



# *Steger School District 194*

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SD 194 Students, Families, and Staff,

Columbia Central School annually participates in a series of statewide athletics and activities that are governed by the Illinois Elementary School Association (IESA).

Amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, Columbia Central has awaited guidance from the IESA regarding the ability to hold fall sports, which includes baseball, softball, cross-country, and girls' basketball. On July 24<sup>th</sup>, the IESA issued a statement that following their special meeting on July 23<sup>rd</sup>, they had unanimously approved the cancellation of baseball, softball, and cross-country for the 2020-2021 school year. A decision has been delayed by IESA regarding the girls' basketball season until a meeting in late August. IESA is very clear that this decision was made in accordance with limitations that have been placed on schools by the Illinois Department of Health.

In accordance with this decision by the IESA, Steger SD 194 will not hold baseball, softball, and cross-country during the 2020-2021 school year. We will continue to monitor communications from the IESA in regards to guidance for future athletics and activities.

To visit the IESA Homepage and read their entire communication, please visit [www.iesa.org](http://www.iesa.org).

Sincerely,

Bruce Nieminski  
Principal  
Columbia Central School

*To ensure all students, staff, and stakeholders learn and grow together as a community*