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TO: Superintendents, Principals and Athletic Directors

FROM: Peter Weber, Executive Director

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SUBJECT: Update on the Proceedings of the Transfer-Eligibility Task Force

The Transfer-Eligibility Task Force held its fifth meeting at the OSAA Offices in Wilsonville and via Zoom on September24th, 2025. The Task Force utilizes a hybrid format for all meetings that allows both Task Force members and those seeking to provide input the option of participating via webinar.

The committee reviewed ongoing efforts and discussions surrounding student transfer policies. Lauren Brownrigg summarized summer progress, including the rollout of the online eligible student transfer certificate system and updates to hardship waiver requirements, with an emphasis on increased documentation.

The group discussed transfer practices across districts including policy challenges around balancing open enrollment and possible undue influence issues. The Task-Force noted stable transfer numbers overall but increases in mid-year transfers in some areas. Concerns about families exploiting summer transfers for athletic eligibility prompted calls for improved documentation, review and communication.

The Task Force continued to review other state associations' rules, including emergency rules that have been adopted recently in Arizona and California.

They expressed a desire to pursue rule change proposals in the following areas:

- 1) Evidence that multiple students have transferred or changed schools to participate in a particular sports program at one (1) school, should warrant an investigation by the OSAA.
- 2) Allowing only one Intent to Transfer form per student per year.
- 3) Limiting participation of first-time, out-of-state transfers, including those that left while deemed ineligible from their previous state
- 4) Limiting ineligible transfer students to sub-varsity participation.

The Task Force's next meeting date will be determined following the October Delegate Assembly and Executive Board Meeting.

Written suggestions and proposals on these issues should be emailed to Lauren Brownrigg (<u>Laurenb@osaa.org</u>)

Any communication received by the OSAA will be shared with all task force members for review and discussion.

The Task Force will keep the OSAA Executive Board up to date on their work during the process.

A future list of meeting dates, Task Force Roster, charge to the Task Force, and information are available at the OSAA website: https://www.osaa.org/governance/task-forces.

The Task Force appreciates your support and encourages your participation in this process. Please do not hesitate to contact Peter Weber (Peterw@osaa.org) or Lauren Brownrigg (LaurenB@osaa.org) at the OSAA if you have any questions.