Extracurricular Activities/Athletics Committee Progress Report, July 23, 2020

Background Information shared:

- Summary of athletics in NY State and Section 1
- Overview of health and safety guidelines associated with extracurricular activities
- Committee to focus for now on activities that occur in beginning of school year (back to school nights, orientations) and only school-related activities

Springhurst Discussion:

- Childcare Center -- first priority
 - Who will it serve (essential workers only; all children)
 - Where will it be (space is an issue)
- ELA/Math Academies -- second priority
- Everything else will have to be on pause while we get our footing
- Other clubs digitally only for those that can work in that format (non-digital clubs "on pause")
- New Parent Breakfast & Back to School Nights virtual ONLY
- Concerns about mixing the children in groups for extracurricular activities despite their cohorts & larger groups; may be OK with social distancing / masks
- o Transportation Issues for those not in school that afternoon
- If A day B day format, could clubs potentially meet on each day for different groups

Middle School and High School Discussion:

- o Intramural sports at modified level once clearance occurs
- o Conversational meetings can take place virtually (e.g., Back to School Night)
- Later start date for clubs late October
- New school routine in the beginning of the year needs time to settle in before extracurriculars
- o Which clubs can meet completely virtually vs. more needed to meet in person?
 - Depending on size, ability to social distance
 - Possibly split into smaller groups for in person meetings
- Hard for bigger events like performances (musicals & concerts) to be safe
- Instructional music could be remote

Key Takeaways:

- Focus September on new routines associated with reopening of schools
- Begin to phase in clubs at all levels as appropriate
- Any large group gatherings in the fall (e.g., Back to School Night) should be virtual
- The committee will reevaluate based on the reopening structure of the District.