



Dr. Juliette Pennyman, Superintendent of Schools

Hudson City School District Football Program Update March 1, 2024

Dear Hudson City School District Community,

Over the course of the last five months, the Hudson City School District, Athletic Director Shawn Briscoe and the current staff of coaches for the football program have been thoroughly engaged in analyzing and determining the interest level of returning and potential new student-athletes.

For the 2024 football season, Hudson will have a varsity football team. Participating in Section 2 Class C, the Bluehawks will be matched with school districts with similar roster numbers. The decision was made to provide the best opportunity for the team to complete a full season while being involved in great competition on Friday nights.

It is imperative to note that while participating in Section 2 Class C, Hudson will be ineligible for postseason play due to not competing in its New York State Public High School Athletic Association designated class based on student enrollment (Class B). This short-term solution provides an opportunity for Hudson Senior High School student-athletes to play football while the program aims to rebuild for the future.

The District's leadership continues to explore future options for the football program, which had to cease its varsity seasons prematurely the last two years because it could not sustain the minimal number of required players. Merging the football program with another school district has been and will continue to be considered, as it would provide opportunities for student-athletes at the varsity, junior varsity and modified levels. A community presentation led by Mr. Briscoe was held on Jan. 11, 2024 to provide insight into the current state of the program and goals going forward. Additionally, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Juliette Pennyman met with representatives of Hudson Pop Warner to learn more about their program and determine the potential of a feeder program leading to the Junior and Senior High school programs.

The District values the importance of the school spirit, discipline, teamwork and time management that scholastic sports promote for our young athletes. The District maintains its stance on holding the health and safety of its students, faculty and staff as its top priority. A football program certainly provides a vital point of pride for the District and community.

Please know that the Hudson City School District is committed to providing athletic opportunities for all students throughout the entire school year. We will continue to provide updates as warranted.



The District invites you to [click here](#) to view the athletics page to learn about all of the athletic programs Hudson provides, along with an upcoming schedule of events, past stories and important links for coaching requirements, livestreams and more.

Thank you for your ongoing support of all of our athletes and teams.

Sincerely,

Dr. Juliette Pennyman
Superintendent of Schools
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Shawn Briscoe
Athletic Director