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To: Schools of USYS National League Regional Showcase Virginia 2024 Participants

From: EDP Soccer

Re: Absence from Class to Attend College Showcase

On behalf of the EDP Soccer College Showcases, we would like to request the release of all affected club players from your school, to participate in the USYS National League Regional Showcase VA 2024 Managed by EDP Soccer. Girls' teams are scheduled to play on Friday, Saturday and Sunday January 26, 27 and 28. Boys' teams are scheduled to play on Friday, Saturday and Sunday February 2, 3 and 4.

We appreciate the importance of a player's education and strive to accommodate the academic calendar as much as possible when planning out and scheduling our yearly event fixtures. The USYS Regional Showcase VA 2024 is shaping up to be one of the top college recruiting events on the East Coast. However, it may require the participating student athlete to miss all or part of a school day in order to travel to, and compete in the event.

Players participating in our showcase event are exposed to one of the largest concentrations of college coaches in the nation. EDP College Showcases typically attract over 100 college coaches to evaluate players on over 140 teams drawn exclusively from the high school age groups. Most games are professionally videotaped to form a viewing library for college coaches who cannot attend in person. Many players competing in our showcase expand their college options simply by participating.

While we understand the importance of education, we also believe that sport has its place for many of our participants. We hope you will understand and excuse the absence of any student-athletes from your school on this weekend to allow them to participate in this EDP College Showcase Event.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

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