

BELLE-FAIR ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

Belle Valley - Central JH (Belleville) - Emge JH – Grant

High Mount - Joseph Arthur (Central of O'Fallon) – Pontiac JH

Shiloh - Signal Hill - West JH (Belleville) – Whiteside - Wolf Branch

July 13, 2020

Dear Belle-Fair Conference Families,

The Belle-Fair Conference Schools recently met to discuss the upcoming 2020-2021 athletic seasons. The discussion centered on the different guidance that has been released by both the IHSA and the SIJHSAA in relationship to the guidelines which was received from the Illinois State Board of Education. Due to ongoing safety concerns associated with the spread of COVID-19, the Belle-Fair Conference Schools are cancelling the fall athletic season that was slated to begin in August.

School Districts made this decision for the safety of our student-athletes, spectators, as well as our coaches. This decision was not easy to make and is not taken lightly by any school district within the conference. Each school felt strongly that our goal during the upcoming school year was to minimize person to person contact and unfortunately, athletics creates uncontrollable variables.

The Belle-Fair Conference Schools are committed to reviewing this decision prior to the start of each athletic season in case there are changes related to the pandemic. We will continue to monitor updates and plan to make a decision on winter sports and tryouts during the month of September for the safety of our athletic family.

Respectfully,

Belle-Fair Conference Schools