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## **Dear Parents and Guardians,**

The four local school boards in our region, Near North District School Board, Conseil scolaire public du Nord-Est de l'Ontario, Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board and Conseil scolaire catholique Franco-Nord, recognize the importance of extracurricular activities in supporting students' mental health, well-being and academic development. We are therefore pleased to inform you that a protocol has been jointly developed with the support of the North Bay-Parry Sound District Health Unit and will be posted on the school board's website early next week.

This protocol will detail the guidelines and public health measures that must be followed for extra-curricular activities, including sports, performances and competitions. We also wish to announce that school team practices may begin next week. Principals will share more details in the coming days.

It is important to note that all decisions made by school boards, principals and local public health officials are based on the health and safety of students, staff, supervisors, and service providers. As such, any risks will be assessed on an on-going basis and any components of the protocol may be subject to change or activities may be postponed or cancelled depending on the local public health circumstances.

We sincerely thank our school communities for their patience and support as we safely resume extracurricular activities for students.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely, Near North District School Board