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Dear School Advisor,

One of your students, _____, will be participating in the NYSSRA U16 States Competition on March 1-3rd. For New York State Ski Racing Association this is an exciting time as our athletes come together racing other athletes state-wide. This offers huge gains in growth and development for our athletes and is an exciting culmination of our season.

The state championship races assemble the best ski racers in NY State for three days of competition at Bristol Mountain. Much dedication, time and effort is invested to achieve a high level of proficiency in the sport of Alpine Ski Racing. Our sport has three disciplines (slalom, giant slalom, and super giant slalom) and is time intensive. 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. Although this 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.

At NYSSRA, we take academics and athletics very seriously. Any special arrangements you make to help athletes 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 additional questions or want more information I will be happy to provide it.

Best Regards,

Alicia Farone
NYSSRA Administrative Director