

## Activities and Athletics

### **Reasons supporting suspension of activities and athletics**

- Student learning is the top priority. Thus, if in-person student learning is suspended, then it makes sense to suspend other activities that are important but of lower priority
- Likely reduces potential spread of COVID-19
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### **Reasons supporting continuation of activities and athletics**

- Participation in activities and athletics is voluntary
- Students participate in isolated groups, and often in large spaces, this reduces this risk of community transmission
- Activities and athletics have been running successfully since the middle of August. Safety protocols are coordinated and well implemented
- Activities and athletics run for shorter time periods than an entire school day
- Unlike student learning, there is no viable online alternative for most activities and athletics
- If activities and athletics are suspended, there are very likely to be negative impacts on social, emotional, physical, and mental health of students
- When school districts do not offer activities and athletics other organizations will fill the void. These organizations are not likely to provide the same level of commitment to adhering to health and safety protocols
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