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**Fw: SDMA Athletics & COVID**

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To: jamie\_krista@msd.k12.wi.us

Mon, Nov 9, 2020 at 2:47 PM

Hi Jamie,

Please see the letter below that I submitted to Dave this morning. I would appreciate it very much if you could submit my letter for the full Board to review. Please let me know of any questions you may have.

Sincerely,  
Mark Dahms

**From:** Mark Dahms  
**Sent:** Monday, November 09, 2020 8:22 AM  
**To:** David Styer  
**Subject:** SDMA Athletics & COVID

Hi Dave,

I know you are having a meeting this evening to determine the path of SDMA over these next few weeks. I would like to take a moment to ask that you continue to let the kids play athletics during these unique times.

As Joe stated in his last email to the District, "While student cases and exclusions across the school district are well below the thresholds set by public health, there has been a disproportionate number of staff cases and exclusions at Menomonie High School."

To me this says that the kids are not the issue and that students are not catching/spreading COVID in a manner that would direct schools to abolish athletics. Many things are being taken away from our kids due to COVID, please don't let athletics be another one. Our district has proven over the course of the school year that our kids can play athletics without COVID ravaging our school system from athletics exposure. The numbers prove it! Our kids need athletics and the social interaction to maintain some sense of normalcy. Please do everything in your power to LET THEM PLAY!

Thank you for taking the time to read my email and hope that you can share this with the rest of the Board.

Best of luck moving forward and I appreciate the work you are doing for our District.

Sincerely,  
Mark Dahms