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### **Thornton Fractional District 215 Announces Return to Athletics**

**Lansing, IL-** Thornton Fractional District 215 announced yesterday that students will soon be able to participate in approved winter sports. The return to athletics permits students in sports deemed low risk by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) to practice and compete within the South Suburban conference. Medium risk sports will be allowed to practice and hold intra-squad scrimmage but will not compete. High risk sports will hold practices without contact.

With Region 10 moving from Tier 3 to Tier 2 COVID-19 mitigations, District 215 is utilizing Illinois Department of Public Health guidelines and Illinois High School Association (IHSA) recommendations in planning for the return to athletics. District 215 student participation in sports will proceed as noted below.

Phase 1 – Students begin practices and competitions for low-risk winter sports. Approximate start dates are:

- Boys’ Swimming – February 1<sup>st</sup>
- Cheerleading – January 28<sup>th</sup>
- Dance – February 1<sup>st</sup>
- Boys’ Bowling – February 1<sup>st</sup>
- Girls’ Bowling – February 1<sup>st</sup>
- Badminton – January 25<sup>th</sup>

Phase 2 – Students begin conditioning and/or practices for sports that are in season but cannot compete and/or sports that will occur during the Spring/Summer seasons. Basketball is a winter sport considered high risk and more information on participation will be conveyed to students and families soon.

Marc Brewe, athletic director at Thornton Fractional South High School, noted that students are required to have a valid sports physical on file as well as have registered on 8to18.com prior to the first day of participation. Student-athletes interested in participating will reach out to their respective coaches for more information and details.

Dr. Sophia Jones-Redmond, superintendent of Thornton Fractional District 215 stated, “We are so thrilled to welcome our student-athletes back and excited to support their participation in the sports they love.”

**About Thornton Fractional High School District 215:** District 215 serves the students of Burnham, Calumet City, Lansing, and Lynwood at Thornton Fractional North High School, Thornton Fractional South High School, Thornton Fractional Center for Academics and Technology, and Thornton Fractional Center for Alternative Learning. The mission of District



215 is to provide diverse learning opportunities that inspire all students to become life-long learners who contribute to their community.

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