



West Valley Athletics

HISTORY AND FUTURE...

History of West Valley Athletics

- ▶ Our district has always been small we have a proud history of athletic teams over the years.
- ▶ In 2014 we began discussions with our neighboring districts about merging athletics. We reached out to Ellicottville, Franklinville, Pioneer and Springville.
- ▶ We held many public discussions and in the end our Board elected to enter a four year agreement with Ellicottville from September of 2015 until June of 2019.
- ▶ With the merger agreement coming to an end, I was directed by our Board to reach out again to our neighboring districts.

History continued...

- ▶ On September 19, 2018, I sent an email to four districts asking if they would be interested in discussing a possible athletic merger for next year and beyond. (Ellicottville, Springville, Franklinville and Catt-LittleValley)
- ▶ On September 19th, 2018, Kim Moritz, Superintendent of Springville GI sent me a reply and asked if we could meet and bring the number of students and our BEDS numbers.
- ▶ On September 26th Bob Miller got back to me and said that he would discuss athletics with his Board of Education at the October 10th meeting and would get back to me.

History Continued...

- ▶ We met at Springville on September 27th with myself and Zach Gelen (AD) along with Kim Moritz, Joe DeMartino (AD), James Bialasik (HS Principal), and Maureen Lee (Business Official) They were going to discuss the idea at their open Board meeting on October 2nd. They had some questions and concerns, but saw no reason why we could not proceed.
- ▶ On October 10th Bob got back to me about the athletic merger. They were not interested in extending or renewing a sports merger past the current year.
- ▶ On October 16th we met in Springville at the middle school to discuss an athletic merger.

Tim Ploetz, Kim Cizdziel, Gary Niesyty, Ann O'Brien, Zach Gelen and myself represented West Valley and Chris Cerrone, Allison Duwe, Tyler Sullivan, Kim Moritz and Joe DeMartino represented Springville. We had a productive discussion....

Discussion about the future...

- ▶ The Springville team discussed the list of questions and we laid out our BEDS scores to see which if any of their teams would move up. While some of their coaches expressed a concern about moving up, it was really only going to impact 7 teams. These are discussions that we would have to continue. The only Fall sports that would be impacted are cross country and Girls Varsity Volleyball. I suggested that we have not had any cross country runners, but if we had students interested, we could run our own cross country. The Girls Varsity Volleyball coach said that she would welcome moving up a class.
- ▶ We left the meeting with Springville saying that they are interested and the ball was in our court...

Discussion about the Future

- ▶ On Thursday, October 25th, Mark Ward, Interim Superintendent for Franklinville sent an e-mail that Franklinville is not interested in an athletic share at this time.
- ▶ As of today, I have not received a response from Cattaraugus-Little Valley.

	Modified	JV	Varsity
Fall	Boys Soccer	X	X
	Football	x	x
	Girls Soccer	x	x
	Girls Volleyball	x	x
			Cross Country Co-Ed
	Cheerleading		Girls Swimming
			Girls Tennis
			Golf Co-Ed
Winter	Boys Basketball	x	x
	Girls Basketball	x	x
	Wrestling		x
	Cheerleading		Boys Swimming
			Indoor Track
Spring	Baseball	x	x
	Softball	x	x
	Girls Lacrosse		x
			Boys Tennis
			Track Boys & Girls

Our Options:

1. Run our own athletic program where we can.
2. Get involved with an athletic share with Springville.