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**February 8, 2021**

**To: School Principal, Student Advisor, Teacher and/or Athletic Director**

**Subject: Student/Athlete competition, the Dallas Cup**

This letter is to inform you that your student plays soccer for a club that has been selected to participate in the premier youth soccer event in the United States, the Dallas Cup.

The Dallas Cup is the oldest international youth soccer tournament in the United States and will be celebrating its 42<sup>nd</sup> anniversary in 2021. This year's tournament will be played from March 28 - April 4, 2021, in Dallas, Texas. Typically, 200 teams participate each year, divided in seven age groups, with the ages of the players ranging from 11 to 18 years old.

The Dallas Cup annually provides our youth players the opportunity to compete against some of the best soccer players from all over the United States and the world. In addition, this is also an opportunity for our high school players to be scouted by coaches from many of the top college programs in the United States. Each year, the event draws hundreds of college coaches from across the country, as they use the Dallas Cup to identify future college players.

We ask for your cooperation, as we strive to develop our area's best youth soccer and academic athletes. We have done everything we can to limit the number of days of school that will be missed, but unfortunately, the players will miss a minimum of three days of school. Those days are Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. If the team is successful, they would continue to play Thursday, Friday and Saturday of that same week. We would be very grateful if you would allow your student an excused absence for these days, and provide the student with assignments in advance. If you have any questions regarding our program, or this event, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andy Swift", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Andy Swift  
Executive Director