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MEDIA ADVISORY - With sport schedules and seasons of play for high/middle school sports in the news, the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association today issued the following statement supporting those policies and the Michigan High School Athletic Association, the statewide service organization which helps schools administer games and tournaments.

**Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association Supports the Michigan High School Athletic Associations Movement of the Fall Football season until the Spring 2021.**

The decision of the Representative Council, the legislative body of the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) - concerning the movement of the football season until the Spring 2021, the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (MIAAA) is in full support of the MHSAA. We understand the decisions to make the adjustment to this Football season was made based on the best information available at this time.

The football season switch was made based on the consultation with the Governor's Office, State Health Department officials and after surveying MHSAA member high schools on their progress and preferences after the first four days of practice. Football is considered a high-risk sport for potential spread of the COVID-19 virus because of its level of player-to-player contact.

Athletic Administrators throughout the state and nation are entrusted to provide safe, healthy environments for our students to participate in the activities they love. It is the role of Administrators to be the guardians of fair play, sportsmanship, level playing fields and ethical behavior. The MIAAA and the MHSAA share these beliefs for all students of Michigan.

These two organizations work in concert with each other in all areas. The MIAAA, with more than 600 members, is an active contributor to the MHSAA annually with representation on all MHSAA committees and multiple opportunities to provide input on proposed MHSAA rule and regulation changes.

The MIAAA is a voluntary professional organization for all interscholastic Athletic Administrators in Michigan. The Association is a 501(c)(3) organization working to provide professional development, leadership, and networking opportunities to any person working in school Athletic Departments.