

EDHS Aquatics Parents,

Thank you for your email. Please feel free to distribute this communication to all parents listed on your original letter.

As a parent of two former student/athletes myself, I wholeheartedly concur that getting students back to sports is important for the wellbeing of our students. However, we must ensure we provide those programs in the safest manner possible and in compliance with health and safety guidance issued by the state and county health agencies. I also understand the confusion of seemingly contradictory directions from various agencies.

Directive From the California Department of Health

On July 7, the California Department of Public Health stated unequivocally that youth sports were not currently permitted, and said that guidance would be released at some point in the future. That guidance has not yet been released. The District does not have the authority to contravene that directive.

California Interscholastic Federation (CIF)

The press release issued by CIF on July 20 was intended to be a proactive plan to preserve all the sports seasons in the highly likely event that high schools could not fully reopen due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It is not intended to supersede the CDPH guidelines, rather provide a path for all student/athletes to compete in their respective sports.

I understand your feeling that aquatics has less risk for students than other sports. We agree and we had used NFHS guidelines that had broken sports into levels of risk as we had planned our return to athletics. Once we have guidance that allows us to open we can begin to consider the levels of risk and reopening some or all athletic programs.

I hope this clears up any confusion, but in this ever changing climate, if more questions come up, feel free to reach out to Mr. Elliott or myself.

Sincerely,

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