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**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 2022 Dallas Cup presented by Coca-Cola, a premier youth soccer event in the United States.

The Dallas Cup tournament is the oldest international youth soccer tournament in the United States and will be celebrating its 43<sup>rd</sup> anniversary in 2022. This year's tournament will be played from April 9 - April 17, 2022, in Dallas, Texas. Typically, 35% of the teams are international clubs, 50% travel to Dallas from the four corners of the U.S., and 15% are local teams based in the Dallas area.

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. With teams from different countries participating each year, these young players will benefit from a week-long experience of meeting and spending time with other participants from different cultures and ways of life. 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, April 11<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</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,



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