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TO: Superintendents, Principals and Athletic Directors
FROM: Mike Wallmark, Associate Executive Director
Peter Weber, Assistant Executive Director
SUBJECT: Update on the Proceedings of the Classification and Districting Committee

The Classification and Districting Committee for the 2010-2014 four-year time block met at the Shriner's Headquarters Auditorium in Wilsonville on May 11, 2009, to receive testimony and review written communication thus far received.

Following a welcome from OSAA Executive Director Tom Welter, the Committee members were introduced, and the audience received a review of the Classification and Districting Timeline and Process from Associate Executive Director Mike Wallmark and Assistant Executive Director Peter Weber.

In addition to Committee members, there were more than 80 other attendees at the public meeting. The Committee received testimony for approximately two and one-half hours from twenty-nine school, league, classification and other representatives.

The Committee then adjourned to a closed work session. As with previous deliberations, the Committee continued to evaluate potential revisions based first upon whether those revisions were consistent with the four criteria consideration of which is required by OSAA Article 9.1 and OAR 581-021-0032:

- Safety of student participants and spectators, parents and other spectators, and school and other personnel;
- Minimizing loss of instructional time;
- Minimizing the expenditure of school district and student and parent participant funds;
- School enrollment data.

Following extensive discussion, the Committee concluded the following:

1. 4A CLASSIFICATION LEAGUE ALIGNMENTS.

The Committee reached consensus to forward a new alignment for the 4A classification for consideration and feedback from member schools. As compared to the 4A alignment in Committee Proposal #7, this new proposal results in fewer changes in league assignment as compared to current 4A leagues but does result in smaller leagues in some areas. The new proposal is consistent with the criteria included in OSAA Regulations that include "athletic district history" and "moving as few schools as possible" as possible factors in making districting recommendations.

2. 5A CLASSIFICATION LEAGUE ALIGNMENTS.

The Committee spent nearly two hours comparing alternative approaches to 5A league alignments with much of the focus on appropriate placement for Pendleton and Hermiston, and the impacts on both those schools and the other schools in the potential leagues in which they might be placed. Every alternative considered benefitted some schools using the criteria the Committee is bound to consider, and disadvantaged others. The Committee was unable to find a "win/win" proposal that would satisfy all concerns of all schools. Although it was not a unanimous decision, the consensus of the Committee



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was that Hermiston and Pendleton should remain as members of the proposed Central Oregon Hybrid League. Although it would be impossible in this short "Update" to review the full range of issues discussed, supporters of the placement cited maintenance of "athletic district history" and "moving as few schools as possible" as factors in their support for that position in addition to the previously listed considerations.

The Committee chose to table action on a request from the Northwest Oregon Conference to form a Northwest Oregon Conference Hybrid League until the 2008-2009 enrollment numbers for the schools in the potential league are available next Fall.

3. PLAY DOWN REQUESTS. **DEADLINE: July 1, 2009**

The Committee asked OSAA staff to include the Petition to Play Down Form for the next time block to member schools with this update. Schools seeking to play down should submit the form and all relevant information regarding the request to the OSAA office by July 1, 2009. Requests will be reviewed for consideration by the Executive Board at the Summer Board Workshop in July. At the Summer Workshop, the Board will evaluate petitions and offer conditional approval in cases where they consider approval to be appropriate. The Classification Committee will then have that information when making final league alignment adjustments when the Committee meets in September. The approvals will be conditional because the Delegate Assembly will need to adopt the language giving the Board authority to grant Play Down Requests before they can be implemented as part of the alignment in the new four-year time block.

Written suggestions and proposals on these issues, as well as other classification related subjects should be mailed or emailed to the OSAA (peterw@osaa.org). Any communication received by the OSAA will be shared with all committee members for review and discussion. As indicated above, any alignment proposals will be posted on the OSAA website. Public testimony will also be welcome at the next Committee meeting.

The next public meeting of the Classification and Districting Committee will be in September 2009, on a date not yet confirmed. Member schools will be notified of the date as soon as it is confirmed. The date will be set to coincide with when the Committee has access to 2008-2009 ADM figures. Those numbers will also be shared with member schools as soon as they become available to the OSAA from the Department of Education. The general format for the meeting will be for the Committee to receive public testimony first, followed by a closed work session.

The Committee will meet throughout this school year and will make its final recommendations to the OSAA Executive Board at the October, 2009, Special Classification and Districting Meeting.

A full list of meeting dates, Committee Roster, Charge to the Committee and previous Updates are available at the OSAA website: www.osaa.org.

ATTACHMENTS:

Proposal #8: Draft Proposal of Revised Six Classification Alignment with Hybrid Leagues

Classification and Districting Committee
DRAFT Proposal #8
6-Classification Hybrid

A hybrid approach identifies geographic regions where placing schools into leagues is more difficult because there may not be enough schools in a specific classification in that region. The hybrid approach assigns schools across classifications to the same league. Schools within the league would be charged with creating their own regular-season schedules, including which schools would compete against each other on an activity-by-activity basis. Schools in a hybrid from different classifications would not be required to compete against each other. Determination of which teams advance to postseason play would be made at the league level. During the postseason, advancing schools would compete against schools from their respective classifications. Playoff spots will be determined by the state championship committee. No school would receive an automatic playoff spot. Schools from hybrid leagues may be assigned to a neighboring league at their classification for playoff allocations. Playoff spots would be determined proportionally to the total number of schools in the combined league.

6A (43) 1480+	5A (37) 1479-855	4A (43) 854-410
6A-1 - Metro League (6)	5A-1 - East Metro League (7)	4A-1 - Cowapa League (5)
Aloha Warriors 1966	Hood River Valley Eagles 1186	Astoria Fishermen 655
Beaverton Beavers 1932	Milwaukie Mustangs 1081	Scappoose Indians 655
*Jesuit Crusaders 1152	Molalla Indians 858	Seaside Seagulls 462
Southridge Skyhawks 1975	Parkrose Broncos 1023	Tillamook Cheesemakers 699
Sunset Apollos 1980	Putnam Kingsmen 1349	Yamhill-Carlton Tigers 429
Westview Wildcats 2680	Sandy Pioneers 1333	
	The Dalles Wahtonka EagleIndians 901	4A-2 - Capital Conference (6)
6A-2 - Mt. Hood Conference (7)	5A-2 - Northwest Oregon Conference (6)	Cascade Cougars 738
Barlow Bruins 1800	Century Jaguars 1471	Estacada Rangers 721
Centennial Eagles 1762	Glencoe Crimson Tide 1438	Gladstone Gladiators 741
*Central Catholic Rams 864	Liberty Falcons 1288	La Salle Falcons 618
David Douglas Scots 2939	St. Helens Lions 980	North Marion Huskies 576
Gresham Gophers 1677	Sherwood Bowmen 1086	Stayton Eagles 731
Reynolds Raiders 2657	Wilsonville Wildcats 1009	
*St. Mary's Academy Blues 1230		4A-3 - Far West League (6)
6A-3 - Three Rivers League (6)	5A-3 - Mid-Willamette Conference (8)	Brookings-Harbor Bruins 583
Canby Cougars 1595	Corvallis Spartans 1259	Douglas Trojans 446
Clackamas Cavaliers 2196	Crescent Valley Raiders 1003	North Bend Bulldogs 566
*Lake Oswego Lakers 1237	Dallas Dragons 977	Siuslaw Vikings 495
*Lakeridge Pacers 1079	Lebanon Warriors 1228	South Umpqua Lancers 513
Oregon City Pioneers 2127	Silverton Foxes 1178	Sutherlin Bulldogs 440
West Linn Lions 1541	South Albany Rebels 1267	
	West Albany Bulldogs 1393	4A-4 - Val-Co League (5)
6A-4 - Pacific Conference (6)	Woodburn Bulldogs 1351	Central Panthers 825
Forest Grove Vikings 1870		Newport Cubs 645
Hillsboro Spartans 1497		Philomath Warriors 611
McMinnville Grizzlies 1681		Sweet Home Huskies 762
Newberg Tigers 1575		Taft Tigers 468
Tigard Tigers 1897		
Tualatin Timberwolves 1773		4A-5 - Sky-Em League (5)
		Cottage Grove Lions 827
6A-5 - Central Valley Conference (6)		Elmira Falcons 458
McKay Scots 1767		Junction City Tigers 570
McNary Celtics 1899		La Pine Hawks 524
North Salem Vikings 1857		Sisters Outlaws 542
South Salem Saxons 1778		
Sprague Olympians 1639		4A-6 - Skyline Conference (6)
West Salem Titans 1538		Henley Hornets 673
		Hidden Valley Mustangs 828
6A-5A-4A PIL Hybrid (10)	6A-5A-4A Central Oregon Hybrid (8)	Klamath Union Pelicans 794
Wilson Trojans (6A) 1489	Redmond Panthers (6A) 1831	Mazama Vikings 850
Grant Generals (6A) 1592	Bend Lava Bears (6A) 1525	North Valley Knights 641
Cleveland Warriors (6A) 1490	Mountain View Cougars (5A) 1477	Phoenix Pirates 754
Benson Techmen (5A) 1159	Summit Storm (5A) 1199	
Franklin Quakers (5A) 1064	Hermiston Bulldogs (5A) 1347	4A-7 - Greater Oregon League (4)
Lincoln Cardinals (5A) 1379	Pendleton Buckaroos (5A) 897	Ontario Tigers 793
Jefferson Democrats (4A) 505	Crook County Cowboys (4A) 842	La Grande Tigers 696
Madison Senators (4A) 809	Madras White Buffaloes (4A) 839	Baker Bulldogs 639
Marshall Minutemen (4A) 727		McLoughlin Pioneers 531
Roosevelt Roughriders (4A) 684		
6A-5A Midwestern Hybrid (9)	6A-5A Southern Oregon Hybrid (7)	
Sheldon Irish (6A) 1617	Roseburg Indians (6A) 1991	
South Eugene Axemen (6A) 1586	South Medford Panthers (6A) 1827	
Willamette Wolverines (5A) 1472	North Medford Black Tornado (6A) 1751	
Thurston Colts (5A) 1421	Grants Pass Cavemen (6A) 1729	
Springfield Millers (5A) 1389	Crater Comets (6A) 1486	
Churchill Lancers (5A) 1152	Eagle Point Eagles (5A) 1162	
Marshfield Pirates (5A) 1045	Ashland Grizzlies (5A) 1019	
North Eugene Highlanders (5A) 988		
*Marist Spartans (5A) 507		

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3A 409-220	(49)	2A 219-106	(36)	1A 105-1	(80)	1A (cont.) 105-1	
3A-1 - Lewis & Clark League	(11)	2A-1 - Northwest League	(7)	1A-1 - The Valley 10 League	(11)	1A-5 - Mountain Valley League	(9)
Banks Braves	404	Delphian School Dragons	162	City Christian Lions	79	Butte Falls Loggers	73
Catlin Gabel Eagles	286	Faith Bible Falcons	108	Columbia Christian Knights	83	Gilchrist Grizzlies	100
Clatskanie Tigers	290	Gaston Greyhounds	166	Damascus Christian Eagles	97	Hosanna Christian Lions	73
Corbett Cardinals	230	Knappa Loggers	183	Heritage Christian Knights	53	North Lake Cowboys	73
De La Salle North Catholic Knights	231	Nestucca Bobcats	209	Life Christian Lions	56	Paisley Broncos	27
Neah-Kah-Nie Pirates	236	Riverdale Mavericks	140	North Clackamas Christian Saints	67	Prospect Cougars	61
Oregon Episcopal Aardvarks	304	Vernonia Loggers	218	Open Door Christian Huskies	69	Rogue Valley Adventist Red Tail Hawks	60
Portland Adventist Cougars	227			Portland Lutheran Bluejays	94	Triad Timber Wolves	84
Portland Christian Royals	236	2A-2 - Mountain View Conference	(11)	Portland Waldorf School	89	Trinity Lutheran Saints	9
Rainier Columbians	367	Canyonville Christian Pilots	127	Southwest Christian Wildcats	91		
Warrenton Warriors	256	Crow Cougars	125	Tualatin Valley Jr Eagles	27	1A-6 - Big Sky League	(14)
		Days Creek Wolves	132			Arlington Honkers	38
3A-2 - West Valley League	(10)	Glendale Pirates	144	1A-2 - Casco League	(10)	Cascade Locks Pirates	56
Amity Warriors	263	Milo Adventist Mustangs	132	C.S. Lewis Watchmen	90	Central Christian Tigers	48
Colton Vikings	236	North Douglas Warriors	109	Country Christian Cougars	77	Condon Blue Devils	48
Dayton Pirates	334	Oakland Oakers	188	Falls City Mountaineers	68	Crook County Christian Warriors	24
Gervais Cougars	324	Oakridge Warriors	209	Jewell Bluejays	50	Dufur Rangers	103
*Horizon Christian Hawks (TUAL)	96	Pacific Pirates	135	Mid-Valley Christian Navigators	17	Echo Cougars	85
Kennedy Trojans	240	Riddle Irish	141	Oregon School f/t Deaf Panthers	60	Griswold Grizzlies	46
Sheridan Spartans	286	Yoncalla Eagles	118	Perrydale Pirates	104	Horizon Christian Hawks (HR)	46
Valley Catholic Valliants	369			St. Paul Buckaroos	74	Ione Cardinals	54
Westside Christian Eagles	281	2A-3 - Tri-River Conference	(8)	Veritas School	62	Nixyaawii Eagles	59
Willamina Bulldogs	301	Central Linn Cobras	194	Willamette Valley Christian Warriors	45	Sherman Huskies	95
		Culver Bulldogs	215			South Wasco County Redsides	90
3A-3 - PacWest Conference	(10)	East Linn Christian Eagles	114	1A-3 - Mountain West League	(9)	Wheeler Falcons	24
Blanchet Catholic Cavaliers	248	Monroe Dragons	136	Alesa Wolverines	44		
Chemawa Braves	340	Regis Rams	157	Eddyville Charter Eagles	69	1A-7 - Old Oregon League	(6)
Creswell Bulldogs	361	Santiam Wolverines	206	Fairview Christian Falcons	15	Cove Leopards	76
Harrisburg Eagles	279	Scio Loggers	215	Lowell Devils	86	Imbler Panthers	96
Jefferson Lions	302	Western Mennonite Pioneers	148	Mapleton Sailors	56	Joseph Eagles	83
Pleasant Hill Billies	340			Mc Kenzie Eagles	90	Pine Eagle Spartans	68
Salem Academy Crusaders	234	2A-4 - Blue Mountain Conference	(7)	Mohawk Indians	97	Powder Valley Badgers	66
Santiam Christian Eagles	324	Elgin Huskies	163	Siletz Valley Warriors	66	Wallowa Cougars	88
Toledo Boomers	288	Enterprise Outlaws	139	Triangle Lake Lakers	54		
Waldport Irish	251	Heppner Mustangs	160			1A-8 - High Desert League	(14)
		Pilot Rock Rockets	139	1A-4 - Skyline League	(7)	Adrian Antelopes	93
3A-4 - Sunset Conference	(6)	Stanfield Tigers	153	Camas Valley Hornets	42	Burnt River Bulls	20
Bandon Tigers	269	Union Bobcats	143	Elkton Elks	61	Crane Mustangs	88
Coquille Red Devils	293	Weston-McEwen Tiger Scots	203	Lifegate Christian Lions	41	Dayville Tigers	24
Glide Wildcats	243			New Hope Christian Warriors	70	Harper Hornets	33
Gold Beach Panthers	226			Oak Hill School Falcons	46	Huntington Locomotives	42
Myrtle Point Bobcats	223			Powers Cruisers	45	Jordan Valley Mustangs	26
Reedsport Braves	232			Umpqua Valley Christian Monarchs	88	Long Creek Mountaineers	20
						Mitchell Loggers	27
3A-5 - Eastern Oregon League	(7)					Monument Tigers	23
Burns Hilanders	310	3A-2A - Southern Hybrid	(8)			Mt. Bachelor Academy Bears	92
Grant Union Prospectors	250	Cascade Christian Challengers (3A)	311			Prairie City Panthers	48
Irrigon Knights	233	Illinois Valley Cougars (3A)	405			Spray Eagles	35
Nyssa Bulldogs	324	Lakeview Honkers (3A)	265			Ukiah Cougars	28
Riverside Pirates	276	Rogue River Chieftains (3A)	336				
Vale Vikings	299	St Mary's Crusaders (3A)	281				
Umatilla Vikings	368	Bonanza Antlers (2A)	168				
		Chiloquin Panthers (2A)	157				
		Lost River Raiders (2A)	188				

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Petition to Play Down

“Constitution – excerpt from Article 6.2.4

- (a)** “Petition to Play Down” EXCEPTION: OSAA member schools shall participate based upon ADM in the classifications defined in Article 6.2.4 unless an exception has been granted by the Executive Board in response to the submission of a “Petition to Play Down”.
- (1)** Sports and Activities Affected. Any “Petition to Play Down” granted by the Executive Board shall apply to all OSAA sports and activities in which the member school participates.
- (2)** Duration. Any “Petition to Play Down” granted by the Executive Board shall apply to classification placement of the petitioning member school during the entire subsequent four-year time block.
- (3)** Required Information. A member school submitting a “Petition to Play Down” shall provide the following information for consideration by the Board:
 - a)** League record in all OSAA sports and activities for the previous four years.
 - b)** Overall record in all OSAA sports and activities for the previous four years.
 - c)** Yearly participation numbers in all OSAA sports and activities for the previous four years.
 - d)** Coaching history in all OSAA sports and activities for the previous four years.
 - e)** Report on number of alternative school students included in ADM calculation.
 - f)** Letter of current league support or non-support for the Petition.
 - g)** Any other information the school district wishes to provide to the Board in support of the Petition including but not limited to evidence of intervention undertaken by the district in an effort to encourage participation and address lack of competitive success.
- (4)** Submission Deadline. Except as specified in Article 6.2.2 (c), a member school seeking to play in a lower classification than assigned under Article 6.2.4 shall be required to complete and submit a “Petition to Play Down” to the OSAA prior to the December Board Meeting which precedes the quadrennial October Classification and Districting Meeting.”

School: _____

Current Classification and District: _____

Desired Classification and District: _____

Administrator’s Signature: _____

Date: _____

NOTE: Please submit this form with all other required materials to the OSAA Office.