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Dear Educator,

The choice of your profession demonstrates your commitment to the growth and development of the young adults. You have seen through your own eyes both the successes and hardships involved in becoming an adult. Being an adult is not just about age, it is about taking responsibility, being respectful of others and making good decisions.

Many adolescents have successfully made the transition to adulthood through their involvement in sports. The commitment to success in both education and sport requires responsibility, respect and decisions; responsibility to teachers, coaches and parents; respect for fellow students, competitors and supporters; and decisions about time, money and perseverance.

The development of an athlete in Alpine Ski Racing starts at the local level. As an athlete's skills grow they will travel larger distances for the opportunity to compete and train at higher levels. Planning becomes extremely important in maintaining a balance between education and sport. These athletes learn the valuable skill of time management. I have seen many athletes bring all this together, developing leadership skills and move on to be very successful in life.

It is our goal to have a successful winter of learning, growing and ski racing in our unique sport. Planning and flexibility play important roles in accomplishing this goal. Education "preplans", makeup testing and online correspondence may have a role in planning a successful season. Your contribution in planning can help insure these athletes's success.

Please support these athletes in their journey to adulthood. Thank you,

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