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To Our Students and Others Impacted by COVID-19

ASAA realizes the cancellation of March Madness Alaska and Spring 2020 activities has denied students the ability to reach the goal of winning a 2020 State Championship or to be recognized in a “Command Performance.” In making this decision ASAA realized we would be taking away an opportunity that many may never again have a chance to experience. This is especially true for this year’s seniors. So, while everyone has been affected by this health crisis, it is important for everyone involved to salute our seniors – boys and girls who have sacrificed for 4 years now unable to reach the finish line, through no fault of their own. Class of 2020, we salute you.

To the coaches, school staffs and parents, thank you for continuing to support interscholastic sports and activities. Please know that the investments you have made into the lives of our students will help guide them through this health crisis and the rest of their lives. We are grateful to be a part of supporting you in this work.

To the student-athletes, while you have missed some of the most important games and events of your high school careers, the benefits of being involved will remain with you for a lifetime. The early-morning practices, offseason workouts and late-night studying after a day of activities will undoubtedly make you stronger and more dedicated in your future professions and relationships.

When discussing the merits of educational based activity participation, concepts such as “teamwork, dedication” and “sacrifice” are often mentioned. For now, the sacrifice being asked of you as students is understandably a hard one. However, we prioritize the health of our students, coaches, school staffs, fans and elders over the want to determine this year’s champions.

Once this health crisis has passed, ASAA believes educational based activities will once again help our communities and schools come together in a positive way. After a yet to be determined time of “social distancing” has passed, concepts like “teamwork and dedication” will be required to get us back to normal.

We thank you for the great memories given to us during this year and in prior years. We also look forward to witnessing how you will continue to stay involved. While some will have more competitive opportunities, for others that continued involvement may be in the form of coaching, teaching or officiating, but the impact of participation will last a lifetime.

We look forward to once again seeing our students participate at state events. The great and exciting games and performances are missed by all of us. However, for now we wish you and your families the very best in staying healthy and in all future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Billy Strickland, Executive Director