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TO: Superintendents, Principals and Athletic Directors  
FROM: Kris Welch, Assistant Executive Director  
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SUBJECT: Update from the Petition to Play Down Task Force – December 13, 2018

The Petition to Play Down Task Force met at the OSAA Offices in Wilsonville on Thursday, December 13, 2018 for the second time to review the Play Down policy, potential changes and the data that had been collected to help in the process. The task force was put together by the OSAA Executive Board after the most recent Classification and Districting Committee concluded. The OSAA Executive Board felt that a discussion and review of the current policy and how it may be improved warranted creation of a task force.

The task force was welcomed by OSAA Executive Director Peter Weber along with OSAA staff members Kris Welch and Kelly Foster. The OSAA staff briefly went over the correspondence since the first meeting, and the data that the Task Force had asked for from its initial meeting. The Staff refreshed the Task Force on its goals and charge and started diving into the data.

Staff members Kris Welch and Kelly Foster went through the following documents with the task force:

- A) Current Correspondence
- B) Participation averages from each Classification by activity
- C) Data from all of the previous schools who petitioned to play down, both those schools who had been approved and those that had been denied.

The Task Force looked into the data, which started discussion on the following topics.

- A) Should the Play Down policy review a potential dominant program and determine if it should remain at the current classification, rather than move down with the rest of a school's programs.
  - a. Review a potential point system used to determine a "dominant activity" (based on post-season success).
  - b. Should the policy include individual activities as a possible "Dominant Activity" with their own set of criteria?
- B) The current policy states that all four criteria must be met to qualify to play down. The task force would like to review the possibility of introducing additional criteria for schools who only meet three out of the four requirements.
- C) Review the impact on using Colley data for the criteria versus using overall record.
- D) Review the duration for playing down; two years versus four years in length. The Task Force still supports four years for the school, but is exploring the possibility of reevaluating a dominant activity (team or individual) at the two-year mark.

The Task Force has asked for more data on schools who could possibly meet three out of four criteria to play down.

The Task Force set its next meeting date for Monday, March 18 at 9:00am at the OSAA Office in Wilsonville. This meeting is a closed work session for the task force, but the task force invites feedback from member schools on the Petition to Play Down policy and any areas the task force should address during its work.

The OSAA staff will provide a Task Force update to all superintendents, principals, and athletic directors following each meeting. The Task Force roster, charge, and any additional information is available at <http://www.osaa.org/governance/task-forces>.

Written suggestions and proposals should be emailed to the OSAA (Kelly Foster [kellyf@osaa.org](mailto:kellyf@osaa.org), or Kris Welch [krisw@osaa.org](mailto:krisw@osaa.org) ). Any communication received by the OSAA staff will be shared with all Task Force members for review and discussion.

The Task Force appreciates your support and encourages your participation in this process. Please do not hesitate to contact Kelly Foster [kellyf@osaa.org](mailto:kellyf@osaa.org) or Kris Welch [krisw@osaa.org](mailto:krisw@osaa.org) at the OSAA if you have any questions.