



TOWN OF SALISBURY  
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SALISBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION

October 29, 2019

Dear Members of the SCS and Salisbury Community,

The Middle School Athletics and Activities Committee has proposed merging the current 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade sports programs from all six elementary schools in the Region One towns to create a new unified Region One Middle School Sports Program. In this proposal, our student athletes would hold practices at central sites and compete against other regional middle schools from the greater Tri-State area. The vision being put forth is that this new program will counteract the declining enrollment across the region by pooling our athletes; creating a cohesive athletic experience, promoting a more robust level of competitiveness and athletic skill building as well as providing a broader variety of sports to our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade middle school students. There is also the possibility of expanding our extra curricular offerings to include activities such as a robotics team, an engineering club or a dramatic society. This proposed merger is slated to take effect in the upcoming 2020-2021 school year.

The Middle School Athletics and Activities Committee, which includes representatives from all the Region One towns and Boards of Education, has crafted a proposed plan for this program which includes an estimated budget, suggested home sites for seven different sports and transportation schedules for both practice and game days.

Salisbury Central School parents, students and all other Salisbury community members are invited to a presentation of this proposal at a special meeting of the Salisbury Board of Education on November 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the SCS cafeteria. It will be presented by Anne MacNeil, the Region One Athletic Director, who was the chief architect in the formation of this proposal. There will be an opportunity immediately following the presentation for all attendees to learn more about this plan, ask questions, and express any opinions they have about what has been presented.

The Salisbury Board of Education is taking this proposal under consideration at this special meeting and is expected to vote on whether or not to recommend this program to the ABC Committee which will in turn hand it's recommendation to the Region One Board for the possible creation of a new shared service as part of the Regional School Services Center (RSSC).

It is very important to us that as many community members as possible attend this November 14<sup>th</sup> meeting so that the Salisbury BOE can hear a broad range of specific concerns and gauge what level of enthusiasm exists in our community for this proposed program. We look forward to seeing everyone and entering into a conversation on this important and exciting topic.

Sincerely,

The Salisbury Board of Education