Dear Middletown Athletic community,

I hope this correspondence finds you and your family healthy and safe. We are pleased to announce Governor Cuomo and the Orange County Department of Health recently approved high-risk athletics to commence in our Orange County schools as of February 1, 2021. Winter athletics defined as high-risk, offered at Middletown, are: basketball, cheerleading, and wrestling.

Careful consideration was given to all factors when determining the District’s course of action given the prevalence of COVID-19 in our region. It is imperative student-athletes and their parents/guardians carefully consider a variety of factors before making an individual decision about their child’s participation in our athletics offerings this season. It is my intention to include resources within this letter as you consider your child’s potential participation in high-risk winter sports given the current status of the health pandemic.

As a resource for schools and families as they move forward, Orange County Commissioner of Health, Dr. Irina Gelman created a communication document citing COVID-19 information specific to Orange County and potential risks associated with student participation in athletics. The communication referenced above includes specifics related to congregate gatherings, exposure to COVID-19 and the serious medical conditions which can result from exposure.

In order for a student-athlete to be eligible to participate in high-risk winter athletics this season, athletes and families are required to review, and then submit this Athlete Code of Conduct. The document can be completed by either:

- completing this Google Form or
- Print, sign and submit printed form to the coach on the first day of practice.

Every athlete must have this document submitted prior to participating in any practice. The signed code acknowledges the personal responsibility involved in protecting those around student-athletes, coaches and all those involved with athletics.

After thorough review, Middletown made the difficult decision to not offer any Modified athletics this season. The chart below details our plan for high-risk winter athletics.

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We will continue to utilize social media (Facebook) and our District website to communicate updates. Please feel to call the Athletic Department at (845) 326-1533 with any questions or concerns. We are eager to see our student-athletes and look forward to the upcoming winter season for our high-risk sports.

Sincerely,

David Coates - David V. Coates, CMAA