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## **BTF CALLS FOR INVESTIGATION OF SECTION VI PROCEDURES**

As a result of not knowing that a new Bennett High School student played JV football while in eighth grade (8<sup>th</sup>) at Sweet Home Middle School, the Bennett High School football team was forced to forfeit four (4) games and the coach "suspended from the next Lewis J. Bennett High School Varsity Contest".

This ruling was made by section VI NYSPHSAA.

"Yes, rules are rules; however, considering the impact on the students on the football team and how the student who unknowingly was involved must feel, there should be a full investigation of when Section VI was notified, who notified them, how long it took to investigate this issue, etc.

In addition, punish the coach for something of which he apparently didn't know?

We need a thorough investigation of a procedure that harshly punishes innocent victims and examples of the same punishments for the same infractions", stated Philip Rumore, President of the Buffalo Teachers Federation.

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