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MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education*

## **On the Desktop - August 18, 2020**

### **Joint Guidance on Modified Sports Seasons for School Year 2020-21**

Dear Superintendents, Charter School Leaders, Assistant Superintendents, Collaborative Leaders, and Leaders of Approved Special Education Schools,

Sports can be an important part of a well-rounded educational experience, even during the current public health crisis. Working in close consultation with a variety of stakeholders and our medical advisors, and based on the [Youth and Adult Amateur Sports Guidance](#) recently provided by the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) and DESE have collaborated to provide the attached modified sports guidance for school year 2020-21.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey C. Riley  
Commissioner