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## ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

October 7, 2020

Dear Orange Student-Athletes, Coaches, Families, and Fans:

After completing the first competitions of the Orange High School Tornadoes Fall 2020 season, we are pleased to report that student-athletes, coaches, staff, families, and the community have done an excellent job in following the guidelines set out by Orange Public Schools, the NJSIAA, and the NJ Department of Health. Across the State, thousands of athletic competitions took place without incident and were successful for their schools and communities. Personally, seeing players, coaches, officials, families, and fans following social distancing policies to ensure our children can compete was certainly heartwarming, as well as a very telling gesture.

As our season progresses, the top priority of the Orange High School Athletic Department, as well as that of the Superintendent's Office and our Board of Education is the continued health, safety, and security of our children, coaches, staff, and community. We will do all that is necessary to ensure we provide a safe environment for our student-athletes to compete. While we may be focused on the issues surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, there are other aspects of our children's well-being that must also be addressed. Orange High School Athletics has a proud and storied history that has been supported by our families and community for many, many years. The families of our student-athletes are their biggest fans and their strongest pillar of support, and we would be remiss in not providing our children with that support.

After many conversations with our Superintendent, Dr. Gerald Fitzhugh, II, as well as talks with other Athletic Directors in our area, the Orange High School Athletic Department has now adjusted our stance on spectators at home events. For the October 9<sup>th</sup> game vs. West Side, we will permit families of student-athletes to attend our home athletic events. Attendance by visiting team spectators will continue to be restricted at this time. Football games at Bell Stadium will also be live streamed on the Orange Public School's Facebook Live account. Each student-athlete will be provided with a ticket code to allow **two family members** to attend our home games. All family attending events must comply with the guidelines set forth by Orange Public Schools, the NJSIAA, and the NJ Department of Health. **This includes mandatory face coverings to enter Bell Stadium and they must remain on until departure. Temperature scans will be conducted, and all individuals must complete a COVID-19 Screening Form. Social distancing must always be maintained in the stands. Any violation of these guidelines will lead to the removal from the event.** This decision will be revisited on a week-by-week basis and may be reversed based on issues or concerns with the health, safety, and security of our children, coaches, staff, officials, and families.

Professionally,

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