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MEMO

To: Member Schools
Date: April 27, 2026
From: Brad Van Raalte, Executive Director
Cc: Board of Governors, Office Staff
Re: 2025 Provincial Cross Country Championships

Good evening,

After several conversations and multiple meetings, the decision has been made to cancel the 2025 Provincial Cross Country Championships for the following reasons:

1. Due to the accumulation of snow and the topography of the course, the course will not be ready on time.
2. The turnaround time was simply too short. For example, the timing contractor is unavailable, logistics of coordinating volunteers, etc.
3. Multiple zones expressed concerns over:
 - a. Significant decrease in participation numbers
 - b. Conflicts with other local and provincial events this weekend (e.g. track & field, badminton)

While we understand the frustration of the event originally being postponed and then canceled, we ask that you appreciate cancellation as a last resort; we wanted to exhaust all options and pursue as many opportunities to hold this event as possible, within a time frame that is fair to everyone. Unfortunately, we could not pull it off.

I want to again thank Graeme Thain and his committee; an incredible amount of work went into planning an event that they stepped up to organize when it was originally postponed from October 2025. Also, thank you to Yvonne Chow for her professionalism and counsel.

On behalf of Graeme Thain and Yvonne Chow,

Brad Van Raalte

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Executive Director