



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Statement from Senator Mannion on His Support For Resuming High School Athletics

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GEDDES – Senator John W. Mannion (D-Geddes) today released the following statement on the need to resume high school athletics:

As someone who spent twenty-eight years as a high school teacher, I know how important sports are to students and the community.

It's been proven in other aspects of our pandemic life that these activities can occur safely. Many club and travel teams - which are not accessible to everyone - have continued to play.

Let's get the right people around the virtual table to develop clear protocols and procedures based on the latest science and technology. In addition, let's make sure school districts have every resource they need – including access to rapid testing and streaming technology so families and fans can watch from home.

Scholarships are at stake. So is the mental health and well-being of our students who have suffered greatly by the loss of a traditional high school experience.

I believe that with the correct plan in place we can resume high school athletic competitions safely and quickly.

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