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TO: JoAnn Balazs, Assistant Superintendent
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Sweet Home Board of Education

FROM: Chris Schiumo, Director of Athletics

DATE: August 11th, 2023

RE: Proposed sport addition to Athletic program

I would like to propose the development of Unified Bocce in accordance of Special Olympics New York. The creation of this Special Olympics program will take place in the fall season and require two coaches. I propose the addition of Unified Bocce, Head indexed compensation to mirror that of Unified Basketball, Head at .055 and a Unified Bocce, Assistant at .045. Sweet Home CSD will be one of fourteen schools to introduce Unified Bocce in the Fall of 2023.

Thank you for considering this proposal.

Christopher Schiumo
Director of Athletics

Special Olympics New York Unified Champion Schools Unified Bocce Program Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is made and entered into by and between Special Olympics New York and Sweet Home Central School District (participating school).

Purpose

The purpose of this MOU is to clearly detail Unified Champion Schools programming and requirements for participating schools to meet the requirements set forth in participation in the Unified Bocce Program with the committed support of Special Olympics New York through Unified Champion Schools grant funding.

What is Unified Champion Schools?

The Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools program is aimed at promoting social inclusion through intentionally planned and implemented activities affecting systems-wide change. With sports as the foundation, the three component model (Unified Sports, Inclusive Youth Leadership and Whole School Engagement) offers a unique combination of effective activities that equip students with tools and training to create sports, classroom and school climates of acceptance. These are school climates where students with intellectual disabilities feel welcome and are routinely included in, and feel a part of, all activities, opportunities and school functions.

Funding support

Special Olympics New York receives support from the United States Department of Education's Office of Special Education Programs through Special Olympics North America. Special Olympics New York is able to provide the support to schools as they begin their Unified Champion School Unified Bocce Programming in the following categories:

- Training- access to in person and online Special Olympics training modules
- Resources- Digital and print guides and resources specific to Unified Champion Schools strategies and adjacent Special Olympics programs and initiatives.
- Equipment- Program kits or equipment needed to implement activities and strategies.
- Other allowable need based items- Special Olympics New York will work to support other requests based on being allowable within our funder's guideline and the availability of resources.

Program requirements

In order to receive this support, schools must agree to participate in the following program components:

Unified Bocce Program

- Establish an extramural/intramural Unified Bocce team that consists of a minimum of 8 students and 1 Coach.
 - These students must represent an event split of Athletes and Partners
 - Teams must consist of 1 Athlete and 1 Partner or 2 Athletes and 2 Partners
 - The minimum coach requirement is one, however, schools may add additional coaches to their program at their own discretion.
- Teams will organize their participation as an extramural/intramural program and will compete with other school teams in league play during the training season.
- Coaches will provide their teams with credible sports experience by following the rules outlined in the coaches guide and Bocce sport rules when training and competing in the sport of Unified Bocce.
- Teams will provide a team roster of all Athletes, Partners, and Coaches who participate in their respective Unified Bocce Program.

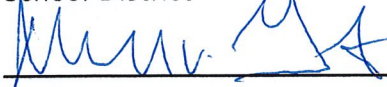
By entering into this agreement, Sweet Home Central School District (participating school) agrees to establish a plan with support from Special Olympics New York to create a sustainable Unified Champion Schools Unified Bocce Program that meets all the outlined requirements.

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Special Olympics New York

School District

Organization

 8/8/13

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Michael Ginestre

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Superintendent of Schools

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