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SUBJECT: National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Athletic Eligibility Ruling

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Recently, the NCAA Eligibility Center denied our appeal to allow Mathematics I and II Support courses to count as core credit towards awarding athletic financial aid to students in Georgia.

Under this ruling, students who graduate from a Georgia high school who have only successfully completed the Mathematics I, II, and Mathematics I, II Support sequence of courses will not be eligible for a Division I athletic scholarship (partial or full).

Rising seniors who have successfully completed the four units of mathematics required to graduate must have at least three (3) NCAA Eligibility Center approved core courses in Mathematics to be considered eligible for athletic financial aid at a Division I institution. It is imperative that each high school or school district in Georgia continue to submit their core course requirements to the Eligibility Center for their approval. With the Georgia Department of Education offering flexibility in meeting the Mathematics requirements for the current 9th, 10th and 11th grade students, we want to ensure that students who excel athletically are not denied an opportunity to further their education and athletic talents at the next level.

If you have any questions regarding this memo, please contact Mr. Patrick Blenke at ablenke@doe.k12.ga.us or 404 463-1765. Thank you for all that you do to make education work for all Georgians.

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