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**Yonkers Public Schools
Postpones Soccer to Fall Season 2 in March 2021**

YONKERS, NY –Today, Yonkers Public Schools Superintendent of Schools **Dr. Edwin M. Quezada** announced that fall varsity sports, which this school year is soccer, would follow the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHAA) Fall Season 2 that begins in March. **Dr. Quezada** noted, “Out of an abundance of caution, Yonkers has determined that to protect the health and safety of our students and staff to the best of our ability, it is prudent to postpone our fall season. Another factor is the uncertainty schools face this fall related to COVID-19 restrictions, potential closures due to positive cases and parental concerns.” NYSPHAA has already moved football, volleyball and cheerleading to Fall Season 2.

“Our focus over the next two months is the successful reopening of our school for students using a Hybrid scenario on October 5th,” added **Dr. Quezada**. “In-person instruction is essential for our students’ academic and social-emotional development. What we know is that vigorous public education is the universal stabilizer for the community. We are in fight for quality public education and Yonkers is relentlessly committed to equity for our urban children.”

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