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Dear Colleagues,

The recent decisions/actions of the NCAA regarding the 2021 March Madness Basketball Championships made national headlines in March. The discrepancy between the men’s and women’s facilities, meals served, swag bags, and the disparity in the size of the stadiums for fan attendance were striking, and simply stated, just wrong. The MIAA/MSAA stand firmly against these actions or inactions by the NCAA and confirm our commitment to gender equity in our schools and districts.

The MIAA/MSAA are committed to providing equal opportunities for our students as outlined by Title IX, Massachusetts State Laws, governance processes, and in conjunction with the MIAA Blue Ribbon Committee. The Blue Ribbon Committee remains focused on equitable opportunities for students of different sexes or genders, support and guidance to members, and ensuring equality in the Associations’ activities and events. Notably, the work of the Blue Ribbon Committee has been recognized by the National Federation of High School Sports as needed, impactful, and positive.

Our Associations are committed to providing equal opportunities for all and are here to assist and help our schools to attain equality for their students and student athletes.

Respectfully,

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