

**AGENDA**

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW GLARUS  
CURRICULUM, SPORTS, AND CO-CURRICULAR COMMITTEE MEETING  
MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2025  
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5:45 PM**

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Track and Field Cooperative Program** **2**

# Sugar River Track & Field Co-op

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***Current State of the Track & Field co-op  
with Belleville and New Glarus***

# Why Do We Co-op in Any Sports?

- **We would identify the following as the purposes for seeking to co-op with an area school, in order of importance:**
  - 1. We do not have the facilities to support a specific program (Ex. hockey rink, indoor swimming pool, etc.)**
  - 2. We do not have the participation numbers on our own to support a varsity program**
  - 3. We do not have the participation numbers on our own to support multiple levels of programs (JV, JV2, etc.)**
  - 4. A co-op program means an increased pool of student-athletes, increasing our competitive potential**



# **Background of Sugar River Track Co-op**

- **Established in 1989-90**
- **Coaches Brad Stiner, Dan Schettler, and Ben Seffrood were key leaders in building the co-op program**
- **Belleville has been primary host; all practices and meets had taken place in Belleville prior to New Glarus building Glarner Community Complex in 2024**

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# Renewal Information

- **All WIAA co-ops are two year contracts, requiring support from:**
  - **School Administration**
  - **School Board**
  - **Conference**
- **The Belleville & New Glarus Track & Field Co-op is set to expire at the conclusion of the 2025 school year, unless both schools agreed to extend the co-op for 2025-26 and 2026-27**
- **Due date for renewal: May 1st, 2025**



# Participation Trends

<u>Year</u>	<b>New Glarus Boys</b>	<b>New Glarus Girls</b>	<b>Belleville Boys</b>	<b>Belleville Girls</b>	<b>Total:</b>
2026	~25	~22	~22	~16	~85
2025	29	22	20	13	84
2024	27	28	20	14	89 <sub>6</sub>
2023	24	23	27	11	85
2022	23	24	27	15	89

# **Current Co-op Structure (Spring 2025)**

- **Belleville is the host/primary school; primarily responsible for hiring coaching staff, managing equipment, uniforms, etc.**
- **Co-op using both Belleville & NG tracks (practices ~1x per week in NG).**
- **New Glarus lacks equipment needed to host meets (pole vault padding & equipment, high jump padding & equipment, hurdles, etc.)**
  - **No onsite storage facility (yet)**
  - **No plans to host meets in New Glarus in 2025**

# Current Co-op Structure (Spring 2025)

- **Sugar River's combined size and dominance of the Capitol South Conference has pushed them to compete in the Capitol North Conference this Spring (and moving forward, if the co-op stays together):**

<u>Capitol North</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Capitol South</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>
 Sugar River	614	 WI Heights/Barneveld	349
 Lakeside Lutheran	535	 Poynette	307
 Lake Mills	482	 Marshall	287
 Lodi	448	 Cambridge	280
 Columbus	373	 Waterloo	261

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***Enrollments are for 2024-25  
School Year***

# Division Placement

- **There are 3 Divisions for Track & Field. The largest 138 schools are put in Div 1. The remaining programs are divided in half and placed in Div 2 and Div 3.**
- **Enrollment cutoff for Div 2/Div 3 has been between 300-310 students over the last 3 years:**
  - **2025 | 307 enrollment**
  - **2024 | 303 enrollment**
  - **2023 | 310 enrollment**
- **Together, Sugar River is solidly placed in Div 2 (~600 students combined).**
- **Apart, both schools are on the bubble of Div 2/Div 3.**

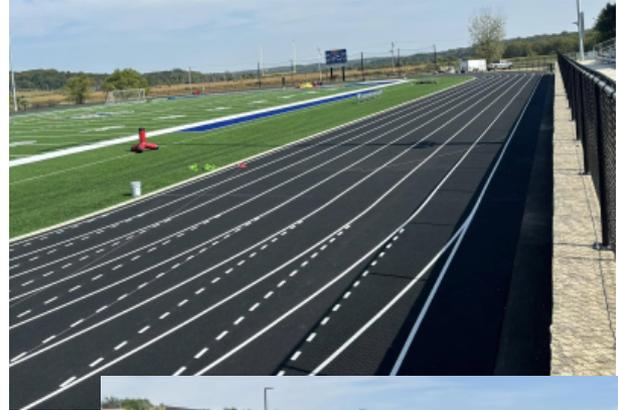
# Arguments for Dissolving Co-op

- **The following slides are arguments for dissolving the Sugar River Raider Track & Field program starting immediately after the 2025 season.**



# New Glarus Has a Track! Y

- **Schools do not need a track to support a track team (i.e. Monticello) but, now that the New Glarus community has invested in a high quality track & athletic complex, it is far more difficult to justify sharing two tracks in co-op program.**



# NG/Belleville Would Return to Capitol South

- **As things currently stand, Sugar River is in the Capitol North Conference**

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# NG/Belleville Return to Capitol South

- If the co-op renews, Sugar River would remain in the Capitol North in 2026

<u>Capitol North</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Capitol South</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>
 Sugar River	614	 WI Heights/Barneveld	349
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 Lakeside Lutheran	535	 Marshall	287
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# NG/Belleville Return to Capitol South

- **If the co-op dissolves, NG & Belleville return to the Capitol South in 2026:**

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# Could Lead to Increases in Participation $\Upsilon$

- **Middle School participation has increased the last few years; the addition of the track *should* continue to grow the popularity of the sport for New Glarus students**
  - **2025 | ~60 participants**
  - **2024 | 65 participants**
  - **2023 | 66 participants**
  - **2022 | 44 participants**
- **Could lead to increases in participation from New Glarus students at High School program**
  - **Proximity to facility/practice site**
  - **Practices could begin promptly after school, and could end earlier**
  - **School/community pride**



***NGMS Track & Field  
Apparel***

# Transportation is Complicated & Expensive

- **Managing transportation to/from Belleville is a challenge (and is a cost to the district) that could potentially be eliminated by dissolving the co-op**
  - **~\$60 to run a single roundtrip shuttle to/from Belleville**
  - **~12 week season with ~45 practices, transportation costs will be ~\$2,700 (low end estimation)**
- **Currently, NG's shuttle leaves at 3:52 PM (following an PM bus route)**
- **Practices cannot start until after 4 PM**



*Shoutout to Ken Engelke for all his work as shuttle driver*



# Conclusion

- **In considering all of these factors, we believe that New Glarus and Belleville should dissolve our co-op program for Track & Field at the conclusion of the 2025 season, and each school will offer their own program as individual schools starting in 2026**



***Photos of NGMS Track & Field Participants at State Meet in 2024***

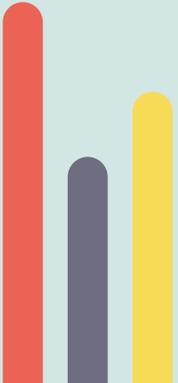
# Next Steps

- **Spring:**
  - **Celebrate final season of co-op**
  - **Confirm plans with Conference and WIAA**
  - **Begin building 2026 schedule**
  
- **Summer/Fall:**
  - **Hire coaching staff**
    - **1 Head Coach**
    - **3-4 Assistant Coaches**
  - **Invest in basic equipment**
  - **Design uniforms**





# High School Science Biology Curriculum Proposal<sup>20</sup>



# Purpose of Pilot Request

- We have not replaced our Biology curriculum in a long time.
- Curriculum has evolved into a lot of teacher made materials combined with older textbooks.
- We have been waiting until a curriculum was highly rated on EdReports
- BSCS Biology curriculum recently was posted as a highly rated curriculum, but after piloting it for part of last year, we found it was not a good fit.
  - The content was great, but the delivery was confusing and challenging to learn from for both staff and student.

# Purpose of Pilot Request

- Based on prior experience and use in AP Biology, we identified Biozone Biology for the NGSS as a potential alternative.
- Biozone is an approved provider for AP Biology
  - Most recently had a 75% pass rate (70% State; 64% National)
- Biozone follows our current ELO's used in Biology
- While Biozone does not meet the requirements for EdReports, the publisher provided an explanation of why this was [here](#).

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*“We strongly disagree with the view of EdReports that each activity needs to incorporate all three dimensions. We would counter that this is simply not possible to do in a meaningful way, nor is it always relevant for the wide variety of activity types provided in our title.”*



# Purpose of Pilot Request

- The statement made by Biozone aligns with what we saw when piloting the BSCS curriculum.
- While aligning to our current approved standards, Biozone provides more structured, comprehensive, and current information than our teacher made curriculum.



# Process to Pick Curriculum

Use EdReports as a screener for curriculums

**Step 1**



Pilot during the 2025-2026 school year

**Step 3**



**Step 2**



Discuss curriculum with collaborative team.

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**Step 4**



If the pilot goes well, look to adopt in 2026-2027

# Next Steps

## Step 2

Set-up materials for staff and students

## Step 4

Teach Selected Units To Use

## Step 6

Final Board Approval To Adopt



## Step 1

Board approval for pilot



## Step 3

Professional Development For Staff



## Step 5

Evaluate



# Questions?



#### **IV. Adjourn**

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