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TO: Superintendents, Principals and Athletic Directors

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SUBJECT: Update on the Proceedings of the Classification and Districting Committee

The Classification and Districting Committee for the 2022-26 four-year time block held its third public meeting at the Holiday Inn Express, Wilsonville on October 11, 2021 to receive testimony and review written correspondence thus far received. The Committee will be utilizing a hybrid format for all meetings that allows both committee members and those seeking to provide input the option of participating in-person or via webinar. The public portion of all meetings will be streamed live to the OSAA YouTube channel.

After Committee introductions, the group received a review of the changes to the Computation of ADM since the last time block, a review of the Committee standing charge and additional charges from the OSAA Executive Board, a review of the timeline and an explanation of the meeting and testimony procedure. The reviews were conducted by OSAA Executive Director Peter Weber, Assistant Directors Brad Garrett and Kyle Stanfield and Committee Chair Misty Wharton.

There have been significant changes since the conclusion of the last Classification and Districting Committee in 2017. Beyond the changes to the Computation of ADM and timeline for the process (memo can be found [HERE](#)), the Executive Board also confirmed that the **OSAA Football Ad Hoc Advisory Committee is again charged with reviewing and providing recommendations related to football classifications, districts and structure during the new time block.** Football Ad Hoc intends to convene after the conclusion of the regular season to begin deliberations on recommendations to be forwarded to the Executive Board for review and consideration at their February 2022 meeting.

The Committee wants to remind the membership that all play up, play down, geographic exceptions, cooperative sponsorships and independent status petitions dissolve with every time block (i.e. the end of this year). October 1 was the deadline for petitions to be received. As of October 1, the OSAA received 5 Petitions to Play Down and 15 Petitions to Play Up. The Play Up Petitions are automatically granted and reflected in the proposal. One of the schools petitioning to play down (McKay-6A) met all four criteria within the policy (see criteria [HERE](#)) and was moved down by the Executive Board. The other four petitions did not meet all criteria and will be decided on by the Executive Board at a future meeting.

The Committee received testimony from three individuals online and 10 individuals in person. A multitude of people watched the meetings live stream via the OSAA's YouTube channel. The Committee then adjourned to a closed work session to review and discuss the testimony, written correspondence, and documents prepared by the OSAA staff prior to the meeting.

The Committee felt it was important to reinforce to the membership that this Classification and Districting proposal **does not** include the sport of football. As mentioned, the Football Ad Hoc Committee will begin their work later this year to discuss football separately. Some of the Football Ad Hoc work will start from the overall structure of the Classification and Districting Committee's recommendations but football will continue to be discussed separately.

The Committee understands that there are pro's and con's to each system and that a school's placement is a very important decision for many communities. Throughout the last time block conversations of more schools in a league, more schools in a classification, less travel and more competitiveness were all expressed. The Committee acknowledges that achieving desired outcomes for all 295 schools and their unique circumstances is not possible. The Committee is focused on addressing as many aspects of their charge as possible while knowing that each aspect of the charge is interrelated to the next.

Due to the condensed timeline the Committee felt it was important to narrow their focus to one classification structure coming out of their October 11 meeting. This allows conversations to be focused for the November meetings prior to being presented to the Executive Board in December.

The Committee has created **Draft #5 – 6 Classification and is seeking feedback on the cutoff points, league alignments and school placement. Please note that this is a draft proposal and is not a final recommendation.** Compared to Draft #3 – 6 Classification the following are highlighted changes:

- 6A: The cutoff to the 6A classification (1000) was not adjusted. McKay’s Petition to Play Down was honored and they were moved to the 5A classification. Due to the opening of Caldera High School and the realignment of attendance boundaries in the Bend-La Pine School District, the Committee requested and the school district provided thorough projections of their enrollments down to the current fifth grade through 2026. With those forecasts, the enrollments for the four largest Bend-La Pine Schools fell under 1000 and they were moved to the 5A classification.
- 5A: The lower cutoff was moved from 515 up to 590 which moved a handful of schools to the 4A level. Two of the largest points of emphasis in the 5A classification is the Intermountain Conference and the reduced travel for schools associated with the conference. Additionally, the seven team Midwestern League is important to keep intact along with the seven team 6A Southwest Conference. Having these leagues both with a seven-team alignment allows them to crossover locally when scheduling.
- 4A: With the upper move to 590, perennial 4A schools returned to the classification. The bottom number of the 4A classification was moved from 271 to 310 which moved several schools to the 3A classification.
- 3A: Moving the upper end from 270 to 309 added six schools to the classification. The Committee realigned the upper three conference/leagues accordingly.
- 2A & 1A: Upper nor lower cutoffs were adjusted.

Based on the testimony and correspondence received, the Association seems somewhat divided on which structure works best for the students, schools and communities in our state. The Committee felt that while there was some support for a 5- Classification approach, they believe that the majority of the Association is not supportive of such a significant change, especially during a pandemic. In reviewing its charge, along with the testimony and correspondence received, committee members reached consensus to support remaining with a 6-Classification structure which they believe best meets the needs and desires of the overall membership. The Committee looks forward to continuing to work through the process to review cutoff points, league alignments, and school placements to meet their charge and address concerns from the membership.

The Committee appreciates your support and encourages your participation in this process. Please do not hesitate to contact Kyle Stanfield (kyles@osaa.org) or Brad Garrett (bradg@osaa.org) at the OSAA with questions.

Written suggestions and proposals on these issues, as well as other classification related subjects should be emailed to the OSAA (bradg@osaa.org) **Any communication received by the OSAA will be shared with all committee members for review and discussion. Public testimony in person or online will be welcome at the next Committee meeting.**

Specific classification proposals submitted to the Committee may be posted to the Classification and Districting Committee page on the OSAA website at <http://www.osaa.org/governance/committees#classification-and-districting-committee>. Proposals should address all classifications.

The next public meeting of the Classification and Districting Committee will be at 9am on Monday, November 1, 2021 at the Holiday Inn Express, Wilsonville. The general format for the meeting will be for the committee to receive public testimony followed by a closed work session.

The Committee will continue to meet throughout the Fall and will make its final recommendations to the OSAA Executive Board at the December 13, 2021 meeting. A full list of meeting dates, Committee Roster, charge to the Committee and Computation of ADM information are available at the OSAA website:

<http://www.osaa.org/governance/committees#classification-and-districting-committee>

Future Classification and Districting Committee Meeting Dates

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Monday, November 1, 2021	9am	Holiday Inn Express, Wilsonville
Monday, November 22, 2021	9am	Holiday Inn Express, Wilsonville
Monday, December 13, 2021	9am 1pm	<i>Executive Board Meeting Delegate Assembly Special Meeting</i>

Attached: Draft #5 – 6 Classification

**2022-26 Classification and Districting Committee
Draft #5: 6-Classification Proposal
Posted on 10/13/2021**

6A		5A		4A	
1000+		999-590		589-310	
51	32	31			
6A-1 - Portland Interscholastic	9	5A-1 - Northwest Oregon Conference	8	4A-1 - Cowapa League	5
Benson Techmen*	691	Canby Cougars	957	Astoria Fishermen	398
Cleveland Warriors	1219	Hillsboro Spartans	769	Banks Braves*	269
Franklin Lightning	1376	Hood River Valley Eagles	883	Seaside Seagulls	313
Grant Generals	1314	La Salle Prep Falcons*	514	Scappoose Indians	501
Jefferson Democrats*	444	Milwaukie / Arts Academy Mustangs	796	Tillamook Cheesemakers	454
Lincoln Cardinals	1190	Putnam Kingsmen	872		
McDaniel Mountain Lions*	718	St. Helens Lions	598	4A-2 - Tri-Valley Conference	7
Roosevelt Roughriders*	705	Wilsonville Wildcats	906	Estacada Rangers	362
Wells Guardians	1152			Gladstone Gladiators	440
		5A-2 - Midwestern League	7	Madras White Buffaloes	418
6A-2 - Metro League	7	Ashland Grizzlies	675	Molalla Indians	518
Aloha Warriors	1235	Churchill Lancers	711	North Marion Huskies	393
Beaverton Beavers	1038	Crater Comets	874	Parkrose Broncos	533
Jesuit Crusaders*	960	Eagle Point Eagles	704	The Dalles Riverhawks	511
Mountainside Mavericks	1422	North Eugene Highlanders	652		
Southridge Skyhawks	1073	Springfield Millers	874	4A-3 - Oregon West Conference	5
Sunset Apollos	1600	Thurston Colts	919	Cascade Cougars	514
Westview Wildcats	1848			Newport Cubs	354
		5A-3 - Mid-Willamette Conference	10	Philomath Warriors	335
6A-3 - Pacific Conference	7	Central Panthers	660	Stayton Eagles	499
Century Jaguars	1077	Corvallis Spartans	766	Sweet Home Huskies	443
Forest Grove Vikings	1086	Crescent Valley Raiders	619		
Glencoe Crimson Tide	1026	Dallas Dragons	616	4A-4 - Sky-Em League	5
Liberty Falcons	1054	Lebanon Warriors	643	Cottage Grove Lions	520
McMinnville Grizzlies	1414	McKay Scots**	1304	Junction City Tigers	378
Newberg Tigers	1077	Silverton Foxes	910	Marist Catholic Spartans	323
Sherwood Bowmen	1209	South Albany Red Hawks	998	Marshfield Pirates	507
		West Albany Bulldogs	910	North Bend Bulldogs	530
6A-4 - Mt. Hood Conference	9	Woodburn Bulldogs	870		
Barlow Bruins	1280			4A-5 - Skyline Conference	5
Centennial Eagles	1034	5A-4 - Intermountain Conference	7	Henley Hornets	502
Central Catholic Rams*	609	Bend Lava Bears	814^	Hidden Valley Mustangs	374
Clackamas Cavaliers	1930	Caldera Wolfpack	900^	Klamath Union Pelicans	470
David Douglas Scots	1587	Crook County Cowboys	603	Mazama Vikings	461
Gresham Gophers*	992	Mountain View Cougars	890^	Phoenix Pirates	400
Nelson Hawks*	NEW	Redmond Panthers	804		
Reynolds Raiders	1612	Ridgeview Ravens	753	4A-6 - Greater Oregon League	4
Sandy Pioneers*	974	Summit Storm	934^	Baker Bulldogs	359
				La Grande Tigers	433
6A-5 - Three Rivers League	7			Ontario Tigers	364
Lake Oswego Lakers*	927			Pendleton Buckaroos	588
Lakeridge Pacers*	886				
Oregon City Pioneers	1531				
St. Mary's Academy Blues	1043				
Tigard Tigers	1316				
Tualatin Timberwolves	1408				
West Linn Lions	1406				
6A-6 - Central Valley Conference	5				
McNary Celtics	1413				
North Salem Vikings	1068				
South Salem Saxons	1451				
Sprague Olympians	1287				
West Salem Titans	1238				
6A-7 - Southwest Conference	7				
Grants Pass Cavemen	1105				
North Medford Black Tornado	1242				
Roseburg Indians	1161				
Sheldon Irish	1013				
South Eugene Axe	1101				
South Medford Panthers	1274				
Willamette Wolverines	1035				

* Confirmed Play Up Requests
 ** Approved Petition to Play Down
 ^ School District Realignment Forecasted Enrollments

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3A	46	2A	38	1A	94	1A (cont.)	
309-146		145-75		74-		74-	
3A-1 - Lewis & Clark League	7	2A-1 - Northwest League	9	1A-1 - The Valley 10 League	10	1A-5 - Mountain Valley League	12
Catlin Gabel Eagles	266	Clatskanie Tigers	141	Country Christian Cougars	44	Bonanza Antlers	67
De La Salle North Catholic Knights	213	Columbia Christian Knights*	62	Damascus Christian Eagles	51	Butte Falls Loggers	37
Horizon Christian Hawks (TUAL)*	99	Faith Bible Falcons	135	Grand View Christian Eagles	56	Cascades Academy Steelhead	31
Oregon Episcopal Aardvarks	233	Gaston Greyhounds	127	Life Christian Lions	25	Central Christian Tigers	51
Portland Adventist Cougars	158	Knappa Loggers	92	North Clackamas Christian Saints	44	Chiloquin Panthers	50
Valley Catholic Valiants	275	Mannahouse Christian Academy Lions	80	Open Door Christian Huskies	40	Crosspoint Christian Warriors	66
Westside Christian Eagles*	142	Nestucca Bobcats	95	Southwest Christian Wildcats	33	Gilchrist Grizzlies	23
		Portland Christian Royals	112	St. Stephens Academy	37	Lost River Raiders	74
		Vernonia Loggers	117	Trinity Academy Thunder	40	North Lake Cowboys	47
				Valor Christian Knights	31	Paisley Broncos	17
						Prospect Cougars	30
3A-2 - Coastal Range League	6	2A-2 - Tri-River Conference	11	1A-2 - Casco League	10	Rogue Valley Adventist Red Tail Hawks	35
Corbett Cardinals	258	Blanchet Catholic Cavaliers	140	C.S. Lewis Watchmen	25		
Neah-Kah-Nie Pirates	158	Chemawa Braves	143	Crosshill Christian Eagles	66	1A-6 - Big Sky League	17
Rainier Columbians	177	Colton Vikings	129	Falls City Mountaineers	34	Arlington Honkers	33
Riverdale Mavericks	179	Culver Bulldogs	120	Jewell Bluejays	30	Bickleton Pirates	19
Warrenton Warriors	177	Delphian School Dragons	105	Livingstone Adventist Academy Lions	40	Condon Blue Devils	27
Yamhill-Carlton Tigers	184	Kennedy Trojans	106	Oregon School f/t Deaf Panthers	28	Dufur Rangers	59
		Salem Academy Crusaders	114	Perrydale Pirates	66	Echo Cougars	51
3A-3 - PacWest Conference	7	Santiam Wolverines	124	St. Paul Buckaroos	66	Glenwood Eagle	14
Amity Warriors	169	Trinity Lutheran Saints*	52	Veritas School Vanguard	41	Horizon Christian Hawks (HR)	37
Dayton Pirates	187	Western Christian Pioneers*	61	Willamette Valley Christian Warriors	41	Ione Cardinals	42
Gervais Cougars	196	Willamina Bulldogs	139			Klickitat Vandals	12
Jefferson Lions	151			1A-3 - Mountain West League	10	Lyle Cougars	40
Scio Loggers	165	2A-3 - Central Valley Conference	7	Alsea Wolverines	64	Mitchell Loggers	13
Sheridan Spartans	148	Central Linn Cobras	139	Crow Cougars	53	Sherman Huskies	46
Taft Tigers	266	East Linn Christian Eagles	93	Eddyville Charter Eagles	35	South Wasco County Redsides	44
		Lowell Devils	76	Kings Valley Charter Eagles	38	Spray Eagles	16
3A-4 - Mountain Valley Conference	8	Monroe Dragons	79	Mapleton Sailors	25	Trout Lake Mustangs	61
Creswell Bulldogs	240	Oakland Oakers	138	McKenzie Eagles	32	Wheeler Falcons	9
Elmira Falcons	307	Oakridge Warriors	83	Mohawk Mustangs	68	Wishram Indians	11
Harrisburg Eagles	160	Regis Rams	75	Oak Hill School Falcons	30		
La Pine Hawks	266			Siletz Valley Warriors	35	1A-7 - Old Oregon League	11
Pleasant Hill Billies	236	2A-4 - Sunset Conference	5	Triangle Lake Lakers	37	Cove Leopards	64
Santiam Christian Eagles	167	Bandon Tigers	122			Elgin Huskies	65
Sisters Outlaws	302	Gold Beach Panthers	92	1A-4 - Skyline League	12	Griswold Grizzlies	27
Siuslaw Vikings	234	Reedsport Brave	106	Camas Valley Hornets	39	Imbler Panthers	59
		Toledo Boomers	116	Days Creek Wolves	45	Joseph Eagles	49
3A-5 - Far West League	12	Waldport Irish	105	Elkton Elks	55	Nixyaawii Eagles	42
Brookings-Harbor Bruins	309	2A-5 - Blue Mountain Conference	6	Glendale Pirates	55	Pilot Rock Rockets	61
Cascade Christian Challengers*	153	Enterprise Outlaws	101	Myrtle Point Bobcats	70	Pine Eagle Spartans	39
Coquille Red Devils	188	Grant Union Prospectors	107	New Hope Christian Warriors	38	Powder Valley Badgers	50
Douglas Trojans	259	Heppner Mustangs	76	North Douglas Warriors	58	Union Bobcats	71
Glide Wildcats	148	Irrigon Knights	141	Pacific Pirates	31	Wallowa Cougars	38
Illinois Valley Cougars	155	Stanfield Tigers	89	Powers Cruisers	11		
Lakeview Honkers	146	Weston-McEwen Tiger Scots	121	Riddle Irish	59	1A-8 - High Desert League	12
North Valley Knights	290			Umpqua Valley Christian Monarchs	47	Adrian Antelopes	58
Rogue River Chieftains	173			Yoncalla Eagles	56	Burnt River Bulls	18
Rogue Umpqua Lancers	244					Crane Mustangs	53
St. Mary's Crusaders	238					Dayville Tigers	10
Sutherlin Bulldogs	269					Four Rivers Charter Falcons	35
						Harper Hornets	26
3A-6 - Eastern Oregon League	6					Huntington Locomotives	20
Burns Hillanders	164					Jordan Valley Mustangs	13
McLoughlin Pioneers	290					Long Creek Mountaineers	10
Nyssa Bulldogs	158					Monument Tigers	11
Riverside Pirates	158					Prairie City Panthers	35
Umatilla Vikings	211					Ukiah Cougars	10
Vale Vikings	169						