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Mrs. Deborah Judy Assistant Superintendent

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Good afternoon Smyrna School District Families:

We are so happy to be able to invite our community back to sporting events at our schools. Smyrna Middle and High School have had exciting scrimmages and games drawing a crowd of spectators already this month.

Unfortunately, we have also had some unwanted altercations at these events. Our community, parents and staff all want to enjoy the games safely. To make that happen, we need your help.

In order to maintain a safe environment for all, no unsupervised students 8th grade or younger are permitted at afterschool sporting events. <u>All students in 8th grade and below MUST have a</u> <u>parent/responsible party present to attend any of our events.</u> If there is a gate, unaccompanied students will not be permitted to enter. If the event has no gate (outside the football stadium) and a student attends without a parent, a parent will be called and the student will be asked to leave via the mode of transport approved by the parent/responsible adult. Parents must be easily accessible to the staff supervising the event at all times.

The community atmosphere at our events is enviable and palpable. We would not want anything to take away from that. Attending school events in our community is a privilege we hope no one takes for granted. For 18 months+, we were not able to come together to celebrate and spectate. The Smyrna School District Administration does not ever want that to happen again. Unfortunately, this corrective action is necessary but we do believe it will be a step in the right direction to maintain a safe and secure school district at all times.

As always, we appreciate your support and understanding. We hope to see you at the next event.

Have a great day!

Sincerely,

Deborah Judy

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