

## TWINSBURG CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Good afternoon Twinsburg Schools Family:

Last week, Governor DeWine released information about an order from the Ohio Department of Public Health that would allow the high-risk sports of football and soccer to begin play immediately. This order was in direct contrast to the recommendation made by the Summit County Public Health Department that indicated that these sports should not begin competitive play until October 1<sup>st</sup> or thereafter. Thus, much discussion occurred this week regarding our District's ability to begin these sports prior to October 1<sup>st</sup>. The focus of these conversations remained on our ability to ensure the health and safety of our athletes, our coaches, and our families.

Today, I am sending this correspondence to let you know that our Tiger Football Team, our Tiger Soccer Team, and our Lady Tiger Soccer Team will begin competition per the following schedule:

- Lady Tiger Soccer: Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at home vs. Nordonia
- Tiger Soccer: Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at home vs. Eastlake North
- Tiger Football: Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at Copley-Fairlawn

Per the order from the Ohio Department of Public Health, the number of spectators permitted at each game will be limited based upon the capacity of the stadium and the restrictions of social distancing. Next week, District administrators will measure Tiger Stadium to determine our capacity. We will provide further details once that information is known however, please know that tickets will likely be provided solely to the parents of our athletes and Band members. Unfortunately, there will be limited opportunities for others to cheer on our Tigers. We plan to livestream our home games. These broadcasts will provide opportunities for our school community to catch our Tigers in action, even from a distance. We appreciate everyone's understanding in this matter.

A note to the parents of our athletes and Band...The decision for your child to participate in these activities is solely yours. If you feel that the ongoing pandemic places your child at risk, your decision to limit your child's participation will be respected. Our parents need to determine the risk associated with activities sponsored by the District.

Finally, I ask all members of our school family to be vigilant and forthright in reporting positive cases of COVID-19. As you know from the document I



forwarded to you on Thursday evening, our District has procedures in place to manage situations related to COVID-19. However, it is going to take all of us to do our part and in doing so, we can enjoy all the excitement that a new school year and a new sports season will bring.

I look forward to seeing our Tigers compete in the coming weeks!

Go Tigers! Kathi Powers Superintendent

