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March 5, 2026

Dear Basketball Commissioners, Coaches, Families, and Volunteers:

On behalf of the Department of Recreation and Parks, **thank you** for making the 2025-2026 Youth Basketball season a success. This past weekend's Championship tournament was a massive undertaking, featuring over **175 games** across the County, and we couldn't have done it without your support.

We especially want to commend the outstanding sportsmanship displayed by our student-athletes, coaches, and an overwhelming majority of the spectators. The energy in the gym was full of excitement and genuine encouragement. It was wonderful to see the focus remain where it belongs: on the growth, teamwork, and resilience of our young athletes.

To our volunteers: thank you for the countless hours you dedicated to this season. Your commitment is the backbone of this program.

As we look toward the 2026-2027 season, we are already working with the Board of Commissioners to enhance our facilities and programs. As you reflect on this past season, we encourage you to take a moment to complete the Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan (LPPRP) survey, a vital tool for identifying and prioritizing your community's recreation and parks needs over the next five years. You can take the survey at <https://aaarecparks.org/lpprpsurvey>

Thanks again for a great season, and we look forward to seeing your athletes back on the court!

Sincerely,
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