



Township of Union Public Schools

Ms.Chastity Santana, President
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The Union High School Athletic Department was approached by Dayton High School of Springfield to form a Co-op starting in 2023 in Gymnastics during the fall season. According to the NJSIAA Bylaws on Cooperative Sports Programs, The purpose of a Cooperative Sports Program is to provide opportunities for participation when none would otherwise exist, as for instance when a school lacks a particular program or when a school has declining enrollment in a particular program. Dayton, a smaller school, is not continuing their gymnastics program next season due to rising costs and our participation numbers are low. Combining teams in a Cooperative Sports Program would give both programs an opportunity to continue competing at a high level. We have done this the past two years and we are looking to renew this Co-op program for 25/26 and 26/27. As per NJSIAA rules all Co-ops are for two years and then have to be renewed. This does not cost our district anything and our students are not affected at all. Our district does gain an assistant gymnastics coach that Dayton funds in this agreement.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me to discuss.

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