

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

Report No. 16

OGDENSBURG CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
OGDENSBURG, NEW YORK

SUBJECT: Sports Merger for the 2020-2021 School Year with the Heuvelton Central School District – Football (Varsity)

DATE: February 22, 2021

REASON FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION:

In support of the Ogdensburg City School District's decision to share services, the Heuvelton Central School District has requested consideration of a merger in the fall for Varsity Football for the 2020-2021 school year. The coaches, Athletic Director and Superintendent of Schools support this request.

FACTS AND ANALYSIS:

Heuvelton Central School District has requested the Ogdensburg City School District consider a merger in the fall for Varsity Football for the 2020-2021 school year. If approved, the Ogdensburg City School District would file the proper forms with Section X.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Moved by _____ and supported by _____ that, having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby approve the sports merger with Heuvelton Central School District in the fall (2) for Varsity Football for the 2020-2021 school year, this 22nd day of February 2021.

APPROVED FOR PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD:



Superintendent

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Attachment



HEUVELTON

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

February 9, 2021

Mr. Kevin Kendall, Superintendent
Ogdensburg City School District
1100 State Street
Ogdensburg, NY 13669

Dear Kevin:

Please consider this as formal notification of our District's request to merge with the Ogdensburg City School District in the following Interscholastic Athletic Activity for the 2020-2021 school year:

Spring 2021: Boys Lacrosse (All levels)
Spring Track (All levels)

Fall: Football (All levels)

This request has been discussed by the Heuvelton Board at its February 8, 2021 meeting and has met with its unanimous approval.

As you are most likely aware, the Policy and Procedures of Section X for Merging/Combining of Teams requires you as host School Superintendent to complete the necessary forms and forward them to the Section X Office for action at its next meeting. I have enclosed a form for each sport and have signed where appropriate. If any of my staff or I can be of any further help in this process, please let me know.

On behalf of our District, its staff, the parents, and most of all, the students, thanks again to you, your coaches and most importantly your Board for helping us increase the options for all. If you have any questions regarding this request feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Jesse C. Coburn
Superintendent of Schools

cc: David Steele, Athletic Director
File

Section 10 Athletics

COMBINED TEAMS APPLICATION

1 Describe the reason(s) for this request and any history that will help demonstrate need:

Heuvelton does not offer Football and had an ongoing merger with OFA in the past

2 List all schools considered: Indicate their anticipated number of participants and league record for the previous year.

HOST SCHOOL	BEDs # (9-11 only)	Current # of Players	Total # of Players Last Season
OFA	350	V - 26 JV - 28 MOD - 25	V - 26 + 5 JV - 28 + 2 MOD - 25 + 3
REQUESTING SCHOOL	BEDs # (9-11 only)	Current # of Players	Total # of Players Last Season
Heuvelton	107	5-10	0

This Season
31
30
28

Original Team Classification/Division

CLASS C

Classification/Division With Combined School(s)

CLASS C

3 What name will the team use? Blue Devils

4 Which Athletic Director is responsible for the team? OFA

What, if any, are the financial obligations to the host school? all

What, if any, are the financial obligations of the requesting school? Pay per player

NOTE: Financial obligations, if any, will be paid directly by the school or a school organization.

5 Which school will be responsible for awards? OFA

Which school will be responsible for practice and game transportation? OFA

Which school will be responsible for the coach? OFA

6 Which facility will be used for practices and contests? OFA

7 Do the schools involved participate in the Advanced Placement Process? If one or more do not, please explain procedure to be used. (use back of form)

The following schools: 1. Heuvelton 2. OFA
3. _____ 4. _____

have agreed, with the Board of Education approval, to combine in the sport of:

Football at the ALL Level, during the 2020-2021 school year.

(Boys only, Girls only) (Both)

(MOD, JV, VAR)

Signature of the Requesting Superintendent*

2/8/21

Date

Signature of the Host Superintendent:

Date:

2/8/21

Date

Signature of the Host Superintendent

COMBINING of SCHOOLS POLICY: As per NYSPHSAA Handbook,
Section 10 form required <http://www.nysphsaa.org/Classifications>

1. The joining together of students from two or more schools shall be permitted for the following reasons provided certain criteria are established and substantiated:

- a. Lack of enough participants in one or more schools in some or all sports.
- b. Fiscal problems that force school districts to curtail or eliminate interscholastic programs.
- c. The inability to secure qualified coaches.
- d. Declining enrollments.
- e. In unusual situations, lack of proper facilities, i.e. swimming pool.

2. Special factors that need local consideration:

a. United and consistent decisions on the following details are mentioned for those who may be considering combinations. This is not an all-inclusive list of considerations:

- (1) Transportation - how, when, where, etc.
- (2) Medical information - common student medical forms
- (3) Insurance - similar or the same
- (4) Joint agreement on athletic behavior codes
- (5) Joint agreement on eligibility codes
- (6) Policies on absentees being or not being allowed to participate
- (7) Advanced Placement Process - exchange copies of paper work etc.
- (8) Financial obligations for requesting/hosting school-(flat fee or per athlete)
*Are there future plans and/or steps being taken for combined schools to develop individual programs?

b. Any student who previously participated on a combined program must return to his/her home school once that school has established its own program.

3. Listed procedures for combinations:

- a. Schools seeking to combine must be dues paying members of NYSPHSAA and Section X.
- b. All schools in a combination must have Board of Education approval.
- c. All schools in a combination must have approval of the league. (If not a member of a league, apply directly to Section X).

d. The Athletic Director of the host school is responsible for completing the form and submitting it to the Section X office prior to the start of the respective sport season.

e. A master copy of all completed merger/combined school applications will be provided to the Athletic Council & Sports Coordinator prior to each sports season.

f. The Section X Athletic Council will make the final decision and forward its decision to the applying school or schools as well as the NYSPHSAA. *Extensions beyond the date maybe considered by the Executive Committee on a case by case. Requests for extensions and the circumstances must be provided in writing. However, this does not guarantee approval.

g. If a combined team enters sectional level competition their official BEDS shall be combined for placement in tournament competition.

h. All schools participating in a combination for a varsity level sport are each responsible for paying the sport fee for that sport when paying their school dues.

i. The application deadline for all merger/combined school applications:

Fall August 1st, Winter November 1st & Spring March 1st.

4. The merger /combinations are not complete until approved by both Section X and NYSPHSAA.