Section One Executive Committee welcomes new member schools, reviews 20-21 budget and approves winter and spring championship sites

HARRISON, N.Y.—The Executive Committee of Section One, Inc., of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) met January 27th for its third meeting of the 2019-20 school year to review various topics and proposals important to the Section’s 79 member schools.

The meeting opened with the review and approval of the Section One budget for the 2020-21 school year.

Consistent with the Section One site selection process for championship events, the Executive Committee approved the following Winter 2020 Regional sites and Spring 2020 Section and Regional Championship sites:

- **Boys & Girls Basketball** (Regionals)
  - Horace Greeley HS
  - Purchase College
  - Harrison HS

- **Ice Hockey** (Regionals)
  The Executive Committee approved both Sport-O-Rama and the Brewster Ice Arena, which will allow schools the ability to choose their Regional site this year.

- **Girls Lacrosse**
  - Suffern HS at the Torne Valley Sports Complex (Section Championships)
  - Hendrick Hudson HS (Regionals)
The Ossining School District was recognized for being named the Fall 2019 NYSPHSAA Community Service Challenge Champions. The football team, along with assistance from the Ossining cheerleaders and soccer team, made posters to support the Landmark Diner and their employees who became unemployed when a fire destroyed the establishment this past summer. Within the first hour, the fundraiser generated over $1,000 in donations. The Landmark Diner was a longtime supporter of Ossining athletics, and this was their way of demonstrating their gratitude and a sense of “giving back”.

The Basic Concepts of Athletic Alignment document that the Executive Committee approved at their November meeting passed overwhelmingly in a tally of ballot votes cast by the member schools. The document provides a framework to assist in the creation of leagues, schedules and classification of schools within Section One.

In addition, the Executive Committee was informed that the Section One Athletic Council has approved membership applications for Mount Pleasant Cottage School, Greenburgh Academy and Clark Academy beginning with the 2020-21 school year. All three applications will be placed on the February 7th NYSPHSAA Executive Committee agenda for final approval.

The Center for Interscholastic Athletics, a division of Southern Westchester BOCES, serves 79 high schools in Dutchess, Putnam, Rockland, and Westchester counties, providing support with the organization and management of athletic programs. Section One is part of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Inc., a non-profit organization that provides equitable and safe competition for the students of public, private and parochial member schools.

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