



# SOUTH BASEBALL

*Tradition Never Graduates!*

**Dan Griesbaum,**  
*Head Coach*

To: South Baseball Family  
From: Dan Griesbaum

**State Champions**  
2001, 2018

**State Runner-Up**  
2014

**State Final Four**  
1987, 1996, 2001,  
2003, 2005, 2014,  
2015, 2018

**State Elite Eight**  
1987, 1992, 1996,  
2001, 2002, 2003,  
2005, 2014, 2015,  
2018

**State Sweet 16**  
1987, 1992, 1996,  
1997, 1998, 2001,  
2002, 2003, 2005,  
2009, 2012, 2013  
2014, 2015, 2018

**District Titles**  
1986, 1987, 1992,  
1994, 1995, 1996,  
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**Conference Titles**  
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1993, 1997, 1998,  
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By now you have all heard the news that we have suspected for some time. However, I'm sure it really hurts all of us to finally accept the official announcement. So many thoughts are running through our minds right now and I'm sure this entire state of affairs brings forth a ton of emotions, some very difficult to absorb. However, let's all attempt to understand the bigger picture here and why this decision had to be made.

As I mentioned earlier, if only one death is prevented from both closing schools and eliminating the spring sports season, then it would be entirely worth it. Our governor, Gretchen Whitmer, as well as Mark Uyl, the MHSAA Executive Director, had very difficult decisions to make. Their first priority had to be the preservation of lives. As much as I would have liked to see it just suspended and re-evaluated at a later date, I totally understand given the current situation.

To the underclassmen, you will still have future opportunities and we will take the field in 2021 with much more appreciation for the game. The saying: "Play every game like it was your last!" certainly now has new meaning. Embrace the opportunity that you still have with much more enthusiasm, a relentless work ethic, and a tremendous sense of gratitude.

To our seniors, I can't begin to express the sorrow I feel for you all at this time! I first want to thank you for all you have meant to me, the entire coaching staff, and more importantly, to the program. I have said this to many others in conversations with colleagues and truly believe that this year's seniors are among the very best we have ever had at South. Your talent, work ethic, character, and love for the game rate with the best I've witnessed in my 37 years at South. It pains me now that we can only speculate what this group, along with our talented underclassmen, would have accomplished in 2020!

I will follow up later with some important information for our underclassmen moving forward. Obviously summer baseball, which has always been important, takes on a new meaning. As far as our seniors are concerned, I want to figure out SOME way for us to honor you when all this is a memory and we can assemble once again. Those of you who do have aspirations of playing college ball should continue to play this summer and do whatever you can to attend college prospect camps and/or PBR events to showcase your abilities. Please let me know if I can help you in any way.

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This trial has shown us the importance of what really matters in life: family, our health, caring for others, and making every day count. (It certainly pains me to not be able to hug my grandkids every time I see them.) We constantly have preached to you about overcoming adversity and to take negatives and turn them into positives. Let's use this unfortunate situation to take inventory of our lives and come out of this with a renewed sense of purpose.

Thank you parents for giving us such great young men to work with. It has truly been a pleasure! I wish you all the best! Please stay safe, especially as we navigate the next few months. I look forward to the time when we can meet again, and always remember: "Tradition Never Graduates!"

Sincerely

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