



# Students have mixed views on possible merger of sports programs

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"It'll obviously be a little different," Central-Tech senior basketball player Jason Williams said. "But we've just got to do what we've got to do. We've run out of money and if we've got to come together, we've got to come together."

On Wednesday night, the Erie School Board unanimously voted to pass a proposal to merge student-athletes from Strong Vincent, East High, Central Tech and Collegiate Academy into one sports program.

The proposal would save an estimated \$1.5 million a year if it is approved by the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association.

"I just think it's not a good idea because they all compete very well against each other," Strong Vincent basketball player Tahjmere Jones said.

The PIAA denied a similar request last year by the school district.

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