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TO: Superintendents, Principals and Athletic Directors

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SUBJECT: Update on the Proceedings of the Reimbursement Review Task Force

The Reimbursement Review Task Force held its second meeting via Zoom on October 20. The Task Force will be utilizing a virtual format for all meetings that allows both Task Force members and those seeking to provide input the option of participating via webinar. This Task Force was put together by the OSAA Executive Board at the request of the OSAA State Championship and Budget Committees.

After introductions, the group received a review of the charges from the OSAA Executive Board and a review of the timeline. The reviews were conducted by OSAA Executive Director Peter Weber, Assistant Executive Director Kyle Stanfield and IT Systems Administrator Gibby Reynolds.

The Task Force began the meeting by reviewing the documents prepared by the staff after the last meeting. The group reviewed cost price indexes and examples over the past 20 years to see how much costs have risen, reviewed the feedback from the recent Delegate Assembly meeting and information from surrounding states on how/if they reimburse.

In a review of the surrounding states, Alaska, Arizona, Nevada and Washington do not reimburse event management or travel expenses. States like California, Idaho, Wyoming and Utah have some level of reimbursement but not as in-depth as the OSAA. Hawaii and Montana only reimburse for a limited number of sports like Football and Basketball. Like the diversity on how schools use reimbursement, the same goes for how each state is structured when it comes to reimbursement.

Coming out of the previous meeting, the Task Force wanted to review mileage rates and how much it would be if activities (band/choir/orchestra/solo music/cheer/dance) were reimbursed like sports. **Philosophically, the Task Force is supportive of reimbursing activities in a similar fashion to sports.** The Task Force has asked the staff to bring models to their next meeting to determine what level that could be and how those funds to support the change would be obtained.

The Task Force asked the staff to collect the following information to review:

- Compare roster sizes to reimbursed numbers in team sports
- Develop pivot table on event expenses and how much potential increases would cost
- View average trips per each classification and develop a potential model where events automatically add an additional day if round trip mileages reach a certain level. This could also include trips when the time taken on the road exceeds a certain threshold where additional resources would be needed.

The Task Force is looking for feedback from the membership these issues. The Task Force will keep the Executive Board regularly updated on their progress. Future meeting dates will be released once determined with the goal to complete work prior to the April Budget Committee meeting.

The Task Force appreciates your support and encourages your participation in this process. Please do not hesitate to contact Kyle Stanfield (kyles@osaa.org) at the OSAA if you have any questions or to provide feedback.

The Task Force Roster, charge to the Task Force, and updated information are available at the OSAA website: <https://www.osaa.org/governance/task-forces#reimbursement>