**Intense student sports – questions to consider**

1. Which writer’s sentiments do you agree most with?  Why?
2. In your opinion, are childhood sports becoming too demanding? Explain.
3. Do parents and/or schools place too much value on competitive sports?
4. In your opinion, what is the value of competitive student sports?  What are the benefits? What are the negatives?
5. What positive or negative life lessons do you think students learn from competing in sports with demanding schedules and expectations?  In sports with less demanding schedules and expectations?
6. In your opinion, do students who participate in demanding competitive sports learn more valuable life lessons than those who do not participate in demanding competitive sports?