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RE: **Higher Risk Sports for Poland Central School Students**

Dear Parent, Guardian, and School Community Member,

You are receiving this communication to notify you that at a Special Meeting of the Poland Board of Education on February 11, 2021, the board authorized approval for higher risk sports. This authorization was the first step in advancing a winter sports season.

The additional minimum requirements to resume high-risk sports include:

- Each school superintendent/school leader must oversee the creation of a sport-specific preparedness plan, to be approved by the district/school's medical director.
- Each parent/guardian must sign an informed consent.
- Each student-athlete must have medical clearance from their healthcare provider.
- Each parent/guardian, student-athlete, and school official must agree to fully cooperate with case investigations and contact elicitation and to adhere to isolation and quarantine orders.
- Each district/school must establish a confidential phone number and email address to allow student-athletes, parents, or others to report concerns which shall be reported by the district to NYS.

The District is developing the necessary plans and protocols to meet the requirements above established by the Herkimer County Public Health Department and that are more fully explained at <https://www.herkimercounty.org/qdynamo/download.php?docid=2280>.

At this time, we anticipate that once school reopens on February 22, parents and guardians will receive more information about our forms and protocols and the ability to begin team practices on Monday, March 1st.

Sincerely,

Laura M. Dutton
Superintendent