

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

Report No. 5

OGDENSBURG CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
OGDENSBURG, NEW YORK

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SUBJECT: Sports Merger for the 2021-2022 School Year with the Heuvelton Central School District – Cross Country (Modified Girls)

DATE: April 19, 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 Modified Girls Cross Country for the 2021-2022 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 Modified Girls Cross Country for the 2021-2022 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 for Modified Girls Cross Country for the 2021-2022 school year, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021.

APPROVED FOR PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD:

  
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Superintendent

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Attachment



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CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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March 25, 2021

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

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE OCSD

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 2021-2022 school year:

Fall 2021:                      Cross Country (All levels)  
                                        Swimming (All levels)  
                                        Football (All levels)

Winter 2021-2022:        Wrestling (All levels)  
                                        Indoor Track (All levels)  
                                        Ice Hockey Boys (Varsity)

This request has been discussed by the Heuvelton Board at its March 24, 2021 meeting and was approved by a majority vote.

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  
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**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 1<sup>st</sup>, Winter November 1<sup>st</sup> & Spring March 1<sup>st</sup>.

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