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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 and Final Recommendation

The Classification and Districting Committee for the 2022-26 four-year time block held its fifth and final public meeting at the Holiday Inn, Wilsonville on November 22, 2021 to receive testimony and review written correspondence received. The Committee has been utilizing a hybrid format for all meetings that allows both committee members and those seeking to provide input by participating in-person or via webinar. The public portion of all meetings is 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, Committee Chair Misty Wharton and OSAA Assistant Executive Director Kyle Stanfield.

The Committee received testimony from two individuals online and eight 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 and written correspondence received.

The Committee acknowledges that achieving desired outcomes for all 295 schools and their unique circumstances is not possible. The Committee recognizes that any decision regarding placement of a school has the potential to substantially impact a school and its community. 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 others. There is simply no scenario that exists to positively impact every school.

During the work session, the Committee spent considerable time putting together their final recommendation to the OSAA Executive Board. They discussed both the written and verbal testimony received that day and at previous meetings. This Final Recommendation will be presented to the OSAA Executive Board and Delegate Assembly on Monday, December 13th. The Board will consider member school written input and public testimony prior to acting on the Committee's Final Recommendations, and the Delegate Assembly will meet to act on cutoff points and league quantities for the new time block.

The Committee felt it was important to reinforce to the membership that this Classification and Districting proposal **does not** include the sport of football. The Football Ad Hoc Committee has begun their initial work but with this committee's recommendations and the end of the football season, the group will ramp up its work.

Following the closed work session, the Committee reached consensus on the following issues:

Number of Classifications: The Committee is supporting a six-classification model.

Petitions to Play Up: The Committee recognizes the desires from some schools to play at a higher classification than their enrollment number may place them. Play up requests were received from Benson (6A), Jefferson PDX (6A), McDaniel (6A), Roosevelt (6A), Jesuit (6A), Central Catholic (6A), Gresham (6A), Nelson (6A), Sandy (6A), Lake Oswego (6A), Lakeridge (6A), La Salle Prep (5A), Parkrose (5A), Banks (4A), Horizon Christian (Tualatin) (3A), Westside Christian (3A), Columbia Christian (2A) and Western Christian (2A).

Petitions to Play Down: The Committee recognizes and supports the petitions to play down approved by the OSAA Executive Board for school who met the established criteria. Approved petitions to play down include McKay (6A to 5A), Centennial (6A to 5A), Gervais (3A to 2A) and Illinois Valley (3A to 2A).

School Enrollment Projections: Committee members heard from schools about their desire to change their proposed placement based on current enrollment for this year and into the future. Historically the OSAA's Classification and Districting Committee hasn't placed schools based on projections, so it can use consistent data for all schools. An exception to that occurs when a school district opens a new full member school leading to an adjustment of enrollment boundaries for its other full member schools. Once a new four-year time block begins, the Executive Board will review school enrollment figures each December and has the authority to make emergency changes on a case-by-case basis per Article 6.2.2.

Classification Breakdown:

1A: (Cutoff Ratio – NA). The Committee received minimal written and/or verbal testimony from 1A schools. The Committee continues to support the cutoff between the 1A and 2A classifications at 74. Input received regarding the impact of the new cutoff points on cooperative sponsorships will be addressed through a specific recommendation to the Executive Board.

2A: (Cutoff Ratio – 1.93). The Committee spent significant time discussing this classification and its structure. The Committee believes that the upper and lower ends of the classification are appropriate considering the schools around the cutoff numbers. The Committee is recommending four leagues, including two leagues of 12 teams. This structure allows schools greater flexibility with scheduling and travel.

3A: (Cutoff Ratio – 2.12). The Committee received significant feedback from the classification and schools at the lower end of the classification. The group understands those requests but believes that the overall impact of changing the lower end cutoff would result in significant geographical issues for many affected schools. Like the 2A, the Committee felt that a larger league in southern Oregon allows schools flexibility in scheduling but also guarantees games for outlying schools.

4A: (Cutoff Ratio – 1.95). The Committee moved the upper cutoff point to 607 which brought Crook County and St. Helens into the classification. This move stabilizes the classification at 32 teams overall. The structure remains fairly similar to previous time blocks.

5A: (Cutoff Ratio – 1.65). The Committee slightly modified both the upper and lower classification cutoffs to the 5A. For most of the classification the structure remains similar to the current alignment.

6A: (Cutoff Ratio – NA). The Committee modified the lower end of the classification to provide flexibility for future school enrollment fluctuations. The Committee heard testimony to modify league structures but ultimately felt the current proposal best fit the overall charge and they did not want to change historic league alignments.

Additional Committee Recommendations: The Classification and Districting Committee has two additional recommendations for the Executive Board after having been through this process:

1. Creation of a task force to review current Cooperative Sponsorship policies for potential changes. Committee members recommend that this review occur soon for potential changes to be effective beginning next school year.
2. Reconvene the Petition to Play Down Task Force to continue their review of the current criteria and explore the feasibility of additional criteria for schools that have previously played down and are seeking to stay at a lower classification for a subsequent time block.

The release of the Committee's Final Recommendation is not the final step in the public process. Member schools and the public will also have the opportunity to respond to the Committee's Final Recommendation to the Executive Board in writing prior to and/or in person at the public meeting at which the Board will act on the Final Recommendation on December 13, 2021, at the Holiday Inn, Wilsonville. The Board will meet at 9am to consider member school written input and public testimony prior to acting on the Committee's Final Recommendation, and the Delegate Assembly will subsequently meet at 1pm to act on cutoff points and league quantities for the new time block.

The Committee appreciates your support and participation in the process. Please do not hesitate to contact Kyle Stanfield (kyles@osaa.org) or Brad Garrett (bradg@osaa.org) at the OSAA if you have any questions. Any communication received by the OSAA will be shared with all Executive Board members for review and discussion.

ATTACHMENTS: Final Recommendation – 6 Classification Model

**2022-26 Classification and Districting Committee
Final Recommendation
Posted on 11/24/2021**

6A	50	5A	32	4A	32
1005+		1004-608		607-311	
6A-1 - Portland Interscholastic League	9	5A-1 - Northwest Oregon Conference	9	4A-1 - Cowapa League	6
Benson Techmen*	691	Canby Cougars	957	Astoria Fishermen	398
Cleveland Warriors	1219	Centennial Eagles**	1034	Banks Braves*	269
Franklin Lightning	1376	Hillsboro Spartans	769	Seaside Seagulls	313
Grant Generals	1314	Hood River Valley Eagles	883	Scappoose Indians	501
Jefferson Democrats*	444	La Salle Prep Falcons*	514	St. Helens Lions	598
Lincoln Cardinals	1190	Milwaukie / Arts Academy Mustangs	796	Tillamook Cheesemakers	454
McDaniel Mountain Lions*	718	Parkrose Broncos*	533		
Roosevelt Roughriders*	705	Putnam Kingsmen	872	4A-2 - Tri-Valley Conference	6
Wells Guardians	1152	Wilsonville Wildcats	906	Crook County Cowboys	603
				Estacada Rangers	362
6A-2 - Metro League	7	5A-2 - Midwestern League	7	Gladstone Gladiators	440
Aloha Warriors	1235	Ashland Grizzlies	675	Madras White Buffaloes	418
Beaverton Beavers	1038	Churchill Lancers	711	Molalla Indians	518
Jesuit Crusaders*	960	Crater Comets	874	The Dalles Riverhawks	511
Mountainside Mavericks	1422	Eagle Point Eagles	704		
Southridge Skyhawks	1073	North Eugene Highlanders	652	4A-3 - Oregon West Conference	6
Sunset Apollos	1600	Springfield Millers	874	Cascade Cougars	514
Westview Wildcats	1848	Thurston Colts	919	Newport Cubs	354
				North Marion Huskies	393
6A-3 - Pacific Conference	7	5A-3 - Mid-Willamette Conference	10	Philomath Warriors	335
Century Jaguars	1077	Central Panthers	660	Stayton Eagles	499
Forest Grove Vikings	1086	Corvallis Spartans	766	Sweet Home Huskies	443
Glencoe Crimson Tide	1026	Crescent Valley Raiders	619		
Liberty Falcons	1054	Dallas Dragons	616	4A-4 - Sky-Em League	5
McMinnville Grizzlies	1414	Lebanon Warriors	643	Cottage Grove Lions	520
Newberg Tigers	1077	McKay Scots**	1304	Junction City Tigers	378
Sherwood Bowmen	1209	Silverton Foxes	910	Marist Catholic Spartans	323
		South Albany Red Hawks	998	Marshfield Pirates	507
6A-4 - Mt. Hood Conference	8	West Albany Bulldogs	910	North Bend Bulldogs	530
Barlow Bruins	1280	Woodburn Bulldogs	870		
Central Catholic Rams*	609			4A-5 - Skyline Conference	5
Clackamas Cavaliers	1930	5A-4 - Intermountain Conference	6	Henley Hornets	502
David Douglas Scots	1587	Bend Lava Bears	814^	Hidden Valley Mustangs	374
Gresham Gophers*	992	Caldera Wolfpack	900^	Klamath Union Pelicans	470
Nelson Hawks*	NEW	Mountain View Cougars	890^	Mazama Vikings	461
Reynolds Raiders	1612	Redmond Panthers	804	Phoenix Pirates	400
Sandy Pioneers*	974	Ridgeview Ravens	753		
		Summit Storm	934^	4A-6 - Greater Oregon League	4
6A-5 - Three Rivers League	7			Baker Bulldogs	359
Lake Oswego Lakers*	927			La Grande Tigers	433
Lakeridge Pacers*	886			Ontario Tigers	364
Oregon City Pioneers	1531			Pendleton Buckaroos	588
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	44	2A	39	1A	95	1A (cont.)	
310-146		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	13
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
						Rogue Valley Adventist Red Tail Hawks	35
						Trinity Lutheran Saints	52
3A-2 - Coastal Range League	6	2A-2 - Tri-River Conference	12	1A-2 - Casco League	10	1A-6 - Big Sky League	17
Corbett Cardinals	258	Blanchet Catholic Cavaliers	140	C.S. Lewis Watchmen	25	Arlington Honkers	33
Neah-Kah-Nie Pirates	158	Chemawa Braves	143	Crosshill Christian Eagles	66	Bickleton Pirates	19
Rainier Columbians	177	Colton Vikings	129	Falls City Mountaineers	34	Condon Blue Devils	27
Riverdale Mavericks	179	Culver Bulldogs	120	Jewell Bluejays	30	Dufur Rangers	59
Warrenton Warriors	177	Delphian School Dragons	105	Livingstone Adventist Academy Lions	40	Echo Cougars	51
Yamhill-Carlton Tigers	184	Gervais Cougars**	196	Oregon School f/t Deaf Panthers	28	Glenwood Eagle	14
		Kennedy Trojans	106	Perrydale Pirates	66	Horizon Christian Hawks (HR)	37
		Regis Rams	75	St. Paul Buckaroos	66	Ione Cardinals	42
		Salem Academy Crusaders	114	Veritas School Vanguard	41	Kickitat Vandals	12
		Santiam Wolverines	124	Willamette Valley Christian Warriors	41	Lyle Cougars	40
		Western Christian Pioneers*	61			Mitchell Loggers	13
		Willamina Bulldogs	139			Sherman Huskies	46
						South Wasco County Redsides	44
						Spray Eagles	16
						Trout Lake Mustangs	61
						Wheeler Falcons	9
						Wishram Indians	11
3A-3 - PacWest Conference	7	2A-3 - Central Valley Conference	12	1A-3 - Mountain West League	10	1A-7 - Old Oregon League	11
Amity Warriors	169	Bandon Tigers	122	Alea Wolverines	64	Cove Leopards	64
Dayton Pirates	187	Central Linn Cobras	139	Crow Cougars	53	Elgin Huskies	65
Jefferson Lions	151	East Linn Christian Eagles	93	Eddyville Charter Eagles	35	Griswold Grizzlies	27
Santiam Christian Eagles	167	Gold Beach Panthers	92	Kings Valley Charter Eagles	38	Imbler Panthers	59
Scio Loggers	165	Illinois Valley Cougars**	155	Mapleton Sailors	25	Joseph Eagles	49
Sheridan Spartans	148	Lowell Devils	76	McKenzie Eagles	32	Nixyaawii Eagles	42
Taft Tigers	266	Monroe Dragons	79	Mohawk Mustangs	68	Pilot Rock Rockets	61
		Oakland Oakers	138	Oak Hill School Falcons	30	Pine Eagle Spartans	39
		Oakridge Warriors	83	Siletz Valley Warriors	35	Powder Valley Badgers	50
		Reedsport Brave	106	Triangle Lake Lakers	37	Union Bobcats	71
		Toledo Boomers	116			Wallowa Cougars	38
		Waldport Irish	105				
3A-4 - Mountain Valley Conference	7	2A-4 - Blue Mountain Conference	6	1A-4 - Skyline League	12	1A-8 - High Desert League	12
Creswell Bulldogs	240	Enterprise Outlaws	101	Camas Valley Hornets	39	Adrian Antelopes	58
Elmira Falcons	307	Grant Union Prospectors	107	Days Creek Wolves	45	Burnt River Bulls	18
Harrisburg Eagles	160	Heppner Mustangs	76	Elkton Elks	55	Crane Mustangs	53
La Pine Hawks	266	Irrigon Knights	141	Glendale Pirates	55	Dayville Tigers	10
Pleasant Hill Billies	236	Stanfield Tigers	89	Myrtle Point Bobcats	70	Four Rivers Charter Falcons	35
Sisters Outlaws	302	Weston-McEwen Tiger Scots	121	New Hope Christian Warriors	38	Harper Hornets	26
Siuslaw Vikings	234			North Douglas Warriors	58	Huntington Locomotives	20
				Pacific Pirates	31	Jordan Valley Mustangs	13
				Powers Cruisers	11	Long Creek Mountaineers	10
				Riddle Irish	59	Monument Tigers	11
				Umpqua Valley Christian Monarchs	47	Prairie City Panthers	35
				Yoncalla Eagles	56	Ukiah Cougars	10
3A-5 - Far West League	11						
Brookings-Harbor Bruins	309						
Cascade Christian Challengers	153						
Coquille Red Devils	188						
Douglas Trojans	259						
Glide Wildcats	148						
Lakeview Honkers	146						
North Valley Knights	290						
Rogue River Chieftains	173						
South Umpqua Lancers	244						
St. Mary's Crusaders	238						
Sutherlin Bulldogs	269						
3A-6 - Eastern Oregon League	6						
Burns Hillanders	164						
McLoughlin Pioneers	290						
Nyssa Bulldogs	158						
Riverside Pirates	158						
Umatilla Vikings	211						
Vale Vikings	169						