

# DCS Principals' Update

Board Report: July 21, 2020

**Reopening of School**- Instructional teams have been working for several weeks through concerns to reopen school safely. In addition to local K-6 and 7-12 teams, school leaders are also working with BOCES committees to share regional concerns, such as CTE programming. The Department of Health shared interim guidance on the reopening of schools; NYSED released guidance on Thursday.

**CSI Plan** -A team of teachers, parents, and students have been working through the middle school's Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (CSI) and we successfully submitted it to NYSED for approval. With the pandemic in mind, we worked to create a plan that helps students and staff transition back to in-person learning, prioritizing standards and skill-based instruction. CASDA will be working on curriculum mapping with middle-level staff in August and the entire staff in October. The complete plan will be shared with the board in August.

**DCS Summer 2020 Tech Camp-** DCS staff are participating in a series of virtual professional development opportunities provided through MORIC, including Google Classroom Basics, and Google Classroom for Elementary, Middle School, and High School Classrooms.

**Regional Summer School** will be virtual this year for the high school students who did not receive course credit in classes.

**Graduation**- Congratulations to the class of 2020! Valedictorian Hannah Stack, Salutatorian Ryanne Williams, and local business owner George "Skip" Gehring did a wonderful job speaking at graduation. Thank you to all the people who helped in its preparation: Mrs. Sandy Allen, Mrs. Jennifer Winker, Mrs. Rhone, Mr. Guenthner, Mr. Zilkowski, Mrs. Wagar, Mr. Lee, and the custodial staff who made the event special.



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### **BOARD REPORT-July 21st, 2020**

### **DEAN OF STUDENTS**

 I have recently been assisting with the facility, transportation, and instructional reopening committees.

### ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

\*The NYSPHSAA released information on July 16th with changes to the upcoming interscholastic athletic season in 2020-2021. I have included the news release with this board report and highlighted some pertinent details below.

- 1. The NYSPHSAA delayed the start date of fall sports from August 24<sup>th</sup> until Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup> due to the COVID-19 crisis situation. This adjustment will cause schedules to be redrawn and they are encouraging geographic scheduling for games and contests.
- 2. The NYSPHSAA cancelled all 2020 fall regional and state championship events.
- 3. The NYSPHSAA set up a tentative condensed athletic season for all sports if the COVID-19 crisis cancels interscholastic athletic activity in 2020. These adjusted seasons would commence in three sessions starting roughly January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

### **ATHLETIC FACILITY**

 The softball dugout project is delayed while waiting for the permit to be issued from SED. The Edwin J. Wadas Foundation has provided us with a six-month extension to use the funds from the grant for this project. We are hoping to have this project completed later this summer.

## New York State Public High School Athletic Association



### **News Announcement**

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# NYSPHSAA To Delay Fall Sports Start Date & Cancel Fall Championships

**Latham, NY** – The Officers of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA), voted to delay the official start date of the Fall 2020 sports season, cancel the Fall 2020 Regional and State Championships and prepare to implement a condensed season schedule in January 2021 if high school sports remain prohibited throughout 2020 due to COVID-19. This decision comes at the recommendation of the NYSPHSAA COVID-19 Task Force when they convened as a working group for the third time this morning.

"As the state considers reopening, it is unrealistic to believe athletic seasons can start on August 24<sup>th</sup> as originally scheduled," said Paul Harrica, NYSPHSAA President. "The priority will continue to be on the educational process and a return to learning in the safest way possible."

### The NYSPHSAA Officers' decision includes:

- Delay Fall sports start date until Monday, September 21st (NYSPHSAA PAUSE)
- Cancel Fall Regional and State Championship events
- Waive seven-day practice rule
- Maintain current practice requirements
- Encourage geographic scheduling for games & contests
- Schools would have the option, if permitted by state officials, to offer off-season conditioning workouts.

"We recognize this is challenging for everyone, but the decisions made at the State level are based upon data and statewide infection rates all in an effort to stop the spread of COVID and reopen responsibly," said Dr. Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director. "At this time, Department of Health guidance presented on July 13<sup>th</sup> prohibits interscholastic athletics across the state. The Association will continue to follow state guidance and will work collectively with State officials to ensure high school athletics will start up responsibly in the future. As an association, we must be willing to be flexible and continue to explore all options with students' safety as our main focus," Zayas concluded.

With regional differences, schools and areas will be impacted differently by the COVID-19 crisis. At the discretion of the NYSPHSAA Officers and authorization from state officials, if the Fall sports seasons are interrupted or impacted by COVID-19 crisis (i.e. state official guidance, school closings, cancelation of high-risk sports, etc.) then a condensed seasons plan will be implemented.

The Condensed Season plan would entail the following, with the stipulated dates being tentative.

### Season I (Winter Sports)

Dates: Jan. 4-Mar. 13 (Week 27-36) 10 Weeks \*Note: tentative dates

Sports: basketball (girls & boys), bowling (girls & boys), gymnastics, ice hockey (girls & boys), indoor track & field (girls & boys), skiing (girls & boys), swimming (boys), \*wrestling, \*competitive cheer.

\* Because of high risk nature of wrestling and competitive cheer, sports may have to be moved to Season II or season III.

### Season II (Fall Sports)

Dates: Mar. 1-May 8 (Week 35-44) 10 Weeks \*Note: tentative dates

Sports: football, cross country (girls & boys), field hockey, soccer (girls & boys), swimming (girls), volleyball (girls & boys), Unified bowling.

Note: Weather will have an impact upon outdoor sports in some parts of the state in March and potentially early April. Girls Tennis moved to Season III.

### Season III (Spring Sports)

Dates: Apr. 5-Jun. 12 (Week 40-49) 10 Weeks \*Note: tentative dates

Sports: baseball, softball, golf (girls & boys), lacrosse (girls & boys), tennis (girls & boys), outdoor track & field (girls & boys), Unified basketball.

The NYSPHSAA Officers have the ability to adjust seasons with the authority granted within the NYSPHSAA Constitution which states: "Article IV, 2: A committee of officers in consultation with the staff shall have the authority to act on all matters not provided for in this constitution and bylaws, and on such emergency business as may arise between regular meetings of the Executive Committee."

In an effort to assist schools in complying with recently released NYSDOH guidance, the NYSPHSAA COVID-19 Task Force is supportive of the use of the ezSCRN application. The ezSCRN application provides a unique online tool for schools to utilize if screening is part of their reopening plan as it complies with New York state and national restrictions and guidelines (i.e. Ed 2D Law, etc.). The EzScrn application allows a school or team to easily screen, trace and track students/ staff and immediately notify school administrators and health care officials of anyone exhibits COVID-19 symptoms.

A full report, including meeting minutes, will be released later this week. The next meeting of the COVID-19 Task Force has not been determined. Dr. Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director, will be available to the media, via a zoom press conference, at 3:00 PM today. To be invited to this press conference, media are asked to contact Chris Watson, NYSPHSAA Director of Communications, at cwatson@nysphsaa.org.

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About NYSPHSAA (Twitter: @NYSPHSAA | Facebook: NYSPHSAA | YouTube: NYSPHSAASports):

The New York State Public High School Athletic Association Inc. is a non-profit, voluntary, educational service organization composed of public, parochial, and private schools dedicated to providing equitable and safe competition for the students of its member schools. The organization conducts 32 championship events and governs the rules and regulations of high school athletics in New York State. Membership is open to secondary schools providing interschool athletic activities for boys and girls in grades 7-12.

### Dolgeville Central School Bus Garage 31 Wolf Street, Dolgeville, NY 13329

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Date: July 16, 2020

To: Lynn Rhone

From: Joseph Stack

Re: Transportation review items.

Food delivery program has dropped to 133 participants from 155. We are using both vans and one bus to deliver the food to the homes.

We will be working with the building Principals concerning new policies and guidance with how to safely transport students when schools reopen.

DOT Inspection will be held July 20<sup>th</sup> for buses 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109

We need substitute bus drivers. I am talking with other districts trying to develop a plan to share qualified drivers. It does not look good. It seems that all schools need substitute bus drivers.

TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION

FROM: DAVE REDMOND

RE: BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS REPORT

DATE: July 16, 2020

This past month we spent a fair amount of time getting the graduation set up - between painting boxes and helping with the sound system and moving/cleaning bleachers, we had a few different days on the field. We also got the golf cart ready for use for the event.

During the cleaning of the elementary building, we replaced a number of floor tiles in classrooms that had been damaged over the years.

We finished coach Jones' room floor where a second floor drain was improperly covered during the last capital project, causing a second section of his floor to buckle up.

We worked on a couple mini split a/c systems that had condensate pump issues.

We relocated a few bookshelves in the library.

Also attended to the normal airline breaks in the elementary heating system and a number of minor toilet issues from the toilets not being used.

During the last power outage we suffered some major damage to our a/c system to the auditorium. When we tried to start it for the last board meeting, we discovered a number of blown fuses in the unit. Upstate Temperature came in to look over the problem and discovered a few relays were burnt out as well. After bypassing the relays, we discovered that the older compressor (12 years old), suffered major motor damage - likely from a large power surge. Even though the unit was programed off and not running, the surge found its way to the controls. The newer unit still is in good shape and operating fine.

In thinking about the outage, we were extremely lucky we had all the power off to the pumps in the heating system. A single phase issue could have ruined tens of thousands of dollars in pump motors. None of them have phase protection and were part of the last emergency generator project which would have protected them to some extent.

July 13 was Chucks last day of actual work here, he'll be vacation until Aug 24<sup>th</sup>. We all wish him the best in retirement. He will be sorely missed by Wayne and myself