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EMS Parents,

I hope this letter finds you energetic, refreshed, and ready for the upcoming 2009/2010 school year. My name is Alex Ofili and I am the new Assistant Principal at East Middle School. As a former collegiate athlete at the University of Michigan and Ypsilanti Public Schools alumni, I understand the positive impact a well-run athletic program has on the success of a school.

Many changes are happening here at East Middle School and this includes how we do business in athletics with regards to academic eligibility. In order for student to participate in athletic competition they must maintain at least a **C average**. All student athletes will have their progress reports evaluated every two weeks. If any athlete's grade point average falls below a 2.0 (C average) during eligibility time frame they will not be able to participate until the next eligibility date. Parents have the ability to monitor the progress of their child's grades electronically at any time at the Power School web site by using your assigned access code. <http://sis.ypsd.org>. Coaches will conference with Mr. Ofili before eligibility dates to determine which athletes are eligible.

Any athlete that needs a physical can get their physical in the RAHS Center located in our building. To assist in scheduling appointments call 734-714-1409.

In order to maintain the highest level of student accountability we will be enforcing a very strict discipline policy pertaining to our student athletes. All students are expected to follow the Ypsilanti Public Schools Student Code of Conduct and East Middle School's rules at all times. Any suspension may result in the student losing their eligibility to participate in sports.

In addition all coaches are expected conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times.

As a reminder, 6<sup>th</sup> grade students **are not** allowed to participate in any Michigan High School Athletic Association activities. We will however, have a partnership with our local YMCA, which will offer our 6<sup>th</sup> grade students a variety of extracurricular options throughout the course of the year.

I am very excited about the upcoming sports year and I am confident that you and all of our participants will demonstrate the leadership the Ypsilanti community can be proud of!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (734) 714-1404.

Sincerely,

Alex Ofili  
Assistant Principal

**Strong from Start to Finish**