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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Please be advised that due to recent rulings from the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA), we have decided to put our newly developed "Return to Play" Winter Sports Program on-hold until January 11th. This is the date that the Association has designated as the start of the Winter Basketball season.

While Middle Schools athletics are not necessarily subject to NJSIAA rulings, we feel based on the recent change yesterday in the New Jersey COVID-19 Activity Level from moderate (yellow) to high risk (orange) our best course of action right now is to put even our Intramural program on hold. Also taken into consideration is guidance from the New Jersey Department of Health and the CDC as well as our local Health Officials who recommend that activities among multiple cohorts be restricted once regions reach the high risk level. As we approach the January 11th date, we will certainly reassess the entire situation.

Thank you so much for your understanding regarding this decision as our number one priority is the health and safety of not only our student athletes, but our entire Rockaway Borough family.

Sincerely yours,

Phyllis Alpaugh
Superintendent