of Education standards for keeping our school communities safe and healthy. The letter also asked the MPA to delay the start of the fall sports season until the inconsistencies are resolved.

The following day, the MPA agreed that it would be best to delay the start of the fall season by one week. Though some schools or districts had already canceled some or all of their fall sports programs, or have done so since then, at GSA, we await the results of the conversations among the MPA, DOE, and DHHS.

We appreciate your patience as we determine how and when we may proceed with our fall sports programs. We will let you know soon after a decision has been made.

Respectfully,

Timothy J. Seeley
Head of School