

# *Wynantskill Union Free School District*

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Dear Gardner Dickinson Families,

I want to thank you for your continued support throughout the 2021-2022 school year as we once again were faced with much uncertainty and challenges to begin the school year!

As the end of the year approaches, I wanted to give you a quick update regarding our recent athletics proposal.

Since our athletics forum in early March, Gardner Dickinson has been approved for a full membership status with Section II and NYSPHSAA. As a result, we have drafted a proposal for a rule change that would benefit the thirteen K-8 school districts in New York State. The proposal is as follows:

The 13 public school districts in the State that operate to serve students in grades K-8 only may merge to form multiple "modified" teams. If the K-8 student who participates at the modified level transfers to a different school with which the K-8 district contracts, the student would be subject to the NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule.

The above language would meet the needs of the K-8 Modified student-athletes and would follow the existing concept from the NYSED regulations.

The proposal will be presented to executive directors in early July and then to a full NYSPHSAA committee at the end of July. It will most likely be an action item at their next meeting in October.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at [ddisotto@wynantskillufsd.org](mailto:ddisotto@wynantskillufsd.org).

I hope you all have a relaxing and enjoyable summer!

Thank you,

Daniel DiSotto  
Athletic Director