



Lake Highlands Family –

We hope you are all well and safe. Much has changed and, unfortunately, much remains the same since we were forced to cancel Hoops in the Highlands in 2020. This year, we have delayed making a decision on the event for as long as possible to allow for the maximum amount of time to monitor and evaluate: (i) public-health data; (ii) CDC, state, county, city, and RISD requirements and guidance; and (iii) our collective ability to host a safe and fun event in the current COVID-19 climate. In light of the totality of these factors, we have decided to forgo Hoops in the Highlands in 2021. Trust us, this decision was not easy. We want nothing more than to see all the hoops go up and hear basketballs bouncing on an early Spring morning as kiddos and parents get ready for a weekend of competition and fun. On balance, however, we feel this is the right call for the community.

There is no doubt that Hoops in the Highlands is a highlight of the annual Lake Highlands calendar. The event began over 18 years ago, and has raised over \$550,000 for participating RISD schools. During that time, thousands of kids from hundreds of schools across the Metroplex have honed their hoops skills, bonded with—and made new—friends, and helped raise funds for a worthy cause. It is near impossible to go into a Lake Highlands area school on a given day and not see kids sporting a brightly colored Hoops in the Highlands t-shirt from a previous year’s event! We will be back. You can count on it.

To all the ballers, parents, and past and future sponsors out there: we cannot wait to see you next year. We have exciting plans to make the 2022 event bigger and better than ever before. Please take care of yourselves and others so we can get back to all the things that make the Lake Highlands community so great.

Until next year,  
- Hoops in the Highlands Steering Committee