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TO: Superintendents, Principals and Athletic Directors  
FROM: Kris Welch, Assistant Executive Director  
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SUBJECT: Update from the Petition to Play Down Task Force – October 3, 2019

The Petition to Play Down Task Force met at the OSAA Office in Wilsonville on Monday, October 3, 2019 for the fifth time to review the Petition to Play Down policy. The Task Force was put together by the OSAA Executive Board after the most recent Classification and Districting Committee concluded. The OSAA Executive Board felt that a discussion and review of the current policy and how it may be improved warranted creation of a Task Force.

The Task Force was welcomed by OSAA Executive Director Peter Weber and OSAA staff members, Kris Welch and Kelly Foster.

The OSAA staff briefly went over the correspondence since the last meeting. The staff refreshed the Task Force on its goals and charge and the group got to work on the agenda. The Task Force was given an update from the September Executive Board meeting regarding the proposal to add a “Dominant Activity” policy and two-year review. The staff shared a summary from the Executive Board discussion and shared the Board’s support of both proposals. The Task Force’s proposals will now be brought up to the Delegate Assembly on October 14 for action on those two concepts.

The Task Force then moved on to reviewing the four criteria in the current Petition to Play Down policy. The members are seeking information from the past four years from the staff to provide data on how many schools would be affected by altering the criteria. The Task Force tabled discussion on the current criteria for playing down until their next meeting.

There was discussion regarding the possibility of a case where a school meets three of the four criteria and determining what additional data, if any, could be reviewed at that time.

The Task Force invites feedback from member schools on the Petition to Play Down policy and any areas they should address. Specific information the Task Force is requesting from the membership:

1. Input on additional criteria that should be considered for schools who meet three out of the four criteria for the Petition to Play Down, but not all four.
2. Input on whether there should be changes to the percentages outlined in the current criteria.

The next meeting for the Petition to Play Down Task Force is Thursday, December 19, 2019 at 9:00am.

The OSAA staff will provide a Task Force update to all superintendents, principals, and athletic directors following each meeting. The Task Force roster, charge, and any additional information is available at <http://www.osaa.org/governance/task-forces>.

Written suggestions and proposals should be emailed to the OSAA (Kelly Foster [kellyf@osaa.org](mailto:kellyf@osaa.org), or Kris Welch [krisw@osaa.org](mailto:krisw@osaa.org)). Any communication received by the OSAA staff will be shared with all Task Force members for review and discussion. The Task Force appreciates your support and encourages your participation in this process.