



# PENNSAUKEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Pennsauken Families:

Pennsauken Public Schools takes great pride in our athletic and extracurricular activity events. Our students and families' physical and emotional well-being is our priority, and making sure that every student and family feels safe and welcomed in our schools and offices, is our commitment to you. We work every day to educate our children to not only tolerate but rather to accept, understand, and develop a respect and appreciation for all people. At last night's football game against Camden High School, the athletes and coaches of Pennsauken Public Schools and Camden School District were immersed in a wonderful and spirited competition. But the actions of a few created havoc and unrest for our entire community. Out of an abundance of caution, and for the safety of everyone in attendance, we were forced to end the game before the start of the second half.

The coaches and athletes did not deserve to have their game end in the manner that it did at halftime. The wrongful actions of a few were not only hurtful, but they were dangerous for staff, students, parents, and the community at large. Pennsauken Public Schools does not and will not tolerate smoking, profanity, fighting, or any other type of disrespectful or aggressive behavior. We always have embraced and will continue to promote a family-type atmosphere. We want to see families and children enjoying our competitions and facilities without fear, violence, or the use of paraphernalia of any kind. As stated, these actions will not ever be tolerated on any of our campuses.

I would like to take the time to thank our administrators, teachers, and staff members for their efforts during this incident. Additionally, I would like to thank the Pennsauken Police Department for being on the scene, helping diffuse the situation, and keeping our families safe.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the next game. We will continue to ensure that behavior at all of our events remains safe and joyous. We are a community, but we are also part of the larger Pennsauken Family. We are very proud of our young athletes and any athletes we welcome on our campus. Let's continue to enjoy events and competitions together both positively and cooperatively. Thank you for coming to our competitions, and I would also like to thank our athletes and coaches for their great effort amidst difficult circumstances.

Sincerely,