February 4, 2021

As you are aware, New York State’s Reopening Guidance for Sports and Recreation activities categorizes sports/activities as lower risk, moderate risk, and higher risk. On January 22, 2021, Governor Cuomo announced that sports categorized as high risk sports (including wrestling, basketball, competitive cheer, etc.) will be permitted as of February 1, 2021, as permitted by the local health department.

On January 29, 2021, the Orange County Department of Health (OC DOH) issued its guidance on high risk school sports in Orange County. As part of the guidance school districts are required to do at a minimum the following:

- Provide consent, either by the Board of Education or the Superintendent for specific sports and grades to play;
- Complete medical clearances for all student athletes;
- Superintendent provides written consent agreeing to Orange County Code of Conduct;
- Retention of the informed consent to be shared with OC DOH and or any other County the team participates, subject to request;
- Acknowledgement high risk sports may be suspended if the local 7-day percent positivity rolling average exceeds the State average.
- Comply with the current NYS Interim Guidance for Sports and Recreation available here.
- Comply with American Academy of Pediatrics guidance relative to the wearing of face coverings - available here.

As Superintendent of the Enlarged City School District of Middletown, I have reviewed the guidance and the District has created District guidelines/protocols and sport specific guidelines/protocols which meet the criteria outlined by the Orange County Department of Health. The Enlarged City School District of Middletown Board of Education will be passing a resolution regarding the winter season on Thursday, February 4, 2021.

Accordingly, as of February 1, 2021, in my role as Superintendent in conjunction with the BOE resolution, the Enlarged City School District of Middletown will participate in the following high risk sports at the interscholastic level and for students in the following grades*:

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*Middle school students who are eligible to compete at the JV and Varsity levels through the Advanced Athletic Placement Process (APP) to participate in a sport offered by the district and approved for participation by New York State.

Please be aware students and the parents of students participating in interscholastic athletics for Middletown City School District teams will be required to complete the Athlete Code of Conduct.

As always, the safety of District students and employees is of paramount concern. I will continue to closely monitor the health and well-being of our student-athletes, coaches, and staff. If I deem there is a change in the COVID-19 status or the ability of all involved in higher risk sports to comply with the protocols, I reserve the right to place a team or specific teams or the entire athletic department on pause or to cancel the winter sport season for high risk sports.

Yours in education,
Richard Del Moro, Superintendent of Schools