

Dear Sheldon Families,

The Sheldon Coaching staff wanted to make you aware of a potential change in the future for our student athletes. Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA) has charged the Classification & Districting Committee to make recommendations to the Executive Board regarding classifications and districts for the upcoming four-year time block. (2018-2022)

The current draft (#18) has placed Sheldon, South Eugene & Willamette in a league with the Medford & Bend Schools, a 10 team league.

Proposed: League: Sheldon, South Eugene, Willamette, Bend, Summit, Mountain View, Roseburg, Grants Pass, South Medford & North Medford.

We are opposed to this recommendation. The proposal is in direct contradiction of the goals outlined by the OSAA.

The OSAA was to consider the following (4) criteria first in their decision making process:

- a. Safety of student participants and spectators, parents and other spectators
- b. Minimizing loss of student instruction time
- c. Minimizing the expenditure of school district and student and parent participant funds
- d. School enrollment data

The proposal to send our student athletes to Bend and Medford for league competition does not address the above criteria at all.

We recommend the Eugene Schools being placed in a league in the Salem area, a safer 1 hour commute for our athletes and coaches.

Here is how you can help and voice your concerns on this new proposal.

1. Write a letter to OSAA
2. Email the OSAA
3. Attend Future Classifications and Districting Committee Meetings at OSAA Wilsonville Office on August 28th and September 25th at 9:00 am

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It is important for your voice to be heard. We hope you will join us in trying to provide an athletic experience for our student athletes much closer to home.

If you have questions please feel free to contact your coach or Athletic Director Matt Binkerd (AD) binkerd_m@4j.lane.edu