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TO: High School Principals
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SUBJECT: **Middle School/Booster Club Athletics**

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With the announcement from the North Carolina High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA) of a fall start date pushed to September 1, Union County Public Schools has elected to delay the return of our booster club run middle school athletics until further notice.

We continue to align our middle school programs with the rules and regulations that our high schools follow, and will monitor the return to play plans from the NCHSAA in helping to determine a safe and suitable resumption date. During this time school leaders along with booster club representatives will continue to work behind the scenes to prepare opportunities for our students to resume athletic participation if conditions allow us to do so.

During these unprecedented times, this situation remains fluid and patience is needed as we navigate the uncertainties that lie ahead. UCPS recognizes the importance of athletics and other extracurricular activities as part of the overall educational experience. We are committed to continuing to provide these opportunities with the health and safety of our students and coaches being our number one priority. If you have any questions please contact UCPS Director of Athletics Nelson Garner nelson.garner@ucps.k12.nc.us

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