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TO: Superintendents, Principals and Athletic Directors
FROM: Mike Wallmark, Associate Executive Director
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SUBJECT: Update on the Proceedings of the Classification and Districting Committee

The Classification and Districting Committee for the 2010-2014 four-year time block met in the Shriners Auditorium across the street from the OSAA office in Wilsonville on February 23, 2009, to receive testimony and review written communication thus far received.

Following a welcome from OSAA Executive Director Tom Welter, the Committee members were introduced by Chairperson John Harrington, and the audience received a review of the Classification and Districting Timeline and Process from Associate Executive Director Mike Wallmark and Assistant Executive Director Peter Weber.

In addition to Committee members, there were approximately 100 other attendees at the public meeting. The Committee received testimony for approximately three hours from twenty-eight school, league, classification and other representatives. The Committee then adjourned to a closed work session in the OSAA office to review and discuss the testimony and written correspondence received.

The Committee concluded the following:

1. **PUBLIC/PRIVATE COMPETITIVENESS.** Because other decisions the Committee was facing would be significantly impacted by the resolution of the question of whether to apply a multiplier to the ADM numbers for schools for which there are no defined attendance boundaries such as private and charter schools, the Committee chose to discuss that issue first.

The Committee engaged in an extensive discussion on the issue, including a review of potential multipliers, and a discussion of a possible automatic classification elevation (with the possibility of review for lower placement). Possible league alignments if ADM adjustments were made were also examined and discussed.

Committee members in support of adjusted ADM numbers expressed concern about the high level of competitive success of many schools without attendance boundaries. Committee members in opposition to adjusted numbers viewed the issue as being limited to a relatively select group of schools in certain activities, and questioned the justification for a proposal that would treat all non-boundary schools in all activities in the same way. Opponents also maintained that, even if an exceptionally high multiplier were to be applied, some of the schools that have generated the most concern would not be impacted in terms of classification placement.

Following discussion, the Committee reached majority, but not unanimous, agreement to oppose the implementation of a multiplier or other classification adjustment for member schools for which there are no defined boundaries.

2. **SES ADJUSTMENT.** The other issue potentially impacting other Committee decisions was resolution of the question of whether to apply an adjustment to ADM based upon low socio-economic status (SES) for many students at a particular school.

Again, an extensive discussion was held during which potential SES adjustment numbers were reviewed, and resultant potential classification placements were examined.



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Some Committee members expressed concern about implementing a blanket approach to an inconsistent problem, and a concern that the proposed solution of adjusting ADM based upon free and reduced lunch computations would not impact the classification placement of some of the schools facing the biggest problems. The Committee reached consensus to oppose adjusting member school ADM based upon SES statistics.

As an alternative approach to the issue, the Committee agreed to recommend that the OSAA Executive Board allow the submission of and consideration of information in addition to school ADM such as SES, participation numbers, competitive record and league support by a school petitioning for a change to a lower classification.

3. SIX CLASSIFICATION v. FIVE CLASSIFICATION APPROACH. The Committee next engaged in a discussion of the relative merits of a five classification approach as compared to the current six classification format.

Committee members recognized that proponents of a five classification approach generally support the concept because it allows for more convenient creation of larger leagues in some parts of the state, and also helps to address travel concerns in certain regions of the state.

Committee members were in agreement, however, that league size adjustments may be implemented under a six classification approach. Committee members were in further agreement that travel considerations may be addressed under a six-classification hybrid approach without abandoning the statewide competitive equity that has made the six classification approach so popular among the vast majority of OSAA member schools.

The Committee members agreed to focus on the creation of a viable six classification approach for ultimate recommendation to the OSAA Executive Board.

4. HYBRID v. TRADITIONAL LEAGUE ALIGNMENTS. Especially given the current financial issues facing schools, several Committee members expressed concern about creating leagues that might result in excessive travel for member schools. In addition to financial impacts on school districts, students, parents and other spectators, Committee members also expressed concern that excessive travel might result in additional loss of student instructional time. Committee members are also recognize that, depending upon the weather, excessive travel may also have safety implications for student participants, parents, spectators, and school and other personnel. Committee members agreed, however, that the geography of our state necessitates significant travel for some schools no matter what proposal the Committee ultimately supports.

Committee members were in agreement that the hybrid approach for some areas of the state appears to be a better way to address travel issues than traditional alignments in which all leagues are limited to schools of the same classification only.

Therefore, Committee members agreed that the traditional six classification approach previously shared with schools should not be included as an option in the current update.

5. REVISIONS TO THE SIX CLASSIFICATION HYBRID PROPOSAL. Following review of written communication and public testimony received, the Committee agreed to a number of significant revisions in the six classification hybrid proposal and instructed staff to release the attached revised proposal as Classification Committee Proposal #5.



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As with previous proposals, the Committee continued to evaluate potential revisions based first upon whether those revisions were consistent with the four criteria consideration of which is required by OSAA Article 9.1 and OAR 581-021-0032:

- Safety of student participants and spectators, parents and other spectators, and school and other personnel;
- Minimizing loss of instructional time;
- Minimizing the expenditure of school district and student and parent participant funds;
- School enrollment data.

The Committee instructed staff to update the list of all proposals submitted to the Committee thus far on the OSAA website for review by any interested party. Proposals are posted at the following link:

<http://osaa.org/governance/committees/classification/proposals.asp>

Written suggestions and proposals on these issues, as well as other classification related subjects should be mailed or emailed to the OSAA (peterw@osaa.org). Any communication received by the OSAA will be shared with all committee members for review and discussion. As indicated above, any alignment proposals will be posted on the OSAA website. And, of course, public testimony will also be welcome at the next Committee meeting.

The next public meeting of the Classification and Districting Committee will be at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, April 6, 2009, following the morning Delegate Assembly Meeting at the Doubletress-Lloyd Center, Portland. The general format for the meeting will be for the committee to receive public testimony first, followed by a closed work session.

The Committee will meet throughout this school year and will make its final recommendations to the OSAA Executive Board at the October, 2009, Special Classification and Districting Meeting.

A full list of meeting dates, Committee Roster, Charge to the Committee and previous Updates are available at the OSAA website: www.osaa.org.

ATTACHMENTS:

Proposal #5: Draft Proposal of Revised Six Classification Alignment with Adjusted Cut-Off Points and Hybrid Leagues

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DRAFT Proposal #5
6-Classification Hybrid
ADJUSTED CUTOFF POINTS

A hybrid approach identifies geographic regions where placing schools into leagues is more difficult because there may not be enough schools in a specific classification in that region. The hybrid approach assigns schools across classifications to the same league. Schools within the league would be charged with creating their own regular-season schedules, including which schools would compete against each other on an activity-by-activity basis. As happens now, determination of which teams advance to postseason play would be made at the league level. During the postseason, advancing schools would compete against schools from their respective classifications. The question of how many playoff spots each hybrid league would receive would be determined by the state championship committee as it does for all leagues. No school would receive an automatic playoff spot. Schools from hybrid leagues may be assigned to a neighboring league at their classification for playoff allocations. Playoff spots would be determined proportionally to the total number of schools in the combined league.

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| 6A | (43) |
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| 6A-1 - Metro League | (6) |
| Aloha Warriors | 1966 |
| Beaverton Beavers | 1932 |
| *Jesuit Crusaders | 1152 |
| Southridge Skyhawks | 1975 |
| Sunset Apollos | 1980 |
| Westview Wildcats | 2680 |

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| 6A-2 - Mt. Hood Conference | (7) |
| Barlow Bruins | 1800 |
| Centennial Eagles | 1762 |
| *Central Catholic Rams | 864 |
| David Douglas Scots | 2939 |
| Gresham Gophers | 1677 |
| Reynolds Raiders | 2657 |
| *St. Mary's Academy Blues | 1230 |

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| 6A-3 - Three Rivers League | (6) |
| Canby Cougars | 1595 |
| Clackamas Cavaliers | 2196 |
| *Lake Oswego Lakers | 1237 |
| *Lakeridge Pacers | 1079 |
| Oregon City Pioneers | 2127 |
| West Linn Lions | 1541 |

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| 6A-4 - Pacific Conference | (6) |
| Forest Grove Vikings | 1870 |
| Hillsboro Spartans | 1497 |
| McMinnville Grizzlies | 1681 |
| Newberg Tigers | 1575 |
| Tigard Tigers | 1897 |
| Tualatin Timberwolves | 1773 |

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| 6A-5 - Central Valley Conference | (6) |
| McKay Scots | 1767 |
| McNary Celtics | 1899 |
| North Salem Vikings | 1857 |
| South Salem Saxons | 1778 |
| Sprague Olympians | 1639 |
| West Salem Titans | 1538 |

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| 6A-5A-4A PIL Hybrid | (10) |
| Wilson Trojans (6A) | 1489 |
| Grant Generals (6A) | 1592 |
| Cleveland Warriors (6A) | 1490 |
| Benson Techmen (5A) | 1159 |
| Franklin Quakers (5A) | 1064 |
| Lincoln Cardinals (5A) | 1379 |
| Jefferson Democrats (4A) | 505 |
| Madison Senators (4A) | 809 |
| Marshall Minutemen (4A) | 727 |
| Roosevelt Roughriders (4A) | 684 |

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| 6A-5A Midwestern Hybrid | (8) |
| Sheldon Irish (6A) | 1617 |
| South Eugene Axemen (6A) | 1586 |
| Willamette Wolverines (5A) | 1472 |
| Thurston Colts (5A) | 1421 |
| Springfield Millers (5A) | 1389 |
| Churchill Lancers (5A) | 1152 |
| North Eugene Highlanders (5A) | 988 |
| *Marist Spartans (5A) | 507 |

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| 5A | (37) |
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| 5A-1 - East Metro League | (6) |
| Hood River Valley Eagles | 1186 |
| Milwaukie Mustangs | 1081 |
| Parkrose Broncos | 1023 |
| Putnam Kingsmen | 1349 |
| Sandy Pioneers | 1333 |
| The Dalles Wahtonka EagleIndians | 901 |

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| 5A-2 - Northwest Oregon Conference | (7) |
| Century Jaguars | 1471 |
| Glencoe Crimson Tide | 1438 |
| Liberty Falcons | 1288 |
| Molalla Indians | 858 |
| St. Helens Lions | 980 |
| Sherwood Bowmen | 1086 |
| Wilsonville Wildcats | 1009 |

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| 5A-3 - Mid-Willamette Conference | (8) |
| Corvallis Spartans | 1259 |
| Crescent Valley Raiders | 1003 |
| Dallas Dragons | 977 |
| Lebanon Warriors | 1228 |
| Silverton Foxes | 1178 |
| South Albany Rebels | 1267 |
| West Albany Bulldogs | 1393 |
| Woodburn Bulldogs | 1351 |

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| 6A-5A-4A Central Oregon Hybrid | (8) |
| Redmond Panthers (6A) | 1831 |
| Bend Lava Bears (6A) | 1525 |
| Mountain View Cougars (5A) | 1477 |
| Summit Storm (5A) | 1199 |
| Hermiston Bulldogs (5A) | 1347 |
| Pendleton Buckaroos (5A) | 897 |
| Crook County Cowboys (4A) | 842 |
| Madras White Buffaloes (4A) | 839 |

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| 6A-5A Southern Oregon Hybrid | (8) |
| Roseburg Indians (6A) | 1991 |
| South Medford Panthers (6A) | 1827 |
| North Medford Black Tornado (6A) | 1751 |
| Grants Pass Cavemen (6A) | 1729 |
| Crater Comets (6A) | 1486 |
| Eagle Point Eagles (5A) | 1162 |
| Marshfield Pirates (5A) | 1045 |
| Ashland Grizzlies (5A) | 1019 |

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| 4A | (44) |
| 854-410 | |

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| 4A-1 - Cowapa League | (8) |
| Astoria Fishermen | 655 |
| *Banks Braves | 404 |
| Gladstone Gladiators | 741 |
| La Salle Falcons | 618 |
| Scappoose Indians | 655 |
| Seaside Seagulls | 462 |
| Tillamook Cheesemakers | 699 |
| Yamhill-Carlton Tigers | 429 |

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| 4A-2 - Capital Conference | (8) |
| Cascade Cougars | 738 |
| Central Panthers | 825 |
| Estacada Rangers | 721 |
| Newport Cubs | 645 |
| North Marion Huskies | 576 |
| Philomath Warriors | 611 |
| Stayton Eagles | 731 |
| Taft Tigers | 468 |

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| 4A-3 - Far West League | (6) |
| Brookings-Harbor Bruins | 583 |
| Douglas Trojans | 446 |
| North Bend Bulldogs | 566 |
| Siuslaw Vikings | 495 |
| South Umpqua Lancers | 513 |
| Sutherlin Bulldogs | 440 |

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| 4A-4 - Sky-Em League | (6) |
| Cottage Grove Lions | 827 |
| Elmira Falcons | 458 |
| Junction City Tigers | 570 |
| La Pine Hawks | 524 |
| Sisters Outlaws | 542 |
| Sweet Home Huskies | 762 |

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| 4A-5 - Skyline Conference | (6) |
| Henley Hornets | 673 |
| Hidden Valley Mustangs | 828 |
| Klamath Union Pelicans | 794 |
| Mazama Vikings | 850 |
| North Valley Knights | 641 |
| Phoenix Pirates | 754 |

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| 4A-6 - Greater Oregon League | (4) |
| Ontario Tigers | 793 |
| La Grande Tigers | 696 |
| Baker Bulldogs | 639 |
| McLoughlin Pioneers | 531 |

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| 3A 409-220 | (48) | 2A 219-106 | (36) | 1A 105-1 | (80) | 1A (cont.) 105-1 | |
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| 3A-1 - Lewis & Clark League | (10) | 2A-1 - Northwest League | (7) | 1A-1 - The Valley 10 League | (11) | 1A-5 - Mountain Valley League | (9) |
| Catlin Gabel Eagles | 286 | Delphian School Dragons | 162 | City Christian Lions | 79 | Butte Falls Loggers | 73 |
| Clatskanie Tigers | 290 | Faith Bible Falcons | 108 | Columbia Christian Knights | 83 | Gilchrist Grizzlies | 100 |
| Corbett Cardinals | 230 | Gaston Greyhounds | 166 | Damascus Christian Eagles | 97 | Hosanna Christian Lions | 73 |
| De La Salle North Catholic Knights | 231 | Knappa Loggers | 183 | Heritage Christian Knights | 53 | North Lake Cowboys | 73 |
| Neah-Kah-Nie Pirates | 236 | Nestucca Bobcats | 209 | Life Christian Lions | 56 | Paisley Broncos | 27 |
| Oregon Episcopal Aardvarks | 304 | Riverdale Mavericks | 140 | North Clackamas Christian Saints | 67 | Prospect Cougars | 61 |
| Portland Adventist Cougars | 227 | Vernonia Loggers | 218 | Open Door Christian Huskies | 69 | Rogue Valley Adventist Red Tail Hawks | 60 |
| Portland Christian Royals | 236 | | | Portland Lutheran Bluejays | 94 | Triad Timber Wolves | 84 |
| Rainier Columbians | 367 | 2A-2 - Mountain View Conference | (9) | Portland Waldorf School | 89 | Trinity Lutheran Saints | 9 |
| Warrenton Warriors | 256 | Crow Cougars | 125 | Southwest Christian Wildcats | 91 | | |
| | | Days Creek Wolves | 132 | Tualatin Valley Jr Eagles | 27 | 1A-6 - Big Sky League | (14) |
| 3A-2 - West Valley League | (10) | Milo Adventist Mustangs | 132 | | | Arlington Honkers | 38 |
| Amity Warriors | 263 | North Douglas Warriors | 109 | 1A-2 - Casco League | (10) | Cascade Locks Pirates | 56 |
| Colton Vikings | 236 | Oakland Oakers | 188 | C.S. Lewis Watchmen | 90 | Central Christian Tigers | 48 |
| Dayton Pirates | 334 | Oakridge Warriors | 209 | Country Christian Cougars | 77 | Condon Blue Devils | 48 |
| Gervais Cougars | 324 | Pacific Pirates | 135 | Falls City Mountaineers | 68 | Crook County Christian Warriors | 24 |
| *Horizon Christian Hawks (TUAL) | 96 | Riddle Irish | 141 | Jewell Bluejays | 50 | Dufur Rangers | 103 |
| Kennedy Trojans | 240 | Yoncalla Eagles | 118 | Mid-Valley Christian Navigators | 17 | Echo Cougars | 85 |
| Sheridan Spartans | 286 | | | Oregon School f/t Deaf Panthers | 60 | Griswold Grizzlies | 46 |
| Valley Catholic Valiants | 369 | 2A-3 - Tri-River Conference | (8) | Perrydale Pirates | 104 | Horizon Christian Hawks (HR) | 46 |
| Westside Christian Eagles | 281 | Central Linn Cobras | 194 | St. Paul Buckaroos | 74 | Ione Cardinals | 54 |
| Willamina Bulldogs | 301 | Culver Bulldogs | 215 | Veritas School | 62 | Nixyaawii Eagles | 59 |
| | | East Linn Christian Eagles | 114 | Willamette Valley Christian Warriors | 45 | Sherman Huskies | 95 |
| 3A-3 - PacWest Conference | (10) | Monroe Dragons | 136 | | | South Wasco County Redsides | 90 |
| Blanchet Catholic Cavaliers | 248 | Regis Rams | 157 | 1A-3 - Mountain West League | (9) | Wheeler Falcons | 24 |
| Chemawa Braves | 340 | Santiam Wolverines | 206 | Alea Wolverines | 44 | | |
| Creswell Bulldogs | 361 | Scio Loggers | 215 | Eddyville Charter Eagles | 69 | 1A-7 - Old Oregon League | (6) |
| Harrisburg Eagles | 279 | Western Mennonite Pioneers | 148 | Fairview Christian Falcons | 15 | Cove Leopards | 76 |
| Jefferson Lions | 302 | | | Lowell Devils | 86 | Imbler Panthers | 96 |
| Pleasant Hill Billies | 340 | 2A-4 - Blue Mountain Conference | (7) | Mapleton Sailors | 56 | Joseph Eagles | 83 |
| Salem Academy Crusaders | 234 | Elgin Huskies | 163 | Mc Kenzie Eagles | 90 | Pine Eagle Spartans | 68 |
| Santiam Christian Eagles | 324 | Enterprise Outlaws | 139 | Mohawk Indians | 97 | Powder Valley Badgers | 66 |
| Toledo Boomers | 288 | Heppner Mustangs | 160 | Siletz Valley Warriors | 66 | Wallowa Cougars | 88 |
| Waldport Irish | 251 | Pilot Rock Rockets | 139 | Triangle Lake Lakers | 54 | | |
| | | Stanfield Tigers | 153 | 1A-4 - Skyline League | (7) | 1A-8 - High Desert League | (14) |
| 3A-4 - Sunset Conference | (6) | Union Bobcats | 143 | Camas Valley Hornets | 42 | Adrian Antelopes | 93 |
| Bandon Tigers | 269 | Weston-McEwen Tiger Scots | 203 | Elkton Elks | 61 | Burnt River Bulls | 20 |
| Coquille Red Devils | 293 | | | Lifegate Christian Lions | 41 | Crane Mustangs | 88 |
| Glide Wildcats | 243 | | | New Hope Christian Warriors | 70 | Dayville Tigers | 24 |
| Gold Beach Panthers | 226 | | | Oak Hill School Falcons | 46 | Harper Hornets | 33 |
| Myrtle Point Bobcats | 223 | | | Powers Cruisers | 45 | Huntington Locomotives | 42 |
| Reedsport Braves | 232 | | | Umpqua Valley Christian Monarchs | 88 | Jordan Valley Mustangs | 26 |
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| 3A-5 - Eastern Oregon League | (7) | 3A-2A - Southern Hybrid | (10) | | | Mitchell Loggers | 27 |
| Burns Hillanders | 310 | Cascade Christian Challengers (3A) | 311 | | | Monument Tigers | 23 |
| Grant Union Prospectors | 250 | Illinois Valley Cougars (3A) | 405 | | | Mt. Bachelor Academy Bears | 92 |
| Irrigon Knights | 233 | Lakeview Honkers (3A) | 265 | | | Prairie City Panthers | 48 |
| Nyssa Bulldogs | 324 | Rogue River Chieftains (3A) | 336 | | | Spray Eagles | 35 |
| Riverside Pirates | 276 | St Mary's Crusaders (3A) | 281 | | | Ukiah Cougars | 28 |
| Vale Vikings | 299 | Bonanza Antlers (2A) | 168 | | | | |
| Umatilla Vikings | 368 | Canyonville Christian Pilots (2A) | 127 | | | | |
| | | Chiloquin Panthers (2A) | 157 | | | | |
| | | Glendale Pirates (2A) | 144 | | | | |
| | | Lost River Raiders (2A) | 188 | | | | |

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