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It is with a heavy heart that representatives from the North Suburban Conference (NSC) member schools, which include Lake Forest High School, Lake Zurich High School, Libertyville High School, Mundelein High School, Adlai E. Stevenson High School, Warren Township High School, Waukegan High School, and Zion-Benton Township High School, reach out to you today.

We acknowledge that the events that have transpired over the last few months have been an emotional time for our student-athletes, parents, and coaches. The loss of sports activities, time with teammates and coaches, coupled with the lack of a regular routine have been challenges for everyone involved. The Illinois High School Association ([IHSA](#)), [released an updated statement](#) on Friday, June 5th stating specifics for activities that can be held during Restore Illinois Phase 3. We anticipate receiving more guidance from the IHSA in the days ahead, which will guide our decisions regarding a return to sport-specific activities in the future. The NSC is committed to ensuring the health and safety of our student-athletes.

In response to recent events of social injustice, we want to emphasize that the NSC promotes diversity and inclusivity and we will continue to use our platform to spread this message and support all of our student-athletes. Racism, violence, and injustice have no place in our community and will not be tolerated. The North Suburban Conference will continue its work to dismantle the biases that exist and use the power of education and co-curricular opportunities to positively shape the future.

In the near future, we will be sharing an opportunity for student-athletes from our member schools to participate in a virtual NSC meeting to share their feelings and insights into how the NSC can become an agent for change.

Sincerely,

The NSC Athletic Directors

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Lake Zurich High School - Andy Lambert  
Libertyville High School - John Woods  
Mundelein High School - Troy Parola  
Adlai E. Stevenson High School - Trish Betthausen  
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