



Secondary School Athletic Trainers and Athletic Administrators,

As part of our initiative to promote sports safety at all levels of athletic participation, the New York State Athletic Trainers' Association (NYSATA) is holding its 3rd annual **"Athletic Training Recognition Week"** from **Friday, October 9 through Sunday, October 18, 2015**. At the Secondary School level, this event is for schools to bring attention to their current efforts in providing sports safety, as well as promote public awareness of its importance. NYSATA would like to take the opportunity to honor our secondary school athletic trainers during this week by providing an exciting opportunity.

Beginning on October 9th, NYSATA will offer funding for the first ten complete and successfully submitted Safe Sports School Award applications to the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA). The Safe Sports School Award is an NATA initiative to promote youth athlete safety, injury prevention, as well as athlete and parent education among secondary schools.

Currently, there are only seven Safe Sports School Award recipients in New York. In reaching out to our secondary school athletic trainers for feedback as to why this is the case, the overwhelming response was that the application process was cost prohibitive. NYSATA knows there are numerous secondary schools in our state that provide an excellent standard of care to our young athletes and wanted to provide an opportunity for them to receive the recognition they deserve.

The Safe Sports School Award application can be found through the following link (<http://www.nata.org/safe-sports-school-award>). Be sure to submit your application as early as possible on or after October 9, 2015 to ensure your opportunity for funding, which will cover the application fee for the first ten successful applicant schools.

If you have any questions, please contact NYSATA's Secondary School Committee Chair, Jarett Rhoads, MSED, ATC, CSCS, at SecSchool@gonysata2.org.