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Dear School Advisor,

One of your student athletes has been selected to participate in the US Ski & Snowboard U16 Eastern Championships which will be held at Sugarloaf, ME on March 7-13, 2019. New York State Ski Racing Association is dedicated to promoting athletic excellence for our athletes. This event is a key step in their long term athletic development and success in the sport of Alpine Ski Racing.

Much dedication, time and effort is invested to achieve a high level of proficiency in the sport of Alpine Ski Racing. Being selected to participate in this event is quite an accomplishment. Unlike other sports, ski racing must be performed in mountain settings. The race and training schedule must also be conducive to the host mountain's schedule, many times requiring missed days from school. We hope their school and teachers will work with this student athlete, so they can continue to pursue their goal.

Any special arrangements you might make to help this athlete reach his/her academic and ski-racing goals will be very much appreciated by the student, their family and our State Association. If you have further questions or want additional information, I will be happy to provide it.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dirk Gouwens", written in a cursive style.

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