

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



**RAJ PURI**  
President, BCSS

Welcome all coaches, athletic directors, athletes, parents and volunteers.

As healthy communities continue to be a focus in our culture, we recognize the role that school athletics plays in promoting active living and healthy lifestyles. More than just sports skills, students acquire life skills through their participation in school sports. Students learn a great deal about goal setting, teamwork, sportsmanship and overcoming challenges. BCSS members are champions for this cause as they provide students with numerous opportunities to participate and compete in athletics.

We recognize that school sports are a valued part of a quality educational program. As an organization, BCSS continues to be an advocate for the efforts of all coaches and athletic directors and is actively working to support their work. Productive partnerships with the Ministry of Education, Canadian School Sport Federation, and all Provincial and National Sport Bodies have been valuable resources for our organization. As we build capacity and grow as an organization, we hope to leave sustainable legacies that benefit our students.

Again, I want to acknowledge that the success of any athletic program is directly contributed to the dedication, commitment and endless number of hours that volunteers contribute for students. I am very confident that this year we will again have many accomplishments and successes to celebrate.

Congratulations and thank you for your continued commitment to school athletics and for inspiring our young athletes to participate and succeed. On behalf of the BC SCHOOL SPORTS' Board of Directors, I wish all of you continued success.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



**SUE KEENAN**  
Executive Director, BCSS

Welcome Back to what is sure to be a very exciting year in sport throughout British Columbia. As we prepare to host the world for the upcoming Olympic games.....BC SCHOOL SPORTS continues to celebrate and support the success of our young student athletes as they dare to dream of the day they too may represent Canada.

In the interim, our overall focus and mandate continues to be in getting ALL students active and participating in school sports. It is incumbent on all of us to continue to promote the overall benefits of active participation, healthy living and smart choices in the overall education of our youth of today and leaders of tomorrow. The example we set today with all students.....will propel the ultimate quest of a 'healthy and vibrant' community for the future.

Once again I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our volunteers for their dedication to school sports and in particular all teacher and community coaches for your ongoing leadership and mentorship your efforts are greatly appreciated. My very best to everyone in the 2009-2010 school year!