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TO: Superintendents, Principals and Athletic Directors

FROM: Peter Weber, Assistant Executive Director  
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SUBJECT: Update on the Proceedings of the Classification and Districting Committee

The Classification and Districting Committee for the 2014-2018 four-year time block met at the OSAA office in Wilsonville on September 23, 2013 to receive testimony and review written communication thus far received.

The audience initially received a review of the Classification and Districting timeline and charge from Executive Director Tom Welter, including an overview of the Portland Public Schools' request for their nine schools to all play at the 6A classification. Assistant Executive Director Peter Weber explained the new adjusted ADM figures and how they were collected. The Committee then received testimony by 33 different people representing 26 member schools.

Following public testimony, the Committee adjourned to a closed work session to review and discuss the testimony and continue reviewing the more than 75 pieces of written correspondence it had received since the last meeting in May.

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

**Number of Classifications:** Committee members once again discussed the concept of five classifications vs. six classifications. After a spirited discussion, the Committee believes, as they have throughout most of the process, that the majority of the membership favors a six classification approach. Therefore, they have maintained consensus to recommend a six classification system.

**Petitions to Play Down:** Committee members have received Petition to Play Down requests from three member schools. Petitions from La Pine (4A-3A) and Taft (4A-3A) have been granted as each school meets all four criteria in the policy revised last Spring by the Delegate Assembly. A petition from Riverside (3A-2A) was denied by the Executive Board this summer, and again in September, as the school only met three of the four criteria.

**Schools Playing Above Assigned Classification:** The Committee was formally notified of the Portland Public Schools' request for their nine schools to all play at the 6A classification, including six schools with adjusted ADMs under the 6A threshold.

**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 figures 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 when creating Draft #9:

**1A:** The Committee continues to support a 1A/2A cutoff of 90. As expected, several schools on the bubble fell below that cutoff point with the new adjusted ADM figures which necessitated changes to the makeup of



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some 1A leagues, especially the Skyline League. The Committee also made changes to the Big Sky, Old Oregon and High Desert leagues in an attempt to better balance the numbers in these three leagues. Additionally, Livingstone Adventist Academy was added to the Casco League.

**2A:** The Committee placed schools moving down from 3A (Burns) and up from 1A (City Christian) based on the new adjusted ADM figures. With the drop of four schools down to 1A, the Committee removed the Southeast Oregon Conference and shuffled the remaining schools together in an updated Mountain View Conference. Committee members believe that creative scheduling, perhaps using north/south divisions, may be able to help address travel concerns in this league.

**3A:** With Burns dropping down to 2A, the Committee kept four teams in the Eastern Oregon League. Committee members discussed having Lakeview and Coquille in the same league and the difficult travel created when those two schools compete against each other. The Committee continues to examine options to mitigate this situation and is aware that a large group of 3A schools plan to get together to discuss possible options throughout the classification prior to the next Committee meeting.

**4A:** The addition of St. Mary's (Medford) based on adjusted ADM figures makes seven schools in the Skyline Conference. Also, Corbett notified the Committee that they will be 4A and, by placing them in the Tri-Valley Conference, the Committee was able to honor a request from North Marion to move to the Oregon West Conference. Committee members dropped the 4A/5A cutoff point to 689/690 in order to create a better ratio from top to bottom at the 4A classification.

**5A:** The request from Portland Public Schools means a net loss of six schools at the 5A classification. Committee members spent time discussing the viability of 32 schools in this classification and believe it is viable. The Committee also granted Summit a geographic exception. Committee members had considerable discussion around the Columbia River Conference and the Intermountain Conference being put together. With the other 5A leagues at 7 or 8 schools each, it was discussed that these two leagues would most likely need to work together for scheduling throughout the year. The Committee knew that a proposal putting the two leagues together may not be looked at favorably by all schools involved. They also know that having the two leagues separate is still an option they could opt for in the final recommendation depending on the input received. Committee members didn't want to possibly make a change such as this after the final meeting on October 7 when the time for public input to the Committee has passed.

**6A:** Committee members spent considerable time discussing league alignments at the 6A classification. The Committee continues to support separating out the three Portland-area private schools into different leagues. Committee members are in favor of having an eight team league between Eugene and Southern Oregon and moved the cutoff point from 1260 to 1258 in order to keep that intact. The Portland Public Schools' request has presented an opportunity to address a desire by many 6A leagues to be larger. The changes to league structures mirror a proposal presented by metro-area Athletic Directors that has considerable support. Committee members understand that not all schools and/or leagues will be in favor of these changes but believe that a significant majority want to move in this direction.

The Committee is seeking feedback from member schools and encourages your participation in this process.

**Written suggestions and proposals on any classification related subjects should be mailed or emailed to the OSAA ([kyles@osaa.org](mailto:kyles@osaa.org))** Proposals should use adjusted ADM figures. Any communication received by the OSAA will be shared with all committee members for review and discussion.

**The next public meeting of the Classification and Districting Committee will be at 9am on Monday, October 7, 2013, at the OSAA office in Wilsonville.** The general format for the meeting will be for the committee to receive



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public testimony followed by a closed work session. Following this meeting, the Committee will make its final recommendations to the OSAA Executive Board and Delegate Assembly for action on October 28, 2013.

A full list of meeting dates, Committee Roster, Charge to the Committee, previous Updates and submitted proposals are available at the OSAA website: <http://www.osaa.org/governance/committees>.

**Future Classification and Districting Committee Meeting Dates**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
<b>Monday, October 7, 2013</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>OSAA Office, Wilsonville</b>

Please contact Peter Weber ([peterw@osaa.org](mailto:peterw@osaa.org)) or Kyle Stanfield ([kyles@osaa.org](mailto:kyles@osaa.org)) at the OSAA if you have any questions.

**OSAA CLASSIFICATION AND DISTRICTING COMMITTEE**  
**Draft #9 - 6 Classifications**

<b>6A</b> (51)	<b>5A</b> (32)	<b>4A</b> (42)
<b>1258+</b>	<b>1257-690</b>	<b>689-325</b>
<b>6A-1 - PIL (9)</b>	<b>5A-1 - Northwest Oregon Conference (8)</b>	<b>4A-1 - Cowapa League (6)</b>
*Benson Techmen 713	Hillsboro Spartans 1185	Astoria Fishermen 508
Cleveland Warriors 1384	Liberty Falcons 1255	Banks Braves 372
*Franklin Quakers 1234	Milwaukie Mustangs 886	Scappoose Indians 650
Grant Generals 1432	Parkrose Broncos 801	Seaside Seagulls 398
*Jefferson Democrats 351	Putnam Kingsmen 1090	Tillamook Cheesemakers 609
Lincoln Cardinals 1454	Sandy Pioneers 1173	Valley Catholic Valiants 330
*Madison Senators 892	St. Helens Lions 890	
*Roosevelt Roughriders 664	Wilsonville Wildcats 1029	
*Wilson Trojans 1145		
<b>6A-2 - Metro League (8)</b>	<b>5A-2 - Mid-Willamette Conference (8)</b>	<b>4A-2 - Tri-Valley Conference (7)</b>
Aloha Warriors 1818	Central Panthers 757	Corbett / Corbett Charter Cardinals 373
Beaverton Beavers 1516	Corvallis Spartans 1047	Crook County Cowboys 656
Century Jaguars 1476	Crescent Valley Raiders 890	Estacada Rangers 519
Glencoe Crimson Tide 1463	Dallas Dragons 903	Gladstone Gladiators 620
Jesuit Crusaders 1265	Lebanon Warriors 951	La Salle Prep Falcons 676
Southridge Skyhawks 1683	Silverton Foxes 1062	Madras White Buffaloes 598
Sunset Apollos 1912	South Albany Rebels 1122	Molalla Indians 672
Westview Wildcats 2350	Woodburn Bulldogs 1185	
<b>6A-3 - Mt. Hood Conference (8)</b>	<b>5A-3 - Midwestern League (7)</b>	<b>4A-3 - Far West League (6)</b>
Barlow Bruins 1530	Ashland Grizzlies 865	Brookings-Harbor Bruins 462
Centennial Eagles 1438	Churchill Lancers 932	Douglas Trojans 364
*Central Catholic Rams 874	Crater Comets 1148	Marshfield Pirates 635
Clackamas Cavaliers 2144	Eagle Point Eagles 1006	North Bend/OR Coast Tech Bulldogs 564
David Douglas Scots 2533	*Marist Spartans 527	Siuslaw Vikings 374
Gresham Gophers 1469	North Eugene Highlanders 862	South Umpqua Lancers 359
Oregon City Pioneers 1957	Springfield Millers 1082	
Reynolds Raiders 2104		
<b>6A-4 - Three Rivers League (9)</b>	<b>5A-4 - Intermountain Conference (9)</b>	<b>4A-4 - Oregon West Conference (6)</b>
Canby Cougars 1391	**Bend Lava Bears 1397	Cascade Cougars 633
*Lake Oswego Lakers 1222	Hermiston Bulldogs 1143	Newport Cubs 475
*Lakeridge Pacers 1057	Hood River Valley Eagles 1059	North Marion Huskies 503
Newberg Tigers 1400	Mountain View Cougars 1182	Philomath Warriors 478
Sherwood Bowmen 1419	Pendleton Buckaroos 793	Stayton Eagles 632
St. Mary's Academy Blues 1260	Redmond Panthers 718	Yamhill-Carlton Tigers 344
Tigard Tigers 1705	Ridgeview Ravens 754	
Tualatin Timberwolves 1628	**Summit Storm 1281	
West Linn Lions 1487	The Dalles EagleIndians 755	
<b>6A-5 - Central Valley Conference (9)</b>		<b>4A-5 - Sky-Em League (6)</b>
Forest Grove Vikings 1576		Cottage Grove Lions 666
McKay Scots 1482		Elmira Falcons 386
McMinnville Grizzlies 1666		Junction City Tigers 467
McNary Celtics 1702		Sisters Outlaws 436
North Salem Vikings 1406		Sutherlin Bulldogs 362
South Salem Saxons 1632		Sweet Home Huskies 606
Sprague Olympians 1506		
West Albany Bulldogs 1261		
West Salem Titans 1514		
<b>6A-6 - Southern Oregon Conference (8)</b>		<b>4A-6 - Skyline Conference (7)</b>
Grants Pass Cavemen 1524		Henley Hornets 569
North Medford Black Tornado 1454		Hidden Valley Mustangs 609
Roseburg Indians 1576		Klamath Union Pelicans 576
Sheldon Irish 1340		Mazama Vikings 517
South Eugene Axemen 1258		North Valley Knights 465
South Medford Panthers 1522		Phoenix Pirates 618
Thurston Colts 1262		St. Mary's Crusaders 330
Willamette Wolverines 1318		
		<b>4A-7 - Greater Oregon League (4)</b>
		Baker Bulldogs 472
		La Grande Tigers 515
		McLoughlin Pioneers 412
		Ontario Tigers 578

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3A (38)	2A (44)	1A (80)	1A (cont.) (89-)
<b>324-191</b>	<b>190-90</b>	<b>89-</b>	<b>89-</b>
<b>3A-1 - Lewis &amp; Clark League (9)</b>	<b>2A-1 - Northwest League (8)</b>	<b>1A-1 - The Valley 10 League (10)</b>	<b>1A-5 - Mountain Valley League (10)</b>
Catlin Gabel Eagles 308	City Christian Lions 123	Columbia Christian Knights 68	Butte Falls Loggers 57
Clatskanie Tigers 205	Delphian School Dragons 182	Columbia County Christian Eagles 10	Central Christian Tigers 57
De La Salle North Catholic Knights 315	Faith Bible Falcons 121	Damascus Christian Eagles 86	Chiloquin Panthers 81
Oregon Episcopal Aardvarks 311	Gaston Greyhounds 139	Life Christian Lions 55	Gilchrist Grizzlies 52
Portland Adventist Cougars 221	Knappa Loggers 115	North Clackamas Christian Saints 58	Hosanna Christian Lions 60
Portland Christian Royals 194	Neah-Kah-Nie Pirates 156	Open Door Christian Huskies 59	North Lake Cowboys 57
Rainier Columbians 262	Nestucca Bobcats 138	Portland Lutheran Bluejays 80	Paisley Broncos 37
Riverdale Mavericks 243	Vernonia Loggers 170	Portland Waldorf School 83	Prospect Cougars 74
Warrenton Warriors 211		Southwest Christian Wildcats 81	Triad Timber Wolves 65
		St. Stephens Academy 17	Trinity Lutheran Saints 59
<b>3A-2 - West Valley League (9)</b>	<b>2A-2 - Tri-River Conference (8)</b>	<b>1A-2 - Casco League (12)</b>	<b>1A-6 - Big Sky League (10)</b>
Amity Warriors 248	Central Linn Cobras 172	C.S. Lewis Watchmen 67	Arlington Honkers 32
Colton Vikings 209	East Linn Christian Eagles 121	Country Christian Cougars 67	Condon Blue Devils 37
Dayton Pirates 256	Kennedy Trojans 170	Crosshill Christian Eagles 40	Dufur Rangers 75
Gervais Cougars 261	Perrydale Pirates 93	Falls City Mountaineers 31	Horizon Christian Hawks (HR) 65
*Horizon Christian Hawks (TUAL) 141	Regis Rams 151	Jewell Bluejays 46	Ione Cardinals 51
Sheridan / Sher. Japanese Spartans 234	Santiam Wolverines 115	Kings Valley Charter 35	Mitchell Loggers 28
***Taft Tigers 365	St. Paul Buckaroos 94	Livingstone Adventist Academy 54	Sherman Huskies 66
Westside Christian Eagles 212	Western Mennonite Pioneers 140	Mid-Valley Christian Navigators 14	South Wasco County Redsides 61
Willamina Bulldogs 199		Oregon School f/t Deaf Panthers 62	Spray Eagles 14
<b>3A-3 - PacWest Conference (10)</b>	<b>2A-3 - Mountain View Conference (9)</b>	St. John Bosco Knights 27	Wheeler Falcons 32
Blanchet Catholic Cavaliers 248	Bonanza Antlers 106	Veritas School Vanguard 80	
Chemawa Braves 310	Canyonville Christian Pilots 124	Willamette Valley Christian Warriors 36	<b>1A-7 - Old Oregon League (7)</b>
Creswell Bulldogs 300	Crow Cougars 92		Echo Cougars 70
Harrisburg Eagles 244	Lost River Raiders 123	<b>1A-3 - Mountain West League (9)</b>	Griswold Grizzlies 36
Jefferson Lions 249	Milo Adventist Mustangs 94	Alsea Wolverines 26	Joseph Eagles 59
***La Pine Hawks 381	Monroe Dragons 115	Eddyville Charter Eagles 51	Nixyaawii Eagles 39
Pleasant Hill Billies 264	Oakland Oakers 161	Lowell Devils 62	Pine Eagle Spartans 68
Salem Academy Crusaders 236	Oakridge Warriors 111	Mapleton Sailors 44	Powder Valley Badgers 60
Santiam Christian Eagles 257	Riddle/Riddle Ed Ctr Irish 115	McKenzie Eagles 58	Wallowa Cougars 51
Scio Loggers 241		Mohawk Indians 49	
<b>3A-4 - Eastern Oregon League (4)</b>	<b>2A-4 - Sunset Conference (6)</b>	<b>1A-4 - Skyline League (11)</b>	<b>1A-8 - High Desert League (11)</b>
Nyssa Bulldogs 261	**Bandon Tigers 203	Camas Valley Hornets 51	Adrian Antelopes 56
Riverside Pirates 202	Gold Beach Panthers 148	Elkton Elks 77	Burnt River Bulls 15
Umatilla Vikings 311	Myrtle Point Bobcats 169	Glendale Pirates 79	Crane Mustangs 63
Vale Vikings 212	Reedsport Braves 149	Days Creek Wolves 85	Jordan Valley Mustangs 25
	Toledo Boomers 173	New Hope Christian Warriors 83	Long Creek Mountaineers 13
	Waldport Irish 170	North Douglas Warriors 89	Monument Tigers 13
<b>3A-5 - Southern Cascade League (6)</b>	<b>2A-5 - Rolling Plains League (6)</b>	Pacific Pirates 82	Prairie City Panthers 40
Cascade Christian Challengers 273	Culver Bulldogs 179	Powers Cruisers 38	Ukiah Cougars 31
Coquille Red Devils 235	Heppner Mustangs 107	Rogue Valley Adventist Red Tail Hawks 42	
Glide Wildcats 196	Irrigon Knights 177	Umpqua Valley Christian Monarchs 81	
Illinois Valley Cougars 275	Pilot Rock Rockets 134	Yoncalla Eagles 81	
Lakeview Honkers 200	Stanfield Tigers 101		
Rogue River Chieftains 224	Weston-McEwen Tiger Scots 148		
	<b>2A-6 - Blue Mountain Conference (7)</b>		
	Burns Hilanders 181		
	Cove Leopards 90		
	Elgin Huskies 117		
	Enterprise Outlaws 107		
	Grant Union Prospectors 181		
	Imbler Panthers 94		
	Union Bobcats 100		
<b>Full Member Charter Schools</b>	<b>Full Member School with No Assigned District</b>		
Milwaukie Arts Academy 228	Logos School 19		

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