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# ***Letters: Debate over school sports***

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*Anne Michaud's column "How to really get serious about school" [Opinion, Oct. 10] rightly raises a question of balance with sports and education in our schools. Most of us recognize the value of scholastic sports in teaching competitiveness, collaboration, self-discipline and physical fitness, but the emphasis placed on sports has regrettably eclipsed the primary objective of K-12 education in the acquisition of knowledge and skills necessary for personal achievement and the creation of a sustainable economy.*

*For years, we have witnessed a steady decline in our K-12 performance when compared with other developed nations. Now new data indicate that we have a poorly educated public ["U.S. adults can't keep up," News, Oct. 9].*

*It's time to reorganize our national priorities to emphasize the importance of knowledge.*

*John D. Cameron Jr., Rockville Centre*

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