



National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association

Michael L. Williams, Coordinator of Athletics
Howard County Public School System
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Dear Mr. Williams:

In an effort to recognize and commend excellence in the implementation and administration of outstanding high school athletic programs, the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA) has initiated the NIAAA **Quality Program Award**.

The Howard County Public School System and its twelve high school athletic programs have been identified as a 2012 recipient of the NIAAA **Quality Program Award** at the **Exemplary Level**. Pursuant to multiple reviews of your Quality Program application and documentation, we are pleased to extend our congratulations.

To be recognized as a Quality Program Award Exemplary High School Athletic Program, an applicant athletic director must have successfully completed LTC 799 and present evidence of existing policies, practices, and procedures that meet suggested content rubrics (criteria) within the ten Quality Program Assessment categories. For each of the ten assessment categories, points are claimed by providing documentation of existing school and/or district policies and procedures and program achievements.

The Quality Program Award (plaque, banner, and commendation letter) will be presented to the twelve Athletic Directors and Howard County Coordinator of Athletics, Mr. Michael L. Williams at the 2012 NIAAA Annual Business Meeting held during the NIAAA/NFHS National Conference in San Antonio, Texas. In addition, the twelve Howard County Public School System athletic programs will be featured in the NIAAA Interscholastic Athletic Administrator Journal, on the NIAAA Web site and in the E-Newsletter as well as media releases to the local news outlets.

In closing, the NIAAA embraces local school innovation and vision that makes use of suggested best practices in high school athletic programs. The Howard County Public School System athletic programs, its athletic directors, (district athletic coordinator), principal, superintendent, and school board truly deserve to be congratulated and recognized for implementing and supporting an outstanding athletic program.

Sincerely,

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