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To whom it may concern,

RE: EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPORTS & STUDENT ATTENDANCE

On behalf of the District Education Council (DEC) of Anglophone South School District, I would like to take this opportunity to express our deep appreciation to the coaches and volunteers who work with the teams and clubs in our school communities. Their leadership and dedication is outstanding, particularly given the challenges presented by the pandemic for all those involved in the sports community.

Extra-curricular sports and activities are a valuable and important part of the education of our children. At the same time, the academic curriculum must be the primary focus of their schooling and the pandemic has caused repeated interruption and challenges in our education system.

Time on task is a major factor in a successful year for any student and over the last three years students have missed a considerable amount of in-person learning. As a result, there are definite learning gaps and student attendance will be very important as we complete this year and plan for 2022-2023.

Your cooperation is being sought to ensure that children are not asked to participate in sporting activities or events during their regular school day unless absolutely necessary. Time on task for our students needs to be a priority and we would hope our students will not need to choose between the classroom and their extra-curriculars.

Thank you again for all that you do for children and for your cooperation in this matter.

Yours truly,

Roger Nesbitt
Chair
District Education Council – ASD-S

- cc Zoë Watson, Superintendent ASD-S
- Hockey NB
- Basketball NB
- Football NB
- Swimming NB
- Cheer NB
- Ringette NB
- Curling NB
- SkateNB
- Gymnastics NB
- Judo NB
- Karate NB
- Lacrosse NB
- Rugby NB
- Softball NB
- Volleyball NB
- Wrestling NB
- Soccer NB
- Fencing NB
- Speedskate NB