Dear DISHS Parents and Guardians,

I am excited to be returning to the role of Athletic Director for our school system! My top priority is getting fall sports going in both the elementary school and high school. The following is an update on where things are at for fall sports at the high school.

- Cross country is up and running and any students who are interested in running cross country should reach out to Mary Penfold at <a href="mailto:mpenfold@dishs.org">mpenfold@dishs.org</a>.
- Golf is in full swing and any students who are interested in golf should reach out to Terry Siebert at <u>tsiebert@dishs.org</u>
- Soccer is off to a slower start than we would have liked. It has been difficult to find a coach, but I am happy to say that we have had a few people reach out and I will be reviewing applications as soon as possible. A big thank you to those who have stepped up! Due to our late start, anticipated low numbers of participants, and MPA rules and regulations around deadlines and required number of practices, we will not be able to play a varsity schedule this year. The good news is that I am working to put together a JV schedule so students will have an opportunity to participate in soccer this fall. The team will be a co-ed team.

I will be scheduling a parent/guardian athletics meeting for next week. Please keep an eye out for a date and time. Again, I am excited to be back in this role and look forward to what this year will bring for Deer Isle - Stonington athletics. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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