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Attachments: La Salle's 4A alternate proposal.xls; OSAA Proposal Mileage Chart-2.doc; Classification Committee.doc

Peter,
Please distribute this to the classification committee. It is more detailed information and a minor change by switching Junction City and Sweet Home from the way they appeared in my previous proposal. This proposal leaves them in their current conferences.

Classification Committee,
The seventh proposal by the OSAA classification committee has La Salle Prep and Gladstone High School leaving the Capital Conference and joining the Cowapa League. The Capital Conference has submitted two different versions of a proposal that would keep all seven schools in the Conference. Molalla will potentially get moved into the 5A and our first two proposals adjusted the cut off points so that they could stay in the 4A and the Capital Conference. After we submitted the second version of a proposal and explained it at the OADA conference in Sunriver, the classification committee released their seventh proposal. Their proposal still had Molalla going to the 5A and Gladstone and La Salle joining the Cowapa.

One of the challenges the classification committee faces is maintaining league size as the enrollment numbers for schools move them out of the 4A. Next year Banks, Pleasant Hill and Illinois Valley will move from the 4A to the 3A. Molalla and Marist will move from the 4A to the 5A. Mazama, Klamath, Crook County and Madras will move from the 5A to the 4A. There is a lot of information that the classification committee must take into consideration and I do not envy their position. I recently submitted a new proposal to the classification committee. What I like about my proposal is the simplicity of it. I used the same cut-off points and 4A schools as their seventh proposal. Five of the nine conferences appear exactly as they do in their seventh proposal. The only real difference is that the classification committee has proposed eliminating the Val-Co and I propose that we keep it. They took the schools that remain in the Cowapa, Capital, Sky-Em and Val-Co and compressed them into three conferences with seven schools each.

La Salle's proposal would be to leave the four conferences with their remaining schools. The Cowapa would have five schools, the Capital would have six, the Sky-Em would have five and the Val-Co would have five schools. Although the conference sizes would be smaller, it would maintain rivalries, and conference alignments. For the schools in the four affected conferences, transportation costs and missed instructional time would not increase. By comparing La Salle's mileage for the two proposals we can learn about the effect the change will have on the schools in these four conferences. The seventh proposal from the classification committee would make the average round trip 117.5 miles and the furthest trip would be a 214 mile trip to Astoria. La Salle's proposal would make the average round trip for La Salle 70 miles and the longest trip would be a 124 mile trip to Stayton. With this proposal we would never need to cross the mountains for league contests and during the winter months travel over the mountains can be time consuming and dangerous. By decreasing the average trip by 54 miles we will be keeping our students in school longer rather than on a bus. Gladstone High School would benefit slightly more from this proposal than La Salle. The seventh proposal from the classification committee would make Gladstone's average round trip 122 miles with the longest trip being the 224 mile round trip to Astoria. This proposal would make Gladstone's average round trip 65 miles and the furthest trip a 118 mile round trip to Stayton. Although I only have shown the effect for La Salle and Gladstone the same benefit is had by all of the schools in the four affected conferences. Astoria would have to make the 224 mile round trip to Gladstone for their away games too. With economic concerns at the forefront of most administrators' minds, many schools are looking for ways to cut costs and at times cut athletic opportunities for student-athletes. It is inappropriate at a time like this, to force schools to increase their transportation costs.

The classification committee needs to decide which they value more:

1. Limiting the number of conferences so that there are seven schools in each conference.
2. Maintain: current conference structures, transportation costs, missed instructional time, student safety.

In my mind the choice is clear. The committee should adopt La Salle's proposal for the 4A.

Sincerely,

Brian Crawford
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4A Alternate Proposal

Cut-off points 854-410

This proposal uses the same cutoff points and schools as the 7th proposal from the classification committee

<u>League 1 COWAPA(5)</u>	<u>League 2 CAPITAL (6)</u>	<u>League 3 FAR WEST (6)</u>	<u>League 4 SKY-EM (5)</u>
Astoria 655	Cascade 738	Brookings 583	Cottage Grove 827
Scappoose 655	Estacada 721	Douglas 446	Elmira 458
Seaside 462	Gladstone 741	North Bend 566	Junction City 570
Tillamook 699	La Salle 618	Siuslaw 495	La Pine 524
Yamhill-Carlton 429	North Marion 576	South Umpqua 513	Sisters 542
	Stayton 731	Sutherlin 440	

<u>League 5 SKYLINE(6)</u>	<u>League 6 GOL (4)</u>	<u>League 7 VAL-CO (5)</u>
Henley 673	Baker 639	Central 825
Hidden Valley 828	La Grande 696	Newport 645
Klamath 794	McLoughlin 531	Philomath 611
Mazama 850	Ontario 793	Sweet Home 762
North Valley 639		Taft 468
Phoenix 754		

<u>Central Oregon Hybrid</u>	<u>PII Hybrid</u>
Crook County 842	Jefferson 505
Madras 839	Madison 809
	Marshall 727
	Roosevelt 684

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Explanation of Changes

League 1	Banks goes to 3A
League 2	Molalla goes to 5A
League 3	Same as proposal 7 Same as current Far West
League 4	Pleasant Hill goes to 3A Marist goes to 5A
League 5	Same as proposal 7 Mazama & Klamath come from 5A Illinois Valley goes to 3A
League 6	Same as proposal 7 Same as current GOL
League 7	Same as current VAL-CO
Central Oregon Hybrid	Same as proposal 7
PIL Hybrid	Same as proposal 7

Possible adjustment based on location-
Switch Junction City and Sweet Home

HYBRID PROPOSAL ROUND TRIP MILEAGE

SCHOOL	CAS	CEN	EST	NEW	NM	PHL	STA	TFT			GLD	LS	
CASCADE	X	42	117	180	81	71	13	146			AST	224	214
CENTRAL	45	X	144	146	80	53	60	115			GLD	X	10
ESTACADA	114	144	X	300	84	206	104	228			LS	10	X
NEWPORT	180	146	300	X	226	93	202	47			SCP	65	61
N. MARION	81	80	84	132	X	133	83	158			SEA	191	177
PHILOMATH	71	53	206	93	133	X	109	140			TIL	171	163
STAYTON	13	60	104	202	83	109	X	144			Y-C	73	80
TAFT	146	115	228	47	158	140	144	X					
TOTALS	650	640	1,183	1,100	845	805	715	978				734	705
AVG. ROUND TRIP	92.8	91.4	169.0	157.1	120.7	115.0	102.1	139.7				122.3	117.5

PROPOSED LEAGUE ROUND TRIP MILES: 6,916

Gladstone and La Salle listed Separately

HYBRID ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL ROUND TRIP MILEAGE

SCHOOL	CAS	CEN	EST	NM	PHL	STA	SH				GLD	LS	
CASCADE	X	42	117	81	71	13	89				AST	224	214
CENTRAL	42	X	154	80	53	60	101				GLD	X	10
ESTACADA	117	154	X	84	206	104	224				LS	10	X
N. MARION	81	80	84	X	133	83	151				SCP	65	61
PHILOMATH	71	53	206	133	X	109	76				SEA	191	177
STAYTON	13	60	104	83	109	X	80				TIL	171	163
S. HOME	89	101	224	151	76	80	X				Y-C	73	80
TOTALS	413	490	889	612	648	449	722					734	705
AVG. ROUND TRIP	68.8	81.7	148.2	102.0	108.0	74.8	120.3					122.3	117.5

PROPOSED LEAGUE ROUND TRIP MILES: 4,223

Gladstone and La Salle listed Separately

**CAPITAL PROPOSAL (CURRENT)
ROUND TRIP MILEAGE**

SCHOOL	CAS	EST	GLD	LS	MOL	NM	STA
CASCADE	X	117	115	123	75	81	13
ESTACADA	117	X	42	42	42	84	104
GLADSTONE	115	42	X	10	38	44	118
La SALLE	123	42	10	X	44	52	124
MOLALLA	75	42	38	44	X	37	62
N. MARION	81	84	44	52	37	X	83
STAYTON	13	104	118	124	62	83	X
TOTALS	524	431	367	395	298	381	504
AVG. ROUND TRIP	87.3	71.8	61.2	65.8	49.7	63.5	84.0

CURRENT CAPITAL CONFERENCE ROUND TRIP MILES: 2,900

**La SALLE PROPOSAL
(Current Capital w/o Molalla)
ROUND TRIP MILEAGE**

SCHOOL	CAS	EST	GLD	LS	NM	STA
CASCADE	X	117	115	123	81	13
ESTACADA	117	X	42	42	84	104
GLADSTONE	115	42	X	10	44	118
La SALLE	123	42	10	X	52	124
N. MARION	81	84	44	52	X	83
STAYTON	13	104	118	124	83	X
TOTALS	449	389	329	351	344	442
AVG. ROUND TRIP	89.8	77.8	65.8	70.2	68.8	88.4

PROPOSED LEAGUE ROUND TRIP MILES: 2,304