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Good morning Western Tech Families:

The purpose of this message is to provide you with an update regarding the start of athletics for the 2020-2021 school year. As we start the school year 100% virtually, the BCPS Board of Education and the Office of Athletics in conjunction with MPSSAA has approved a 1st semester virtual sports opportunity for student athletes.

The same approval criteria apply to virtual sports participation as it does for on campus participation. Student Athletes must register on Form ReLeaf (directions can be found on our school's website under Athletics) and have a valid sports physical on file. Physicals can be emailed to me directly, Mrs. Rowe, at jrowe2@bcps.org or mailed to the school attention of AD: Mrs. Rowe.

All students are academically eligible for the fall season. Academic eligibility will be re-evaluated at the end of the first quarter in November. Students must have a 2.0 and no more than 1 failing grade at the end of the first quarter to continue with virtual athletics. The following schedule has been made for the 1st semester virtual seasons:

- **Fall virtual season: September 8th – October 23rd All physicals and registration must be complete by September 7th**
- **Winter virtual season: October 26th – December 11th All physicals and registration must be complete by December 10th**
- **Spring virtual season: December 14th – January 29th All physicals and registration must be complete by December 13th**

Each coach will establish a specific virtual schedule that will start at the end of the academic day (no earlier than 3:00 pm) and should consist of 3-4 total hours a week of participation. The virtual season will consist of conditioning, academic, and social emotional supports. A list of coaches and their contact information can be found on our school's website under Athletics as well as on our Athletics Schoology page.

MPSSAA and the BCPS Office of Athletics are working on a plan for second semester return to competition play should it be deemed safe and students are able to return to campus learning. As more information becomes available, we will continue to share it with families.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Rowe, Athletic Director