



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Office of the Chief of Schools

Attn: Committee on Women's Athletics
The National Collegiate Athletic Association
700 W. Washington St.
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Please accept this letter on behalf of the District of Columbia Interscholastic Athletic Association (DCIAA), Washington, DC, in support of USA Cheer's effort to add STUNT as an NCAA emerging sport. USA Cheer's initiative to place STUNT on the emerging sport list is important as it provides additional opportunities for women to participate in intercollegiate athletics and derive the important benefits from sports.

As a city-wide high school athletic association, we share a similar mission to grow athletic opportunities for women and girls across our city. We added STUNT as an official sport last school year and held our inaugural championships in the gymnasium of our top Cheer team who is also a competitive STUNT team.

We recognize the success STUNT has had so far in providing high school girls with more opportunities to play sports and we fully support STUNT's continued growth. Our girls are extremely eager to participate in STUNT and at the conclusion of the season, they were expressing how happy and how they were anxiously awaiting what next year's season has in store for them. We anticipate STUNT becoming much larger at our high school over the next several years.

This inclusion provides our high school athletics with collegiate opportunities in STUNT and has a direct impact on the continued growth of STUNT at the high school level. Accordingly, we fully support the efforts of USA Cheer to secure NCAA emerging sport status for STUNT and urge the Committee on Women's Athletics to approve their proposal for formal designation.

Sincerely,

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District of Columbia Interscholastic Athletic Association (DCIAA) – City-Wide