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Wayne Valley High School's First Ever Girls Flag Football Team

Wayne, New Jersey - At the February 10, 2022 Public Work Session, the Board approved the \$8,000 grant from the New York Jets to start Wayne Valley's first ever girls Flag Football program. The grant includes Nike uniforms, flags, and footballs. The NFL has been reaching out to communities across New Jersey, and there are several surrounding communities that will also have girls flag football teams. 63 Wayne Valley girls attended the general interest meeting, and the plan is for the team to start this spring. The Jets committed to offering funding for a Wayne Hills girls flag football program for next year although the Wayne Board of Education is seeking to fund a team for Wayne Hills so the programs start at the same time.

A statement from the NY Jets President, Hymie Elhai is stated as follows: "When we launched the first ever girls flag football league in New Jersey last year, we sought to inspire and encourage young women to grow and reach their full potential by providing an opportunity to play the game we all love. The league expansion and the implementation of the jets mentorship program furthers our commitment to helping young women in our area achieve their goals and realize what is possible."

Assistant Principal of Athletics, Dave Drozjock, said "We are extremely excited to partner with the Jets organization and offer our female student-athletes opportunities to demonstrate their athletic abilities in the upcoming 2022 spring flag football season. In addition, our girls will have an opportunity to be involved in a one-on-one mentorship program with female members of the Jets organization and business staff members. The combination of highlighting our female student athletes' athletic abilities and having them mentored by successful female members in the Jets organization is a win-win situation for Wayne Valley."

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