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TO: Superintendents, Principals and Athletic Directors

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SUBJECT: Update on the Proceedings of the Classification and Districting Committee and Final Recommendation

The Classification and Districting Committee for the 2018-2022 four-year time block held its twelfth and final public meeting at the OSAA Offices in Wilsonville on September 25, 2017 to receive testimony and review written communication thus far received.

The Committee initially met in a closed work session to review written correspondence received since the last meeting. Once the public meeting began, Classification and Districting Committee Chair Curt Shelley and OSAA staff members Peter Weber and Kyle Stanfield addressed those assembled. The three welcomed those assembled, reminded them of the meeting proceedings, timelines of proceedings and their goals after the meeting concluded. Kyle Stanfield also reviewed the charge of the committee, specifically the four items the Committee must first consider when placing schools (9.2.1(d)1 a, b, c, d).

The group received testimony from 43 representatives from schools and leagues. The Committee then adjourned to a closed work session to review and discuss the testimony and written correspondence.

During the work session, the Committee spent considerable time putting together their final recommendation to the OSAA Executive Board. They discussed both the written and verbal testimony received that day and previous meetings. This Final Recommendation will be presented to the OSAA Executive Board and Delegate Assembly on Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. The Board will consider member school written input and public testimony prior to acting on the Committee's Final Recommendations, and the Delegate Assembly will meet to adopt cutoff points and league quantities for the new time block.

Following the closed work session, the Committee reached consensus on the following issues.

**Number of Classifications:** The Committee is supporting a six-classification model.

**Petitions to Play Down:** The Committee recognizes and supported the approved petitions to play down by the OSAA Executive Board for schools who met the established criteria and deadlines. Approved petitions to play down include: North Salem (6A to 5A), Woodburn (5A to 4A), Chemawa (3A to 2A), Illinois Valley (3A to 2A), Jefferson (3A to 2A), and Gervais (3A to 2A).

**Petitions to Play Up:** The Committee recognizes the desires from schools to play at a higher classification than their enrollment number may place them. The supported play up schools include: Lakeridge (6A), Central Catholic (6A), Benson (6A), Jefferson PDX (6A), Madison (6A), Roosevelt (6A) and Horizon Christian, Tualatin (3A).

**Geographic Exceptions:** The Committee recognizes that some schools, due to their geographic location, may warrant being placed in a lower classification than their enrollment dictates. The Committee continues to support Brookings-Harbor High School being given a geographic exception and placed at the 3A level.

**School Enrollment Projections:** Committee members heard from a number of schools about their desire to change their proposed placement based on current enrollment for this year and into the future. Historically the OSAA's Classification and Districting Committee hasn't placed schools based on projections, so it can use consistent data for all schools. Once a new four-year time block begins, the Executive Board will review school enrollment figures each December and has the authority to make emergency changes on a case-by-case basis.

Based on testimony, discussion and correspondence received, the Committee made the following changes from Draft #19 when creating the Final Recommendation.

1A (Cutoff Ratio – NA) – The Committee received minimal written testimony and/or verbal testimony. The Committee continues to support the cutoff between the 2A and 1A classification being at 90. The Committee feels that raising the cutoff point higher would not be advantageous to the 1A nor the 2A classification.

2A (Cutoff Ratio – 2.28) – The Committee received no verbal testimony and limited written correspondence. No changes were recommended.

3A (Cutoff Ratio – 1.69) – The Committee heard verbal testimony to raise the bottom number of the 3A classification from the three smallest schools and move them to the 2A classification. The Committee had extensive conversation about these moves but concluded to not move the cutoff point because the 2A classification already has the highest ratio between cutoff points and adding schools to the third largest classification and shrinking the 3A would not be advantageous to the stability of the classification going into this next time block. The Committee did support the addition of a 6<sup>th</sup> league at the 3A level, as proposed by Dave Brown of Horizon Christian, as it had garnered support from the majority of affected schools. The move adjusts league placement for several schools and helps to address competitive balance within leagues.

4A (Cutoff Ratio – 1.90) – The Committee heard testimony from a number of 4A schools, particularly those who are at the bottom of the classification. The Committee understands the desires for those schools to be placed at the 3A level but concluded to not move the cutoff point any higher than currently proposed. The Committee concluded that there wasn't a distinct cutoff line to be drawn to move schools down a classification and it created issues for many league alignments. The Committee heard testimony about the size of leagues but decided that there wasn't a clear solution to the issue of an odd team league existing in the 4A structure.

5A (Ratio – 1.89) – The Committee heard testimony from several 5A schools, particularly those who are at the bottom of the classification. The Committee spent considerable time reviewing the proposal and requests from schools to be placed in a lower classification. The Committee felt that the current cutoff point (665) was a preferred number and would allow for the schools to both shrink from above and grow from below without the necessity for movement during the four-year time block. Moving the lower end cutoff point higher could create stability issues during the time block.

6A (Ratio – NA) – The Committee spent a considerable amount of time reviewing where to place the Bend schools in the 6A classification. The Committee reviewed potential placements with Southern Oregon/Eugene schools, Salem schools and East Portland schools. After lengthy conversation, the Committee reached consensus that the three Bend schools fit best within the Greater Valley Conference when reviewing the four criteria of placement. The Committee feels that a standalone three team Central Oregon league is not a viable option nor is separating those schools into different leagues (per OSAA policy). Though it has become evident that no current league is interested in adding the three Bend schools, the group believes that choosing the shortest of the three travel options makes the most sense when applying the criteria. The Committee also revised the bottom number of the 6A classification, raising it from 1200+ to 1260+. The Committee felt that this was a natural cutoff point and provided additional teams in the 5A classification while alleviating additional travel for Bend schools to the valley.

The Committee understands that not all of the moves made and placements of schools are going to be ideal for each individual school. The Committee's charge is to review placements for all member schools within the OSAA for the next four-year time block. The Committee recognizes that any decision regarding placement of a school has the potential to substantially impact a school and its community. Placement of schools within classifications and league are interrelated. In some cases travel increases for some while decreases for others. There is simply no scenario that exists to positively impact every school. The Committee continued to refine their recommendation in an attempt to follow the criteria while providing stability for the upcoming four-year time block.

It should be understood that the release of the Committee's Final Recommendation is not the final step in the public process. Member schools and the public will also have the opportunity to respond to the Committee's Final Recommendation to the Executive Board in writing prior to and/or in person at the public meeting at which the Board will take action on the Final Recommendation. The Board will consider member school written input and public testimony prior to acting on the Committee's Final Recommendation, and the Delegate Assembly will subsequently meet to adopt cutoff points and league quantities for the new time block.

The Final Recommendation of the Classification and Districting Committee will be considered by the OSAA Executive Board and Delegate Assembly on October 16, 2017 at the Holiday Inn, Wilsonville. The Executive Board meeting will convene at 9am, with the Delegate Assembly meeting to follow at 1pm.

**Written suggestions and proposals on these issues, as well as other classification related subjects should be mailed or emailed to the OSAA ([bradg@osaa.org](mailto:bradg@osaa.org))** Any communication received by the OSAA will be shared with all Executive Board members for review and discussion.

The Committee appreciates your support and participation in the process. Please do not hesitate to contact Kyle Stanfield ([kyles@osaa.org](mailto:kyles@osaa.org)) or Brad Garrett ([bradg@osaa.org](mailto:bradg@osaa.org)) at the OSAA if you have any questions.

ATTACHMENTS:

Final Recommendation – 6 Classification Model

**2018-2022 Classification and Districting  
Final Recommendation: 6-Classification Model  
(includes Adjusted 2016-17 ADM)**

<b>6A</b>	<b>(53)</b>	<b>5A</b>	<b>(33)</b>	<b>4A</b>	<b>(33)</b>
<b>1260+</b>		<b>1259-665</b>		<b>664-350</b>	
<b>6A-1 - Portland Interscholastic</b>	<b>(9)</b>	<b>5A-1 - Northwest Oregon Conference</b>	<b>(8)</b>	<b>4A-1 - Cowapa League</b>	<b>(5)</b>
Benson Techmen*	831	La Salle Prep Falcons	697	Astoria Fishermen	525
Cleveland Warriors	1463	Hillsboro Spartans	1138	Banks Braves	368
Franklin Quakers	1369	Milwaukie / Arts Academy Mustangs	1182	Seaside Seagulls	377
Grant Generals	1407	Parkrose Broncos	778	Tillamook Cheesemakers	513
Jefferson Democrats*	482	Putnam Kingsmen	1015	Valley Catholic Valiants	382
Lincoln Cardinals	1648	Scappoose Indians	730	<b>4A-2 - Tri-Valley Conference</b>	<b>(6)</b>
Madison Senators*	862	St. Helens Lions	861	Corbett Cardinals	394
Roosevelt Roughriders*	690	Wilsonville Wildcats	1063	Estacada Rangers	452
Wilson Trojans	1325			Gladstone Gladiators	607
<b>6A-2 - Metro League</b>	<b>(7)</b>	<b>5A-2 - Midwestern League</b>	<b>(9)</b>	Madras White Buffaloes	490
Aloha Warriors	1748	Ashland Grizzlies	936	Molalla Indians	651
Beaverton Beavers	1635	Churchill Lancers	1000	North Marion Huskies	486
Jesuit Crusaders	1290	Crater Comets	1125	<b>4A-3 - Oregon West Conference</b>	<b>(6)</b>
Mountainside Mavericks	NEW	Eagle Point Eagles	903	Newport Cubs	515
Southridge Skyhawks	1595	North Bend Bulldogs	702	Philomath Warriors	416
Sunset Apollos	2213	North Eugene Highlanders	744	Sisters Outlaws	371
Westview Wildcats	2552	Springfield Millers	1107	Stayton Eagles	577
<b>6A-3 - Pacific Conference</b>	<b>(7)</b>	Thurston Colts	1143	Sweet Home Huskies	610
Century Jaguars	1433	Willamette Wolverines	1237	Woodburn Bulldogs**	1105
Forest Grove Vikings	1623	<b>5A-3 - Mid-Willamette Conference</b>	<b>(10)</b>	<b>4A-4 - Sky Em League</b>	<b>(6)</b>
Glencoe Crimson Tide	1407	Cascade Cougars	687	Cottage Grove Lions	635
Liberty Falcons	1359	Central Panthers	837	Elmira Falcons	370
McMinnville Grizzlies	1771	Corvallis Spartans	1079	Junction City Tigers	476
Newberg Tigers	1488	Crescent Valley Raiders	921	Marist Catholic Spartans	521
Sherwood Bowmen	1597	Dallas Dragons	820	Marshfield Pirates	650
<b>6A-4 - Mt. Hood Conference</b>	<b>(8)</b>	Lebanon Warriors	1137	Siuslaw Vikings	376
Barlow Bruins	1510	North Salem Vikings**	1389	<b>4A-5 - Skyline Conference</b>	<b>(6)</b>
Centennial Eagles	1449	Silverton Foxes	1158	Henley Hornets	599
Central Catholic Rams*	894	South Albany Rebels	1185	Hidden Valley Mustangs	501
Clackamas Cavaliers	2300	West Albany Bulldogs	1253	Klamath Union Pelicans	515
David Douglas Scots	2495	<b>5A-4 - Intermountain Conference</b>	<b>(6)</b>	Mazama Vikings	572
Gresham Gophers	1292	Crook County Cowboys	693	North Valley Knights	458
Reynolds Raiders	2183	Hood River Valley Eagles	1192	Phoenix Pirates	602
Sandy Pioneers	1281	Pendleton Buckaroos	721	<b>4A-6 - Greater Oregon League</b>	<b>(4)</b>
<b>6A-5 - Three Rivers League</b>	<b>(8)</b>	Redmond Panthers	844	Baker Bulldogs	408
Canby Cougars	1314	Ridgeview Ravens	793	La Grande Tigers	626
Lake Oswego Lakers	1301	The Dalles Riverhawks	729	McLoughlin Pioneers	422
Lakeridge Pacers*	1092			Ontario Tigers	544
Oregon City Pioneers	1918				
St. Mary's Academy Blues	1446				
Tigard Tigers	1813				
Tualatin Timberwolves	1774				
West Linn Lions	1751				
<b>6A-6 - Greater Valley Conference</b>	<b>(8)</b>				
Bend Lava Bears	1558				
McKay Scots	1876				
McNary Celtics	1713				
Mountain View Cougars	1282				
South Salem Saxons	1637				
Sprague Olympians	1529				
Summit Storm	1428				
West Salem Titans	1570				
<b>6A-7 - Southwest Conference</b>	<b>(6)</b>				
Grants Pass Cavemen	1450				
North Medford Black Tornado	1442				
Roseburg Indians	1352				
Sheldon Irish	1365				
South Eugene Axemen	1371				
South Medford Panthers	1495				

<b>KEY</b>	
Denotes approved play up request	*
Denotes approved petition to play down	**
Denotes geographical exception	***

**2018-2022 Classification and Districting  
Final Recommendation: 6-Classification Model  
(includes Adjusted 2016-17 ADM)**

<b>3A</b> (36)	<b>2A</b> (48)	<b>1A</b> (85)	<b>1A (cont.)</b> (89-)
349-206	205-90	89-	89-
<b>3A-1 - Lewis &amp; Clark League (7)</b>	<b>2A-1 - Northwest League (10)</b>	<b>1A-1 - The Valley 10 League (11)</b>	<b>1A-5 - Mountain Valley League (11)</b>
Catlin Gabel Eagles 307	City Christian Lions 147	Country Christian Cougars 51	Cascades Academy Steelhead 35
De La Salle North Catholic Knights 318	Columbia Christian Knights 119	Damascus Christian Eagles 65	Central Christian Tigers 62
Horizon Christian Hawks (TUAL)* 135	Faith Bible Falcons 135	Grand View Christian Eagles 56	Chiloquin Panthers 68
Oregon Episcopal Aardvarks 313	Gaston Greyhounds 177	Life Christian Lions 53	Gilchrist Grizzlies 45
Portland Adventist Cougars 263	Knappa Loggers 137	North Clackamas Christian Saints 66	Hosanna Christian Lions 78
Riverdale Mavericks 269	Neah-Kah-Nie Pirates 202	Open Door Christian Huskies 54	North Lake Cowboys 66
Westside Christian Eagles 234	Nestucca Bobcats 133	Portland Waldorf Wolfpack 79	Paisley Broncos 31
	Open School East Goats 90	Southwest Christian Wildcats 56	Prospect Cougars 48
<b>3A-2 - West Valley League (6)</b>	Portland Christian Royals 175	St. Stephens Academy 42	Rogue Valley Adventist Red Tail Hawks 32
Amity Warriors 233	Vernonia Loggers 161	Trinity Academy Thunder 28	Triad Timber Wolves 61
Blanchet Catholic Cavaliers 208		Valor Christian Knights 29	Trinity Lutheran Saints 58
Dayton Pirates 269	<b>2A-2 - Central Valley League (9)</b>		
Salem Academy Crusaders 239	Chemawa Braves** 236	<b>1A-2 - Casco League (10)</b>	<b>1A-6 - Big Sky League (11)</b>
Scio Loggers 250	Colton Vikings 180	C.S. Lewis Watchmen 31	Arlington Honkers 47
Yamhill-Carlton Tigers 278	Culver Bulldogs 175	Crosshill Christian Eagles 79	Condon Blue Devils 36
	Delphian School Dragons 153	Falls City Mountaineers 53	Dufur Rangers 84
<b>3A-3 - Coastal Range League (5)</b>	Gervais Cougars** 237	Jewell Bluejays 39	Echo Cougars 77
Clatskanie Tigers 207	Kennedy Trojans 162	Livingstone Adventist Academy Lions 61	Horizon Christian Hawks (HR) 70
Rainier Columbians 271	Santiam Wolverines 138	Oregon School f/t Deaf Panthers 51	Ione Cardinals 65
Taft Tigers 330	Sheridan Spartans 204	Perrydale Pirates 84	Mitchell Loggers 27
Warrenton Warriors 225	Western Mennonite Pioneers 125	St. Paul Buckaroos 85	Sherman Huskies 74
Willamina Bulldogs 225		Veritas School Vanguard 49	South Wasco County Redsides 62
	<b>2A-3 - Tri-River Conference (8)</b>	Willamette Valley Christian Warriors 55	Spray Eagles 19
<b>3A-4 - Mountain Valley Conference (5)</b>	Central Linn Cobras 173		Wheeler Falcons 14
Creswell Bulldogs 340	East Linn Christian Eagles 134	<b>1A-3 - Mountain West League (9)</b>	
Harrisburg Eagles 266	Jefferson Lions** 242	Aisea Wolverines 42	<b>1A-7 - Old Oregon League (9)</b>
La Pine Hawks 334	Lowell Devils 94	Crow Cougars 85	Cove Leopards 79
Pleasant Hill Billies 316	Monroe Dragons 115	Eddyville Charter Eagles 48	Elgin Huskies 84
Santiam Christian Eagles 221	Oakland Oakers 174	Mapleton Sailors 36	Griswold Grizzlies 55
	Oakridge Warriors 127	McKenzie Eagles 46	Imbler Panthers 87
<b>3A-5 - Umpqua River Conference (7)</b>	Regis Rams 132	Mohawk Indians 60	Joseph Eagles 65
Brookings-Harbor Bruins*** 445		Oak Hill School Falcons 57	Nixyaawii Eagles 47
Cascade Christian Challengers 257	<b>2A-4 - Sunset Conference (7)</b>	Siletz Valley Warriors 66	Pine Eagle Spartans 47
Douglas Trojans 335	Bandon Tigers 189	Triangle Lake Lakers 62	Powder Valley Badgers 73
Rogue River Chieftains 213	Coquille Red Devils 192		Wallowa Cougars 51
South Umpqua Lancers 331	Gold Beach Panthers 145	<b>1A-4 - Skyline League (12)</b>	
St. Mary's Crusaders 311	Myrtle Point Bobcats 143	Camas Valley Hornets 56	<b>1A-8 - High Desert League (12)</b>
Sutherlin Bulldogs 325	Reedsport Brave 181	Days Creek Wolves 71	Adrian Antelopes 77
	Toledo Boomers 137	Elkton Elks 77	Burnt River Bulls 23
<b>3A-6 - Eastern Oregon League (6)</b>	Waldport Irish 132	Glendale Pirates 77	Crane Mustangs 57
Burns Hilanders 238		Melrose Christian 17	Dayville Tigers 14
Irrigon Knights 219	<b>2A-5 - Mountain View Conference (7)</b>	New Hope Christian Warriors 71	Four Rivers Charter Falcons 47
Nyssa Bulldogs 257	Bonanza Antlers 120	North Douglas Warriors 82	Harper Hornets 32
Riverside Pirates 223	Butte Falls/Crater Lake Charter 144	Pacific Pirates 58	Huntington Locomotives 24
Umatilla Vikings 317	Canyonville Christian Pilots 130	Powers Cruisers 38	Jordan Valley Mustangs 31
Vale Vikings 240	Glide Wildcats 184	Riddle Irish 85	Long Creek Mountaineers 13
	Illinois Valley Cougars** 253	Umpqua Valley Christian Monarchs 65	Monument Tigers 18
	Lakeview Honkers 202	Yoncalla Eagles 72	Prairie City Panthers 42
	Lost River Raiders 114		Ukiah Cougars 13
	<b>2A-6 - Wapiti League (7)</b>		
	Enterprise Outlaws 127		
	Grant Union Prospectors 154		
	Heppner Mustangs 93		
	Pilot Rock Rockets 92		
	Stanfield Tigers 126		
	Union Bobcats 100		
	Weston-McEwen Tiger Scots 167		
<b>Teams with no League Affiliation</b>			
Logos Christian 46			
Sheridan Japanese 27			
Milo Adventist Mustangs 81			