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All school districts face multiple challenges in planning the 2020-21 school year including how to safely continue with robust athletic and sports programs. Sports play a significant role in the culture and communities of our schools, and the lives of many dedicated student-athletes. In many districts, nearly a third or more of all students at the secondary level are student-athletes. The six largest districts in Sacramento County - Elk Grove Unified, Folsom/Cordova Unified, Natomas Unified, Sacramento City Unified, San Juan Unified and Twin Rivers Unified - have come together to share and discuss a safe and thoughtful approach to athletics and competitive sports in the next school year. Our team includes one or more representatives from each district. The purpose of this team is to primarily:

- Create an opportunity for district high school athletic representatives to discuss state, county, and sport federation guidance documents
- Share plans, ideas, concerns, and solutions for 2020-2021 implementation of athletics given the variable, and potentially evolving, conditions each district will be facing in the 2020-21 school year
- Leverage a larger regional group to seek ideas, innovation and possible solutions to the challenges that come with athletics in a COVID-19 reality
- Provide transparent and timely communications for each community served. In addition, you can contact your school athletic director for ongoing updates.

This team recognizes each district has its own local context, elected Board, and district leadership. Leadership from each district felt collaboration, communication, sharing, and teamwork - some of the same ideals that make a great high school athletic team - could further benefit all of our communities. The differences in guidance from a variety of organizations have led to confusion and questions. Our team hopes to provide better clarity, recognizing in these times everyone has to acknowledge certainty is not guaranteed.

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