



THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 5
CARROLL COUNTY

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Mr. R. Andrew Warner
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Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association
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Mr. Warner,

We have recently been contacted by several parents of Carroll County high school athletes and coaches from our county and around the state. These parents and coaches are concerned and frustrated that rec sports have safely resumed, yet there is no planned effort to resume the high school fall sports season. We share their concerns.

Maryland's Sports Commission has released guidance for youth sports leagues, allowing them to safely practice and play games. Youth sports resumed this summer and young athletes across Maryland safely participated. Surrounding states have successfully resumed their high school sports programs, even in districts that are only employing virtual learning.

Maryland's COVID positivity rates remain low, we ask today that MPSSAA develop and implement a plan to safely resume high school fall sports. This is especially important to junior and senior athletes who could be in line for college scholarships. We are confident that guidelines can be to keep our student athletes and coaches safe while allowing play to resume.

Sincerely,

Senator Justin Ready

Delegate Susan Krebs

Delegate April Rose

Delegate Haven Shoemaker