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Parents, Students, and Community Member Fans of Marathon School Athletics:

As all schools have received correspondence about the content of this communication by the WIAA, we want to take this opportunity between our fall and winter sports seasons to remind everyone of our District expectations of sportsmanship at athletic events.

For our students, participation in athletics has many benefits. One of which is developing ideals of good citizenship and sportsmanship. While our athletes are participating, they should be able to do so in a positive environment. This experience allows our athletes to expect respect and treat other athletes with respect. As these are the expectations for our athletes and coaches, they should also be the norm for our spectators in attendance.

Marathon has a rich history of athletic success and positive sportsmanship. We want nothing more than for this to continue with the help of everyone in attendance at our athletic events. We ask all to continue to conduct themselves in a respectful and positive manner consistent with the ideals of our Community and School District of Marathon.

Marathon Encourages:

Positive and Enthusiastic Support Family Friendly Atmosphere Welcoming Environment for All

Unacceptable Behaviors:

Disruptive, Abusive and Unruly Behavior Foul or Inappropriate Language Harassment/Ridicule of Players, Coaches, Officials and/or Spectators

We also feel obligated to share, based on the recent WIAA communication, that fans who display unacceptable behavior will be subject to sanctions which may include removal from the contest and refusal of admittance for future events.

That being said, we want to reiterate that student participation in school athletics has significant benefits. Our decision to send this communication is to be proactive and utilize an educational opportunity to encourage and remind our Red Raider athletes and fans of the importance of sportsmanship in our schools. Therefore, we ask that collectively each and every Red Raider athlete and fan support these high ideals of sportsmanship and help us to continue creating a positive environment for our student-athletes to perform.

Thank you for your help and support and GO RAIDERS!!!

Respectfully,

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