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Deborah Judy, Superintendent

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RE: Updated Middle School Sports 2026-27 School Year

Dear 5th, 6th and 7th grade families,

I am writing again with an update regarding middle school athletics for the 2026-27 school year.

In my letter dated May 6, 2026, the district shared that sports would be offered at both Clayton Middle School and Smyrna Middle School locations with players from both schools playing on one team.

As we continued the conversation and mapped out the logistics of the transitions involving Clayton Middle and Smyrna Middle, we discovered that operating athletics at two separate sites simultaneously would create significant operational, scheduling, transportation, and supervision challenges during this transition year.

After careful consideration, the district has made the difficult decision to hold all middle school athletic practices and contests at Smyrna Middle School for the 2026-27 school year. These decisions will allow us to continue offering a full slate of middle school athletics opportunities while also providing the most efficient use of district resources, staffing, and transportation services.

Please know that all middle school sports will continue to be offered, and all eligible 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students-athletes from both schools will have the opportunity to try-out and participate in every sport for which they are eligible. Transportation will be provided as needed to support Clayton Middle School students participating in athletics at Smyrna Middle School.

We understand the important role athletics play in our students' middle school experience and remain committed to providing meaningful opportunities for participation, teamwork, leadership, and school pride.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding as we work through this transition in a manner that best supports our students and programs.

Sincerely,

Superintendent

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