Dear Mayor Bowser,

As teachers, coaches, parents, and others concerned for the health of school-aged children, we write to ask you – along with relevant government agencies and private and public school officials – **to actively pursue the resumption of interscholastic athletic competition in early 2021**. Young people, who are dramatically less vulnerable to COVID-19 than older people, have sacrificed so much in the past nine months. Now is precisely the time to take care of them, especially given the relative safety of youth sports. Four points are most important.

1. **For many students, interscholastic sports are not simply *nice*. Instead, they are *essential* to their social, emotional, and physical health and a key aspect of their growth and education.** The deprivation of sports for many young people represents a demonstrable threat to their health, from both a mental and physical perspective. The risks of isolation, increased anxiety and depression, and stunted growth are real and must be weighed against the more obvious threats posed by the pandemic.

2. **Youth sports, when done with appropriate precautions, are in general and relatively speaking a low-risk activity as it pertains to COVID-19 transmission.** In the fall of 2020, approximately 35 states permitted interscholastic sports, and neighboring Virginia allowed non-school athletics, with a variety of sports and age-groups permitted. These experiments demonstrated that sports can be done safely with minimal virus transmission and therefore without inappropriate risk to public health.

3. **To be clear, we understand that youth sports are not a risk-free proposition, but they never are.** The risks related to COVID-19 are real. However, we believe that, with appropriate safeguards, the risks are comparatively small when measured against the risks to children of withholding athletics above and beyond what they have already missed. Moreover, for sports played outdoors, the risks are particularly low.

4. **Young people will gather.** As adults it is our responsibility to provide young people with safe and structured spaces within which appropriate precautions are taken and protocols are enforced. Prohibiting interscholastic sports will not prevent young people from playing sports together. It will simply mean that they will do so with fewer rules, with less compliance to local ordinance, and without the careful supervision and enforcement of rules that schools provide. Additionally, some young people with the means to do so will join private leagues and work with private coaches, exacerbating inequity based on socioeconomic status.

If your office adopts the position that it is important for us to return to interscholastic sports as quickly and as safely possible, we are confident that we as a city can identify reasonable safeguards on a sport-by-sport basis and allow our young people the outlet and educational opportunities they richly deserve.

A case study of the Northern Virginia Travel Baseball League (NVTBL) illustrates the importance of the active pursuit of a return to athletic competition. The league (which served 425 teams this fall) addressed a variety of concerns by working with medical and public health experts, as well as state and local officials, to produce a list of safeguards. The most important one was physical distancing (the umpire was moved from behind the catcher, dugouts were extended hundreds of feet, coaches were

prohibited from meeting in small spaces with the team, etc.). Other measures included pre-activity screening, prohibitions on equipment sharing, the requirement of a "COVID coach" (to enforce all policies, including distancing, mask use when distancing can't be maintained, etc.), restrictions for spectators (which limited who could attend and how close they were permitted to sit), and a clever way to avoid sharing baseballs (the defensive team always supplies baseballs when they are in the field, and the offensive team and spectators are never permitted to touch balls hit out of play.) Even with surely imperfect adherence to these important rules, NVTBL safely hosted roughly 7,000 games this fall, through early November when case counts were rising. Only a small number of teams experienced individual cases of COVID-19, and the league worked directly with the Fairfax County Health Department concerning each one. Throughout the fall, there was no knowledge of any spread within a team, let alone between teams.

NVTBL paved the way not only for baseball but also other youth sports in Virginia. The league has given us a blueprint to follow. There will be obstacles to overcome and problems to solve, but if we commit to bringing back youth sports, it is clear that we will be able to find a way to do so that **meets the needs of young people** *and at the same time* **protects public health**.

With hope for renewed sense of vitality in the city in 2021,

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Subject: Please Reopen Spring Sports
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 5:52:34 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: Leo Breton
To: ATD SBOE

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Dear City Board,

I believe it is important to keep the big picture in mind with regard to the restarting of outdoor sports in Washington. There are risks to continuing closure of outdoor sports that I believe outweigh any remaining risks related to COVID 19. Kids in particular need to get back to normal and outdoor sports can go a long way to accomplishing this. Please help get past this crisis mentality by not blocking the reopening of outdoor sports this spring.

Best,
Leo Breton
Tenleytown

Subject: DC Needs to Resume High School and Youth Athletics ASAP
Date: Monday, February 15, 2021 at 9:39:24 AM Eastern Standard Time
From: Nora Cameron
To: ATD SBOE

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Dear DC State Board of Education:

I am writing to request that the Mayor's Order 2020-123 be rescinded ASAP and that interscholastic sports be able to resume in early March. Sports are occurring in Virginia, and Montgomery County Public Schools are resuming athletics on 2/27. Students are currently crossing state lines to play sports, whereas school athletic departments would likely do a better job with rules enforcement than private actors. Why are DC's young people being held back? It is time to proactively commit to moving forward for the sake of DC's children's physical and mental health.

With DCPS and the CDC demonstrating confidence in the ability to open school buildings, it seems that starting outdoor school/youth sports is a natural next step which would pose many fewer challenges.

We know which mitigation strategies work both indoors in schools and, more easily, outside for sports. This study from the University of Wisconsin shows that sports can be done safely if the will is there. This program from Connecticut public TV makes it clear that with cooperation and good policy that we can move forward on this and "thread the needle" between community health and the needs of the city's youth. If the other 44 states have been able to make it work with modifications, then DC should look at their successes to guide our city's policies. The NFHS has recently published updated guidance as well.

Cases and positivity rates are in decline in DC and nationwide, and vaccinations have begun in DC for the elderly/ most vulnerable and school employees; this should make moving sports forward in schools easier as we approach spring. 70% of the elderly in DC are expected to have been vaccinated by March after all.

The Democratic governors of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Minnesota have recently resumed youth sports, including both indoor and outdoor competitions with precautions based on recent AAP guidelines. As Governor Phil Murphy of New Jersey stated in the linked article, "We recognize that any continuance of the pause [in athletics] would likely mean that many sports' seasons would have to be scrapped entirely. We do not wish to see that happen. **We know that sports are important for both the physical and mental wellness for our youth and our other residents**." I would like to believe that this can also be a priority in our city.

Sincerely,
Nora Cameron
Ward 2 resident and parent
202-744-5890
1415 29th St NW
Washington, DC 20007

Good Afternoon School Board Members,

My name is Christina 'Tina' Carrillo and I'm the Director of Sports Medicine at Friendship Collegiate Academy. I am also the President-Elect of the District of Columbia Athletic Trainers' Association (DCATA) and a committee member on the District of Columbia Sports Medicine Advisory Committee (DCSMAC). I feel the need to testify today because our student-athletes here in the District are struggling.

Student-Athletes all over the country are currently participating in sports safely with strict risk mitigations strategies in place. The District of Columbia is the only "state" on the east coast that has not participated in athletics since the pandemic started in March. This decision is impacting our student-athletes in a negative way. Every day they see friends and family participating in the sports they love in neighboring communities and it is starting to take a toll.

Mayor Bowser did allow student-athletes to re-engage in sports back in September. During this period of time our student-athletes expressed how appreciative they were just to be able to get out of the house and do something they love. They all followed the policies and procedures that were put in place in fear of the sport they love being taking away again. Unfortunately, on December 7th Mayor Bowser later restricted high school aged student-athletes from engaging because of the fear of high school aged students congregating and not following the rules.

Various scientific research has been conducted since the pandemic began and they have shown us that with the right risk mitigation strategies sports can be conducted safely. COVID-19 outbreaks related to K-12 classrooms or athletics have rarely been reported according to the CDC research paper released in January 2021. We have also learned that regardless of community spread rates, transmission can be kept low with protocols and procedures in place. In that same research study they also found that older students were just as compliant as younger students when it came to mask wearing and following the guidelines.

The District of Columbia Sports Medicine Advisory Committee has created lengthy protocols and procedures that mimics some of the best in the country and align with Mayor Bowser's orders. While the benefits of playing sports is well documented the risks of continuing to prevent our student-athletes from participating in sports in the District are beginning to pile up. Mental health issues are sky rocketing among our student-athletes, our student-athletes are barely meeting the minimum of 2.0 GPA, we have lost student-athletes to gun violence and lots of student-athletes are losing out on their chance to attend college for free due to not being able to play sports.

I am asking each one of you to look over the policies and procedures that the District of Columbia Sports Medicine Advisory Committee has created and save our student-athletes by helping us get the suspension of high school aged activities lifted.

Sincerely,

Tina Carrillo, MS, ATC

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Director of Sports Medicine at Friendship Collegiate Academy

President-Elect of DCATA

Committee Member of DCSMAC

Good Morning School Board Members,

My name is Micheal Hunter, I serve as the Athletic Director for Friendship Public Charter Schools and Head Football Coach. In addition to my roles at Friendship, I am also a commissioner on the DC State Athletic Commission, and founding member of the Public Charter School Athletic Association. Humbly, I come to you today to ask for your support for our student-athletes in the District of Columbia. We are in unprecedented times and many of us are trying to find ways to cope with the daily adversity that we are faced with.

Student athletes in DC are watching their peers around the country participate in the same extra-curricular activities that DC students are restricted from. New details are emerging daily regarding Covid-19 and the scientists and health departments around the country have stated that organized extra-curriculars are not spreader activities. The absence of these extra-curricular activities are also having a huge impact in the classroom and college selection process. Students are losing motivation to perform at their normal levels which has led to a decline in over GPAs across the city. Several students also use athletics to become more attractive to colleges and universities. We all know well-rounded students are more likely to be admitted to a university than those that are not. Athletics also alleviates the financial burden of college for many students and families through recruitment and athletic scholarships. My team typically has double digit students signing college scholarships. While we are very proud of the students who did receive scholarships this year that number was cut in half.

With that information along with the evidence and stats from around the country, we definitely should give our families the opportunity to participate during this school year. The DC athletic community has collaborated to create several committees that have developed a plan to safely return to the fields, courts and facilities in DC. This plan is in compliance with every other re-opening plan that has been approved by the Mayor's office. Dr. Nesbitt, the Director of the DC Department of Health, stated in one of the Mayor's briefings that teenagers are more likely to follow guidelines in a supervised activity than they would if left unsupervised. We have repeatedly heard city officials talk about the importance of businesses and restaurants re-opening and its impact on the economy and the overall well-being for our communities. I definitely agree it feels good to sit in an establishment to fellowship with family and friends, but I ask those same city officials if our city students-athletes deserve that same feeling of doing something they enjoy while participating in the activities that prove essential for their well-being and future.

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Friendship Collegiate Academy
DC State Athletic Commission
Concern citizen

Subject: spring sports
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 4:32:13 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: Jonathan Gould
To: ATD SBOE, Bowser, Muriel (EOM)

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Dear Mayor Bowser and Board of Education,

I am a DC resident and the father of three school-age children. I write to encourage you to clear the path for the commencement of spring school sports.

With many months of covid experience behind us, it is clear that sports can be conducted safely with simple precautions as they are being done all over the country. The damage to our children of closed schools has been bad enough; please do not compound and extend the damage to their physical and mental well-being by denying our children the benefit of school sports as well. Other states and jurisdictions have decided that baseball, tennis and other outdoor spring sports are perfectly safe during the pandemic. If you don't know how to do it, please review the resources available from the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Sports Medicine Advisory Committee (SMAC) for example.

I understand DC made a policy decision back in December to suspend sports. Even if one could justify it at the time based on the uncertain science and fear of covid, it is clear that there is no scientific basis for allowing such decision to remain in effect now. We know that covid is spread mainly by prolonged, close, indoor contact between an infected person and uninfected person. As the Mayo Clinic said, joining many others including the CDC, "Team sports such as tennis, baseball, softball and soccer pose less risk because players can maintain physical distance."

Practice for spring sports begins within a few weeks. A decision needs to be made immediately so that planning can be made to restart these sports safely. Please follow the science and open our sports fields again.

Thank you,
Jonathan Gould

Subject: Allow high school sports!
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 3:46:21 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: Piper Gould
To: ATD SBOE

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As a parent in DC of 3 school-age children, I am writing to ask you to lift the ban on high school sports.

Studies show the great benefits of competitive sports to children's physical, mental and emotionally well being.

I urge you to allow these sports to occur. They can be organized safely.

Thank you,

Elizabeth Piper Fogg Gould
202-285-9606
Piperfogg@hotmail.com

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: Why do we need sports? PLEASE READ AND REACH BACK OUT
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 9:57:24 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: Aaron Thomas
To: ATD SBOE

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Hello,
Not sure if this message will get through or if it will actually mean anything at all to whoever is reading this but:

My name is Aaron Thomas and I am a Senior at Benjamin Banneker Academic high school in Washington DC. I have the privilege to partake in various sports at Banneker and Bell Multicultural high school. The reason why I am writing this is to express the need for sports in our city and the impact that the cancellation is having on student athletes. It is hard to even sum up the feelings that we are feeling right now in such a short message.We as a community have surpassed the point where something of brave importance is being taken away from us. Playing sports right now is crucial to the impact on these young athletes who will one day lead this world into a better future. The mental toll that has been put on students athletes is more than you might know. What sports or extracurricular activities do for us is more than just a dream or a way out. There are examples that this city has failed to see and need to be talked about. Too many student athletes have lost hope due to the cancellation of the sport they love so dearly. I would have to say I am one of these people and it has impacted where I would see myself 5 years or 10 years from now. As now I have to adjust to what my future beholds for me. So many athletes were hoping to play their sport this year to prove themselves and others around them that they can actually be something. Not only does sports help us go on to the next level but it teaches us about life and the struggles that come with it. Without the sport I so dearly love I wouldn't be able to push through my everyday life. My mind becomes blank when I have to pause and not go out and practice or do that sport that I have a passion for. I find it hard to realize why this cancellation of sports is taking place within DC. I have seen in the past Covid numbers have been through the roof but now I see no reason why we can not return to play. As more and more numbers drop and vaccines start to go out Dc has become safer than ever before. I can attest to this due to being able to put myself in a safe environment and actually do the sports I love. I have continued to participate and compete in AAU Track and Field as this one of the sports that I have had the opportunity to partake in over this difficult time. From going to 3 practices a day to going to competitions once of month safely has been my life over the past couple months. There is a way to do the sport we love safely and together as it has been taking place across the country in more than 46 states. I can shower you with more examples of why we need to return to play now more than ever but my voice needs to be heard. This message may do little but it is worth everything to me and every student athlete hoping that your decision can lead to us returning to do what they love.

-Aaron Thomas

PS. I would love to be the voice tomorrow for every student athlete who still has hope for a return to play. This is more than just a Dream or what you call an Extracurricular Activity.

Subject: please permit spring sports!

Date: Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 2:27:57 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Julie Watkins

To: ATD SBOE

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Dear State Board of Education,
I am writing to request that you overturn the no-sports policy for baseball, golf, tennis and track and field. DC claims to follow the science--yet the science shows that these sports can be conducted safely, according to experts, and are essential to our kids' physical and mental well-being.The ban imposes an unreasonable restriction on private, parochial and independent schools and their students, many of whom rely on these sports to be competitive and be recruited for college-level sports. If indoor dining and bar-going can be allowed, surely outdoor non-contact sports can be permitted to restart. I urge you to put our children ahead of politics.
Sincerely,
Julie Watkins

Subject: Please reopen spring sports
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 5:00:45 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: Kelly D Welch
To: ATD SBOE
CC: Cheh, Mary (COUNCIL)

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Please add me to the record desiring spring sports to start.

Kelly David Welch
Ward 3
Father of 3 active boys

- The December policy* might have made sense for indoor sports such as wrestling and basketball, but it is time to revisit the policy as it applies to outdoor sports such as baseball, golf, tennis and track and field.
- These sports can be conducted safely implementing simple Covid precautions used all over the country.
- Epidemiologists agree that the coronavirus is spread mainly by prolonged, close, indoor contact between an infected person and uninfected person. As the Mayo Clinic said, joining many others including the CDC, "Team sports such as tennis, baseball, softball and soccer pose less risk because players can maintain physical distance."
- It is essential to the physical and mental well-being of high school students to return to physical activity and athletic competition.
- Other states and jurisdictions have decided that baseball, tennis and other outdoor spring sports are perfectly safe during the pandemic.
- There are lots of resources available to help the city reopen outdoor high school sports safely, such as the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Sports Medicine Advisory Committee (SMAC)
- Practice for spring sports begins within a few weeks. A decision needs to be made immediately so that planning can be made to restart these sports safely.
- DC policy needs to be based on sound science
- If indoor dining and bar-going can be allowed, surely outdoor non-contact sports can be permitted to restart.
- The ban imposes an unreasonable restriction on private, parochial and independent schools and their students, many of whom rely on these sports to be competitive and be recruited for college-level sports.

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Subject: Please allow for Spring sports!
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 4:32:00 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: Kate Yonkers
To: ATD SBOE
CC: Kelly Welch

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Dear DC Dept of Education,
Sports like baseball, track and tennis are safe to play even during this Covid pandemic. The benefits to the children is immense and the risks are manageable. In our local area, many club baseball and soccer teams have continued their seasons safely and there is no reason that schools could not manage this as well.
Local parents, school administrators and teachers, as well as players of all ages are hoping for the healthy relief and fun that bringing back Spring sports would provide.

Kind regards,
Kelly Welch
Kate Yonkers
Parents of 7th, 10th and 11th grade DC school kids

"I wake up in the morning torn between the desire to save the world and to enjoy the world. This makes it hard to plan the day."
E.B. White

Subject: Please open DC High School sports now
Date: Monday, February 22, 2021 at 6:39:03 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: Kathryn Youel Page
To: Ray, Clark (DCSAA), Cheh, Mary (COUNCIL), Hayworth, John-Paul (SBOE), twhite@dccouncil.us, csaasports@dc.gov, abonds@dccouncil.us
CC: Kevin Youel Page

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Thank you all for your work to support our education system and to make hard decisions during the covid-19 pandemic. We are writing to ask you to make the next decision to reverse the rules against high school sports currently in force in the District of Columbia.

We are dissatisfied with the lack of a strong rationale for closing High School sports while keeping Middle School and College sports open, and we believe the city's current posture is hurting our daughters rather than protecting them and our community.

As you may be aware, DC is now just one of a few jurisdictions on the East Coast *not* participating in interscholastic athletics. According to the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS), 47 states have permitted interscholastic sports at some point this school year, leaving only the District of Columbia, New Mexico, Oregon, and Washington in the non-participating minority for most of the year. DC's high school seniors, including our daughters, who compete in spring sports are at risk of graduating with their last competition having taken place during their sophomore year of school. There seems to be enough data on this subject to feel confident that we can play sports safely with the right protocols and measures in place.

We feel that DC's current rules do not take into consideration many factors that are vital in a healthy teenager's life: mental health, exercise, healthy competition, community, friendship, and leadership. Exercise is one important way to combat depression. Kids in sports perform better in school. And sports have not been shown to be a major factor in community spread of covid.

We respectfully write to request two things: 1) That the rules be reversed effective immediately (before the March 17 date) and 2) that the rule not be extended.

Again, thank you for your leadership, and thank you for your consideration of this important matter in our community.

Sincerely,

Kathryn & Kevin Youel Page
2420 Observatory Pl NW
Washington, DC 20007

Allow high school aged student-athletes to re-engage in the District of Columbia.

Sheree C started this petition to Mayor Bowser

On behalf of the undersigned coaches, parents and student-athletes representing traditional public, public charter, parochial and private schools we ask that you please lift the suspension of high school age related activities currently in place re Mayor's Order 2020-123. Most coaches have not had the opportunity to re-engage with their student-athletes since the pandemic began last March and for many of our student-athletes' coaches are the primary adult in their lives.

High School sports play a vital role in our student-athletes' lives. Involvement in high school sports have been closely tied to improved test scores, higher GPA and less truancy. Since the suspension of high school age related activities here in the District, we are seeing a decline in attendance and an overall increase in student-athletes who do not meet the minimum 2.0 GPA requirement.

Student-athletes need extracurricular activities to help them stay focused on lifelong goals. Without athletics our student-athletes are left with too many hours of idle time, which can lead to poor and life altering decisions. Families are deciding to relocate to other jurisdictions because they want to compete in the extracurricular activities that have been a part of the school experience for many years here in the District.

Nationally, 44 states across the country are playing high school sports. The District is the only state jurisdiction on the east coast that is not allowing high school sports to take place

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Allow DCPS Football Activities for Players' Emotional Well-Being and College Scholarships

Tissa Godavitarne started this petition to Mayor of District of Columbia, DC Muriel Bowser

Video credit to WUSA9

(1) The continued lack of sanctioned DCPS football activities is having a worsening impact on the social and emotional well-being of players.

A study co-authored by Katrina Rufino, an associate professor of psychology at the University of Houston, found there had been a significant increase in the number of ER visits to a Houston children's hospital related to mental health since coronavirus hit the US:

"Months with significantly higher rates of suicide-related behaviors appear to correspond to times when COVID-19–related stressors and community responses were heightened..."

(2) Without any activities, the players are being deprived of the opportunity to accumulate highlight reels, which play a critical role in scholarships.

There is no denying the crucial role highlight videos can play for many student-athletes in their recruiting process. According to Next College Student Athlete (NCSA), the largest college recruiting network's website:

"It's a fact that online recruiting profiles that include a highlight video receive more than 10 times as much traffic as those without one. A great highlight video can sometimes be a

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