



**Sullivan West Central School**  
**Sullivan West Athletics**  
**Director of Athletics, David Eggleton**

September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Dear Bulldog Families,

We hope that you have all enjoyed the first few days back here at Sullivan West and are excited for a new school year.

We know that many of you have questions and concerns regarding interscholastic athletics. Thank you for your patience and support as we have been receiving guidance from the New York State Public High School Athletic Association and the New York State Department Of Health.

At the end of last week, Section IX announced that the start of the athletics program for this school year has been moved to November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Our first season will be Winter Sports. Fall sports will follow in March 2021 and Spring sports in May 2021. The press release from Section IX is attached to this letter for your review.

Sullivan West and the Athletics Department will continue to provide guidance and support to our student-athletes. Changes and updates will be shared through our District athletics webpage and our social media platforms.

Bulldogs, thank you for your patience and understanding during this uncharted time in our educational settings. We look forward to seeing many of you participate in future Sullivan West Athletics.

Be Well Bulldogs,

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# Section IX Athletics

Gregory P. Ransom, Executive Director

September 10, 2020

Press Release

The Section IX Athletic Council approved today a resolution establishing an opening start date for athletics for all schools in Section IX. Athletics will begin on November 30, 2020. The fall season will follow from March to April and the spring season from May through June with exact start dates to be determined. On September 21, 2020 off season workouts may begin with approval by each local school district. They must follow the rules established by NYSPHSAA for any off-season workout conducted at any time during the school year and the guidelines established by the Governor and the State Department of Health.

This resolution was presented to the Athletic Council by the Section IX COVID-19 Task Force. This decision was based on two main determining factors: the safety of the students and the fact that so many of our Section IX school districts are conducting all classes via remote learning. As the COVID-19 pandemic continues Section IX in conjunction with our school districts will monitor developments and make changes when needed.

Gregory P. Ransom  
Executive Director Section IX Athletics