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Dear School Advisor,

One of your students, _____, will be participating in the NYSSRA U14 States Competition on March 6-10th. For the members of New York State Ski Racing Association, this is an exciting time as our racing year closes out with state-wide competition and our athletes showcase the gains they have made in growth and development throughout this season.

The culmination of the race series is an important step in the development of young athletes. The state championship races assemble the best ski racers in NY State for five days of competition western New York at HoliMont. Much dedication, time and effort is invested to achieve a high level of proficiency in the sport of Alpine Ski Racing. Unlike other sports, ski racing must be performed in mountain settings, scheduling is often limited to the host mountain's schedule, and many times this requires missed days from school. Our sport is also comprised of 3 disciplines (slalom, super G, and giant slalom) which takes several days. Although missing school is not our intent, it does happen, and we hope schools and teachers will work with student athletes, so they can continue to pursue their goals, both academic and athletic.

At NYSSRA, we take academics and athletics very seriously. When possible, we schedule extra time for homework during training sessions. Any special arrangements you 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 organization. If you have further questions or want additional information I will be happy to provide it.

Best Regards,

Alicia Farone
NYSSRA Administrative Director