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TO: Superintendents, Principals and Athletic Directors

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SUBJECT: Update on the Proceedings of the Petition to Play Down Task Force

The Petition to Play Down Task Force held its first meeting via Zoom on September 21. The Task Force will be utilizing a hybrid format for all meetings that allows both Task Force members and those seeking to provide input the option of participating via webinar or in person. This Task Force was reestablished by the OSAA Executive Board following the conclusion of the Classification and Districting process.

After introductions, the group received a review of the charges from the OSAA Executive Board and a review of the timeline. The reviews were conducted by OSAA Executive Director Peter Weber and Chief Operating Officer Kyle Stanfield.

The Task Force began by reviewing the current Petition to Play Down Policy and application from the OSAA Handbook. The staff provided a thorough review of the information and metrics necessary for a school to be able to petition down to a lower classification. The staff explained the process in the review of applying schools and provided examples of what is presented to the Executive Board for decisions.

The OSAA staff then dove deeper into the charge and the reason for each bulleted item. The staff provided numerous examples of how the policy was interpreted and how metrics are used. The staff explained how they uniquely applied to each school and, in certain instances, varied by a school's classification and offerings.

Overall, the consensus of the six-member Task Force is that a petition to play down has a place within the Association. It's important to provide the opportunity for struggling schools to find valuable competitive opportunities for the students they serve while striving toward growth and excellence.

After the review, the Task Force asked the staff to collect the following information to review:

- What metric, outside of Free Lunch, would be a more consistent method to use to reference access and opportunity for students.
- Provide a comparison between a school's ADM and their participation numbers in activities that are provided to the OSAA annually.

The OSAA staff will provide additional documentation and school feedback to the Task Force at their next meeting.

The Task Force is looking for feedback from the membership on these issues. The Task Force will keep the Executive Board regularly updated on their progress. Future meeting dates will be released once determined with the goal to complete work by the end of the 2023-24 school year.

The Task Force appreciates your support and encourages your participation in this process. Please do not hesitate to contact Kyle Stanfield (kyles@osaa.org) at the OSAA if you have any questions or to provide feedback.

The Task Force Roster, charge to the Task Force, and updated information are available at the OSAA website: <https://www.osaa.org/governance/task-forces#play-down-petition>