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### **District Launches D.C. State Athletic Association Website in Time for Fall Championship Tournaments**

*Statewide Soccer Tournament Quarterfinals Begin November 5 with Real-Time Feed*

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) – Mayor Vincent C. Gray today launched the website for the District of Columbia State Athletic Association (DCSAA), [www.dcsaasports.org](http://www.dcsaasports.org), in time for statewide fall championship tournaments. The championships begin today with the District’s first-ever boys’ and girls’ statewide soccer quarterfinals.

***“I am delighted that the DCSAA website is up in time to showcase our student-athletes during their first fall championship tournaments, particularly after establishing DCSAA only five months ago,”*** said Mayor Gray. ***“This will further promote the teaching and learning of life skills through team participation and healthy competition, and the site will eventually provide standings for high-school sports teams across the District.”***

The District’s public, private, parochial, independent and charter school sports teams will have the opportunity to compete against each other in the first-ever D.C. state championship games this fall as a result of the DCSAA, formed by Mayor Gray and the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) earlier this year. The girls’ state soccer tournament quarterfinals begin today, and the boys’ state soccer tournament quarterfinals will begin on Wednesday, Nov. 7. Interactive brackets for this season’s DCSAA Boys’ and Girls’ Soccer Tournament will be available on both DCSAA’s website and Twitter feed (@OSSEAthletics), and will allow fans to follow tournament results in real time.

“We are excited to have this new platform to feature our student-athletes here in the District of Columbia,” said State Superintendent of Education Hosanna Mahaley Jones. “In keeping with Mayor Gray’s One City vision, the website will feature girls’ and boys’ sports teams from D.C. public, public charter, independent, private and non-public schools equally across the state and serve as a resource for locating unified eligibility rules and regulations under which District schools will compete.”

“It is a dawn of a new day for interscholastic athletics in the District of Columbia,” said DCSAA Director Clark Ray. “Through the vision and leadership of Mayor Gray, the support of State Superintendent Mahaley Jones

and the hard work and dedication of our member schools' administrators, athletic directors and coaches, we are elevating and expanding the level of competition for all student-athletes in the city."

Consisting of members from D.C. Public Schools, D.C. Public Charter Schools, and area independent/non-public schools, DCSAA will award D.C. state championship titles immediately after the boys' and girls' soccer finals on November 10 at Woodrow Wilson Senior High School.

All quarterfinal and semifinal matches will be played at the higher seed's home field unless otherwise noted. Additional DCSAA information – including the State Soccer Tournament brackets, State Football Playoff brackets, eligibility criteria, *DCSAA Rules and Regulations Handbook* and DCSAA League Constitution – is available for review and download online at <http://www.dcsaasports.org>.

Copies of the soccer tournament brackets are below.

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