

Superintendent's Corner

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A critical aspect of the district's referendum information efforts is to provide clarity and details regarding the anticipated reductions for the next two years without additional funding.

There are several programs affected by the referendum question, including the length of our school day (8-period day), academic and mental health assistance, activity programs, and athletic programs. The information on this page focuses on the anticipated athletic reductions.

We are very proud of our long tradition of excellence within the WTHS athletic program. We have 34 athletic programs and approximately 40% of our students participate and make Warren proud.

Without additional funding, the district is planning the elimination of the entry-level athletic team for all sports **beginning in fall 2022**. Sports with four levels of participation will be reduced to three; sports with three levels of participation will be reduced to two; and sports with two levels of participation will be reduced to one, with the entry-level team being eliminated in each case. **These reductions will most likely reduce student participation opportunities for all sports and across all grade levels, as most or all programs will need to make cuts based on ability.**

The Board is allowing the district to restore the entry-level athletic teams, as well as preserve current band staffing (which is a tentative staffing reduction for March) and programming if a successful referendum occurs in June 2022. This allowance would be to the extent possible based on the time available prior to the beginning of the 2022-23 school year.

Without additional funding, the athletic and activities programs will be eliminated as early as the 2023-2024 school year.

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Get the Facts About the Referendum Question: Investing in our Students

Restoring and Protecting Athletics

Reducing Entry-Level Athletic Teams

In April 2021, a referendum question on the ballot for Warren Township High School District 121 fell short of receiving enough votes to pass. As a result, WTHS will need to move forward with reductions to staffing and the elimination of entry-level athletic teams for all sports, beginning in fall 2022.

- Sports with 4 levels of participation will be reduced to 3
- Sports with 3 levels will be reduced to 2
- Sports with 2 levels will be reduced to 1
- In each case, the entry-level team will be eliminated

If the **June 2022 referendum** is successful, the board will restore these entry-level teams to the greatest extent possible. The earliest this could take place would be at the start of the 2022-23 school year.



Fall Sports	Boys Cross Country Varsity JV	Girls Cross Country Varsity JV	Cheerleading Varsity JV	Devilettes (Dance) Varsity JV	Football Varsity JV Freshmen
	Boys Golf Varsity JV	Girls Golf Varsity JV	Boys Soccer Varsity JV Sophomore Freshmen	Girls Swimming Varsity JV	Girls Tennis Varsity JV
	Girls Volleyball Varsity Sophomore JV Freshmen				
Winter Sports	Boys Basketball Varsity Sophomore Freshmen	Girls Basketball Varsity JV Fresh/Soph	Boys Bowling Varsity JV	Cheerleading Varsity JV	Devilettes (Dance) Varsity JV
	Girls Gymnastics Varsity JV	Boys Hockey N/A	Girls Hockey N/A	Boys Swimming & Diving Varsity JV	Wrestling Varsity JV Freshmen
	Girls Bowling Varsity JV				
Spring Sports	Badminton Varsity JV Freshmen	Baseball Varsity JV Fresh/Soph Freshmen	Boys Lacrosse Varsity JV	Girls Lacrosse Varsity JV Freshmen	Girls Soccer Varsity JV Freshmen
	Softball Varsity JV JV-2	Boys Tennis Varsity JV	Boys Track & Field Varsity JV	Girls Track & Field Varsity JV	Boys Volleyball Varsity JV Freshmen
	Boys Water Polo Varsity JV	Girls Water Polo Varsity JV			