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TO: Superintendents, Principals and Athletic Directors

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SUBJECT: Update on the Proceedings of the Transfer-Eligibility Task Force

The Transfer-Eligibility Task Force held its second meeting at the OSAA Offices in Wilsonville and via Zoom on December 12th, 2024. 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.

The Task Force reviewed material requested from the meeting in October, which included;

- NFHS Section 7/8 State Transfer Rules
- Colorado & New Jersey State Transfer Rules
- Current OSAA Hardship Waiver Data
- District Transfer Policies &
- Oregon State Laws Related to Transferring Schools
- OSAA Delegate Assembly and OADA Feedback

After a review of this material the Task Force had a robust discussion about the hardship appeal process and noted the high approval rate of these appeals. In addition, while reviewing other state's policies, the Task Force discussed possible allowances and deterrents, including situations where a student could transfer with limited penalties, but then face further restrictions for subsequent transfers. They also discussed the possibility of a penalty system, where a student would have to sit out a certain percentage of the varsity season.

In addition, the Task Force requested the following information for future meetings:

- Develop questions and survey the membership in January, with data to be collected and shared with the Task Force at the next meeting.
- District Committee hardship waiver data for 22-23 & 23-24 related to students who may have transferred multiple times.
- Evaluation of the appeal process with legal counsel.

The Task Force will continue meeting throughout the 2024-25 school year. The next meeting will take place on January 30th, 2025.

Written suggestions and proposals on these issues should be emailed to Lauren Brownrigg (LaurenB@osaa.org) **Any communication received by the OSAA will be shared with all task force members for review and discussion.** The Task Force will keep the OSAA Executive Board up to date on their work during the process.

A future list of meeting dates, Task Force Roster, charge to the Task Force, and information are available at the OSAA website: <https://www.osaa.org/governance/task-forces>.

The Task Force appreciates your support and encourages your participation in this process. Please do not hesitate to contact Peter Weber (PeterW@osaa.org) or Lauren Brownrigg (LaurenB@osaa.org) at the OSAA if you have any questions.