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**To:** MPSSAA State Semifinalist Basketball Schools

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The Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association (MPSSAA) wishes to congratulate all the schools who advanced to the 2020 MPSSAA Basketball State Tournament Semifinal round. Unfortunately, due to the circumstances surrounding the worldwide health emergency related to the infectious disease best known as Covid-19, the remainder of the state tournament was canceled, along with the spring sports season and all other MPSSAA events for the remainder of the 2019-20 academic year.

The MPSSAA firmly believes the schools and student-athletes, who were on the verge of participating in the championships series, deserve appropriate gratitude of recognition for their accomplishments within their respective school's historic basketball season.

Therefore, the MPSSAA Executive Council has authorized the awarding of State Semifinalist team and individual awards to the 16 boys and 16 girls high school teams who advanced to the 2020 Basketball State Tournament. The awards will congratulate each team and individual student-athlete as a 2020 State Semifinalist and recognize them as such in the MPSSAA record books. In addition, the MPSSAA will send each school a set of commemorative roster cards and one of the State Tournament Spalding-TF1000 Classic official game balls.

The MPSSAA would like to commend the coaches, student-athletes, and school administrators in the manner they conducted themselves during these unprecedented events surrounding the initial postponement and ultimate cancellation of these contests.