

April 10, 2018

**Statement on the Humboldt Broncos Tragedy**

As an organization, we were deeply affected by the events of the Humboldt Broncos junior hockey team on April 6. It is unfathomable to try and understand the grief the families are experiencing. It is any parent's worst nightmare. On behalf of our Board of Directors, staff, and over 450 member schools, we send our sincerest thoughts and prayers to all those who are affected by this heart-breaking tragedy.

The impact of this devastating accident is being felt throughout our country, and across every corner of our sporting community. As an organization, BCSS sees our young student-athletes travelling across the province in busses and vans on a nearly daily basis, which only allows us to imagine the impact and sadness that much more. We understand the Humboldt family is living a nightmare that we pray, we will never have to experience.

We wish to send special condolences to Toby Boulet and his family, on the loss of their son Logan at the age of 21. Toby is an educator in Lethbridge, Alberta, and an Executive Member of our Alberta sister organization, the Alberta Schools' Athletic Association. We stand with the ASAA and the Boulet family during this time as fellow educators and school sport advocates as they grieve the loss of their young son. It has been reported that Logan had recently signed his Organ Donor Card, and, as a result six lives have been forever changed for the better because of Logan's heroism.

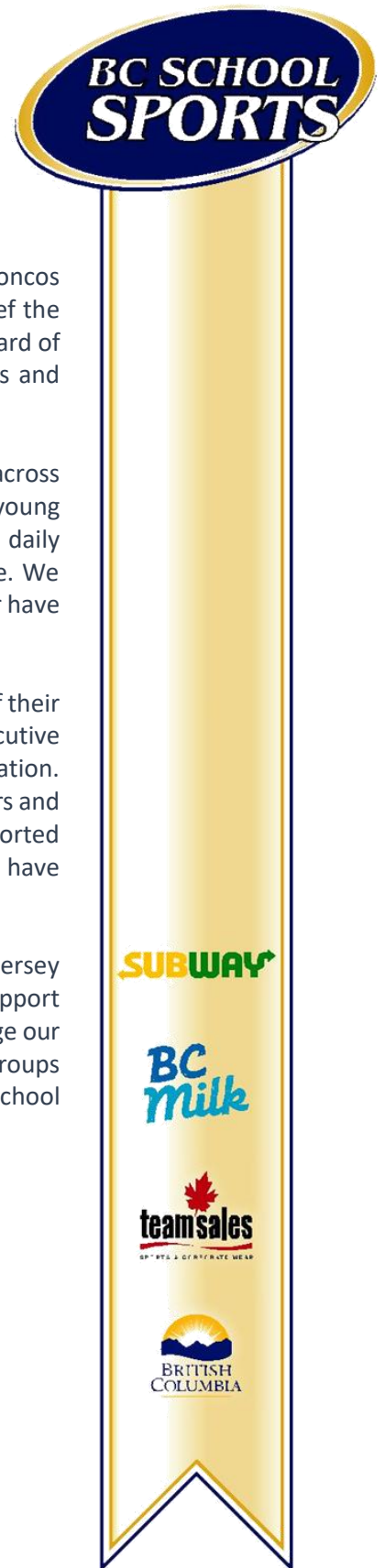
In response, we ask that our 450+ member schools participate in the National Jersey Day in support of the Humboldt Broncos, this Thursday, April 12 as a show of support for the Humboldt community and those who have lost a loved one. We encourage our schools to promote this within their schools, and share pictures of their student groups wearing their jerseys with the hashtag: #jerseysforhumboldt while tagging BC School Sports on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.



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