Realignment Committee Meeting March 16, 2016

Appeals to be considered:

- 1. Tuscola High School
 - a. Request creating a new 2A/3A split conference (2A Conference B and 3A Conference A)
- 2. Gaston County
 - a. Request creating multiple split conferences to keep county schools together
 - b. Impacts 2A Conferences E, and F & 3A Conference E
- 3. Community School of Davidson
 - a. Request forming a Football-only conference with 1A Conferences "D" & "E"
 - b. Request switching Lincoln Charter and Mountain Island Charter from 1A Conferences "D" & "E" respectively
- 4. Hickory Ridge/Porter Ridge High Schools
 - a. Request forming a new 3A/4A split conference with 3A Conference "D"
- 5. Thomasville High School
 - a. Request moving from 2A Conference "P" to 2A Conference "O"
- 6. Forbush High School
 - a. Request moving from 2A Conference "D" to 2A Conference "C" (1A/2A split)
- 7. Surry County
 - a. Request creating multiple 1A/2A split conferences
- 8. Guilford County
 - a. Request creating two (2) 3A/4A split conferences with 4A Conference "I" joining 3A Conference "G" and 4A Conference "J"
- 9. Alamance-Burlington Schools
 - a. Concern over five (5) Football playing schools in 2A Conference "O"; requesting help
- 10. North Moore High School
 - a. Request leaving 1A Conference "N" and go to 1A Conference "M" for all sports
- 11. Granville Central/Louisburg High School
 - a. Request moving from 1A Conference "O" to form 1A/2A split conference with 2A Conference "R"
- 12. Chatham Central High School and other Charter Schools (1A conferences)
 - a. Request moving to 1A Conference "M" for Football-only
 - b. Kestrel Heights in 1A Conference "N" -perhaps to remain Independent in Football
 - c. These requests contingent upon proposals #10 & #11
 - d. Could reconfigure 1A Conferences N and O
- 13. East Montgomery High School
 - a. Concern over 2A status (currently in Conference N)
- 14. Wayne County Schools
 - a. Request moving Goldsboro High School from 2A Conference "J" to 2A Conference "K"
 - b. Request moving Spring Creek High School from 2A Conference "M" to 2A Conference "K"
 - c. Suggest moving Washington High School from 2A Conference "K" to 2A Conference "J"
- 15. East Duplin High School
 - a. Request moving from 2A Conference "M" to 2A Conference "L" (1A/2A split)
- 16. Bladen County Schools
 - a. Request moving East and West from 2A Conference "M" to 2A Conference "H" (1A/2A split)
- 17. Pender High School
 - a. Request moving from 1A Conference "K" (1A/2A split) to 1A Conference "L"



NCHSAA 2017-2021 REALIGNMENT APPEAL FORM



| School: | Tuscola High School | | Submitted by: Dr. Anne Garrett |
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| . Class: | 3A | Principal: | Travis Collins |
| LEA: | Haywood County Schools | Athletic Director: | Carol Fox |
| 2013-17 Conference: | WNCAC | 2017-21 DRAFT 2 Conf: | A |
| | | 2017-21 Proposed Conf: | WNCAC Split 2A/SA (Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Transylvania Co. Conference) |

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| WEST HENDERSON | Agrees with proposal | ☐ Disagrees with proposal | ☐ No Response |
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| FRANKLIN | □ Agrees with proposal | Disagrees with proposal | ☐ No Response |
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Haywood/Henderson/Jackson/Macon/Transylvania Conference Proposal

- Our proposal would be to keep the current Western Athletic Association Conference intact with the addition of Hendersonville High School.
- This would result in a 3A/2A conference with:
 - o 6 2A schools
 - Brevard
 - East Henderson
 - Franklin
 - Hendersonville
 - Pisgah
 - Smoky Mountain
 - 3 3A schools
 - North Henderson
 - Tuscola
 - West Henderson
- Our rationale for this proposal includes the following:
 - o This proposal would keep schools within Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, and Macon remaining in conferences with schools within their own school systems.
 - All five Superintendents of the aforementioned school systems have agreed that this proposal is in the best interest of their school systems
 - This proposal would alleviate scheduling difficulties for Conference B in scheduling nonconference games, (6 non-conference games, which is very difficult for schools in the western part of the state).
 - This proposed conference would maintain existing rivalries that have been present for almost a decade.
 - Traditional split conference that has existed would help mitigate the disparities created by the 20-30-30-20 model used to create new conferences:
 - o Enrollment disparity for Conference A, Draft 2 3A = 505 students
 - o Enrollment disparity Traditional 2A/3A Conference = 340 students

Dr. David Jones, Superintendent, Henderson County Schools

Dr. Anne Garrett, Superintendent, Haywood County Schools

Dr. Mike Murray, Superintendent, Jackson County Schools

Dr. Chris Baldwin, Superintendent, Macon County Schools

Dr. Jeff McDaris, Superintendent, Transylvania County Schools

Mr. Travis Collins, Principal, Tuscola High School will present this proposal at the Regional Meeting in Lincolnton, on Wednesday, February 10.

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February 23, 2016

NCHSAA Realignment Committee tra@nchsaa.org

Dear NCHSAA Realignment Committee,

I write to you regarding the initial and second draft for realignment of schools for 2017-2021. First of all, may I say I appreciate the efforts of this committee to align member schools into conferences of like sizes relative to average daily membership and close geographic proximity, with minimizing travel as a primary consideration.

I would like to indicate that AC Reynolds High School would like to advocate to maintain the nine team 3A Conference A of the initial draft of realignment rather than the nine team 2A/3A split conference of the Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Transylvania proposal.

The initial draft proposal of a straight nine team 3A Conference A forms a conference that meets the goals of the realignment committee. The original proposal consists of nine teams similar in average daily membership, close in geographic proximity, and fulfills the directive of the NCHSAA Board of Directors to use the 20-30-30-20 realignment model. It also helps keep transportation costs minimized for all nine 3A schools, protects instructional time, and enhances natural close rivalries in competitive sports.

The newest 2A/3A five county proposed split conference reflects a conference that is not in alignment with the goals of the realignment committee. The proposed split conference increases travel for the proposed schools, does not have rivaled competitive play for schools within the same and nearby LEAs, and does not alleviate non conference scheduling conflicts. The perceived competitive advantage the newest proposal makes is not the charge of the realignment committee. Lastly, six of the nine schools in the initial straight Conference A are against the newest proposal for a split conference.

In closing, I strongly urge you to consider leaving intact the initial proposal for Conference A as a nine team straight 3A conference to follow the goals of the NCHSAA realignment model for 2017-2021 rather than changing to a proposed 5 county split 2A/3A that does not adhere to the guidelines and objectives of the NCHSAA Realignment committee. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this email or the stance of AC Reynolds High School.

February 24, 2016

Dear members of the realignment committee,

We write this letter in support of the realignment plan put forth by Tuscola High School. This proposed conference would comprise the following:

A split 2A/3A conference with 9 member schools

Six 2A schools

- Brevard
- East Henderson
- Franklin
- Hendersonville
- Pisgah
- Smoky Mountain

Three 3A schools

- North Henderson
- Tuscola
- West Henderson

We agree with all of the points made by Travis Collins at the realignment meeting on 2/10/16.

We believe that our conference should stay together for the following four reasons:

- 1. Leaves existing conference intact that has worked well together for a decade.
- 2. All Henderson County Schools and Haywood County Schools would complete in the same conference.
- 3. Geography will make it difficult for Franklin High School and Smoky Mountain High School to schedule games week 4, 5 and 6 of the football season. Also, it will create a scheduling crisis for all other sports that will be looking to schedule up to as many as 14 games.
- 4. This plan is endorsed by all athletic directors, principals, and superintendents that are mentioned within this proposal. (Brevard has indicated that they would prefer to remain in a straight 2A conference with 6 teams but are not opposed to this plan.)

Shannon Auten – Principal – West Henderson High School

Greg Bailey - Principal - Pisgah High School

Jacob Buchanan - Principal - Smoky Mountain High School

Travis Collins – Principal – Tuscola High School

Scott Rhodes - Principal - East Henderson High School

John Shepard – Principal – North Henderson High School Bobby Wilkins – Principal – Hendersonville High School Barry Woody – Principal - Franklin High School From: Tra Waters tra@nchsaa.org

Subject: Re: Realignment

Date: March 4, 2016 at 2:53 PM

To: David Galloway dgallowa@tcsnc.org, Que Tucker que@nchsaa.org

Cc: Jeff McDaris jmcdaris@tcsnc.org, Jennifer Anderson janderson@tcsnc.org, Alan Justice ajustice@tcsnc.org



Thanks Mick.

Tra



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On Mar 4, 2016, at 1:47 PM, David Galloway < dgallowa@tcsnc.org> wrote:

Tra,

I know you have received an appeal letter from the WNCAC Principals and ADs concerning continuing the current 3A/2A split conference. Brevard High is pleased with the initial straight 2A conference draft as it is fair and in line with eliminating the split conferences. We do not intend to sign or agree to any other proposal presented that involves us in a 3A/2A split. We hope the NCHSAA will stick to the initial realignment draft and decline their proposal.

Their proposal is not about "maintaining a long standing conference relationship" as described, but an attempt to stay out of a strong MAC football conference within Buncombe county. We will certainly continue to play West, North and Tuscola, but we do not want it to be a conference game where we are at a disadvantage with 300-400 students less than their ADMs.

We appreciate the realignment committee and their due diligence to listen to the members.

Sincerely,

Mick Galloway

David "Mick" Galloway Assistant Principal/Athletic Director Brevard High School 828-884-4103 dgallowa@tcsnc.org Realignment Committee:

Asheville High School in the Asheville City Schools District is in complete support of both the initial as well as the second 3A Draft of Realignment. We believe that the Committee did a great job with this area and we would like to see the current draft finalized and passed.

Having a 9 team 3A conference is advantageous to us for scheduling. Having only 6 teams as proposed by Haywood/Henderson/Macon/Transylvania group would create scheduling nightmares for us as well as our Buncombe County neighbors in many sports. We have a difficult time finding schools that will compete against us in this area and the current draft would go a long way in helping to solve that problem. Also, when we do have to compete in away events we lose instructional time in many cases. The 9 team proposal will reduce the amount of instructional time lost.

While we already have some strong county rivalries, adding the 3 schools from neighboring counties will add, create, and enhance these rivalries. The 9 schools because of size(All AAA), and proximity will create a great conference and one that can thrive financially and will also create a competitive conference in all of our sports. Travel costs will be reduced and ticket sales will likely increase on a consistent basis across all our sports for all 9 schools.

We thank you for your diligence and hard work in this process. We strongly feel that the current proposal that places Asheville High into a 9 team AAA conference will be for the best for all 9 schools involved.

Lance Abernathy

Athletic Director

Asheville High School

North Buncombe High School Barry Owens, Athletic Director

To NCHSAA Realignment Committee:

Again, we want to reiterate it would be the best interest of North Buncombe High School to be a member of the 9-team 3A conference referred to as Conference A. First of all, Conference A would insure that NBHS would strictly be in a 3A conference. It will place a great burden for any of the schools in a six team conference to schedule non-conference games in all sports. Schools in close proximity that are included in the proposed split 2A / 3A 9 team conference would drive right by schools in our conference and never play any schools in our conference because their schedules are already full. Subsequently, it would cost our athletic department a great deal of money to drive outside the geographical area. Students would have to leave classes earlier and get home later with coaches, serving as bus drivers as well as coaches, after a full day teaching school. This puts the school in a liability situation. Finally, from a financial stand point, gate receipts and spectator attendance would be greater if we went to this 9-team conference.

In conclusion, for the reasons listed above, North Buncombe High School is requesting that the NCHSAA Realignment Committee approve the 9-team 3A Conference A proposal for the 2017-2021 school years. Thus, it would be more beneficial for all the schools in Western North Carolina to have 3 different 9 team conferences with no split conferences.

Sincerely,

Jack Evans, Principal

Barry Owens, Assistant Principal and Athletic Director

T.C. Roberson High School

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February 18, 2016

NCHSAA Realignment Committee:

To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing on behalf of T.C. Roberson to support the NCHSAA Initial and Second draft of conference realignment received in mid-December and January. The stated primary goal of the Realignment Committee is: To align member schools into conferences of like sizes relative to average daily membership and close geographic proximity, with minimizing travel as a primary consideration. The purpose is not to create a competitive advantage.

Our original support of the Initial and Second drafts of realignment were and still are based on these 7 points:

- The Initial and Second drafts form a 9-team conference of schools that are similar in average daily membership and have close geographic proximity to each other.
- They enhance natural geographic rivalries.
- They reduce transportation costs and minimizes travel.
- They reduce lost instructional time.
- They increase gate receipts and spectator opportunities.
- They enhance the formation of non-conference schedules.
- They enhance Conference Tournaments

T.C. Roberson is completely against the proposed 2A/3A 9-team split conference (referencing Haywood/Henderson/Jackson/Macon/Transylvania Conference Proposal). These are our reasons for our opposition:

- The formation of a split 2A/3A Conference goes against the stated goals of realignment.
- It increases travel for the schools in the newly proposed 2A/3A 9-team conference.
- The rationale used in the 2A/3A split conference proposal is not aligned with the goal of realignment. (Playing all schools within their LEA in one conference, Alleviating non-conference scheduling conflicts, maintaining rivalries, creating a split conference for reason other than geographic hardship and enrolment disparity are not valid reasons for a change of conference and are not aligned with the goal of realignment.)
- It creates a 2A/3A 9-team conference based on perceived competitive advantage versus the perception of competitive disadvantage in the initial and the 2nd draft of a 9-team 3A conference. Advantage/Disadvantage determinations are not the charge of the realignment committee.
- 6 of the 9 3A schools in Conference A of the 3A Initial and Second Draft of Realignment support the 9-team 3A proposal and are against the 9-team 2A/3A Spilt Conference Proposal.

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As we have stated, T.C. Roberson is in support of the Initial and Second drafts of conference realignment. These drafts of a conference meet the goals set forth by the Realignment Committee. T. C. Roberson would like to see this 9-team conference remain the same in the next and final stages of the process.

Thank you for the time and effort committed to this important and valuable process.

Sincerely,

Principal

Athletic Director

Amy Rhoney

Laura Beatty



Tony Baldwin, Ed.D., Superintendent

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February 22, 2016

Dear NCHSAA Realignment Committee Members,

We wish to strongly advocate for maintaining the membership structure represented as Conference A of the initial and second 3A Draft of Realignment for 2017-2021. This membership provides for a nine team conference of exclusively 3A schools. Furthermore, our advocacy for Conference A supports a strong opposition to the recently proposed 2A/3A split conference of nine teams referenced as the Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon and Transylvania Conference Proposal.

The design of Conference A through the initial and second draft preparation clearly met the primary stated goals and priorities of the realignment committee: nine teams representing the same classification, each similar in average daily membership with a close geographic proximity to each other (addressing both budgetary and instructional time loss concerns). Likewise the 20-30-30-20 modified model of realignment is respected.

Establishing a priority to emphasize cost savings and protect instructional time is essential to all school systems across North Carolina as a continued struggle exists meeting budgetary requirements especially relative to extracurricular program support including interscholastic athletics. Within our own region, a recent decision by school officials in Haywood County to close one of their elementary schools distinctly illustrates the economic hardships we all continue to face. As continued accountability measures are put in place; most recently the A-F Performance Grade System, our need to protect against any controllable loss of instructional time remains critical. Both of our systems, having previously experienced lost instructional time for student athletes due to conference required athletic travel, clearly recognize the relevance of this concern.

We believe that the creation of the 2A/3A split team conference (Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon and Transylvania Conference Proposal) is significantly based upon the principles of competitive advantage/disadvantage. While travel time leading to budgetary pressures are concerns that are clearly within the charge of the realignment committee; respectfully, it is our belief that competitive advantages/disadvantages are not.

Thank you for your dedicated time and efforts in making the 2017-2021 NCHSAA realignment a fair and consistent process for all schools across the state. In closing, we wish to cite the importance of the steps within the alignment process to insure opportunity for collaborative communication and feedback. While seven school systems would be impacted by the design of the Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon and Transylvania Conference proposal, our two systems – Asheville and Buncombe were not at the table when the conference proposal was discussed by system representatives in a meeting hosted by Jackson County.

Sincerely,

Dr. Tony Baldwin

Superintendent Buncombe County Schools

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Superintendent Asheville City Schools

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David Ball, M.A. Ed., C.M.A.A. District Athletic Specialist

February 22, 2016

NCHSAA Realignment Committee:

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of the five 3A high schools in Buncombe County that have been placed in the 9-Team 3A Conference, listed as Conference A, in the initial and second draft of realignment for the years 2017-21. As stated in my presentation at the Western Regional Realignment Meeting on February 10, 2016 in Lincolnton, the five 3A high schools of the Buncombe County School System strongly support the initial and 2nd draft of realignment that created a 9-Team 3A Conference, listed as Conference A.

We believe that this 9-Team 3A Conference, listed as Conference A, directly fulfills the three tenets of the "Goal of Realignment." This includes aligning schools into conferences of like sizes relative to average daily membership, creating conferences based on close geographic proximity and minimizing travel as a primary consideration. The creation of Conference A in the 3A initial and second draft, clearly meets all three of these tenets. First, there were nine 3A schools identified in the mountains of WNC using the 20-30-30-20 Modified Model of Realignment. Secondly, these nine 3A schools are located within close geographic proximity of each other; with the closest two schools being only eight miles apart and the most distant two schools being only forty-two miles apart. Thirdly, travel would be minimized and transportation costs reduced by the creation of this 3A conference.

We, the five 3A high schools in Buncombe County also wish to express our strong opposition to the Haywood/Henderson/Jackson/Macon/Transylvania Conference Proposal to create a 9-Team 2A/3A Split Conference. We believe that the rationale used for the proposed 2A/3A Split Conference is not aligned with the "Goal of Realignment" and should not be of primary consideration by the Realignment Committee. Their expressed rationale of 1) playing schools within their own LEA in a conference 2) alleviating non-conference scheduling difficulties 3) maintaining rivalries 4) creating a split conference for no geographical hardship and 5) enrollment disparity are clearly Not Aligned with the three tenets of the "Goal of Realignment." An example of how their plan is incongruent with the "Goal of Realignment" is illustrated by the twenty-nine percent increase in the average mileage per round of conference play for the three 3A schools going into the proposed split conference.

A second weakness of their rationale was referring to enrollment disparity. The three 3A schools that they propose to join a 2A/3A Split Conference are the three smallest 3A schools in the 9-

Team 3A Conference, listed as Conference A in the initial and 2nd draft. Yet, item #14 of the Realignment Process and Procedures states that "after classifications are established, ADM numbers are not considered when putting together conferences within a classification." Neither should ADM numbers be used as an argument to break up a 9-Team 3A Conference to create a 9-Team 2A/3A split conference. Their enrollment disparity argument could be perceived as going from a competitive disadvantage (3 smallest schools in a conference) to a competitive advantage (3 largest schools in a conference.) Advantage and/or disadvantage should not be a consideration of the realignment committee. Lastly, we disagree with each and every part of the 2A/3A rationale and feel we have strong arguments (as presented in our presentation in Lincolnton) against any part of their rationale being considered by the realignment committee.

In conclusion, the five 3A high schools of the Buncombe County School System, strongly oppose any plan that would change the 9-Team 3A Conference, listed as Conference A, in the initial and second draft of realignment. We disagree with the rationale of the 2A/3A Split Conference Proposal and are adamantly against the removal of any 3A schools from the proposed 9-Team 3A Conference to form a split 2A/3A conference. We believe the 9-Team 3A Conference, listed as Conference A, clearly meets the stated goal of realignment and its guiding tenets. We encourage the Realignment Committee to maintain this 9-Team 3A Conference through the remaining steps of realignment.

Sincerely:

David Ball, M.A.Ed., C.M.A.A.

District Athletic Specialist

David Ball



NCHSAA 2017-2021 REALIGNMENT APPEAL FORM



| | Submitted by: |
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| School: Gaston County | Superintendent: Jeff Booker |
| Class: 2A | Principal: N/A |
| LEA; Gaston County | Athletic Director: Chad Duncan |
| 013-17 Conference: Big South 2/V3/A | 2017-21 DRAFT 2 Conf: 2A E |
| | 2017-21 Proposed Conf: East Gaston/South Point Shelby Wast Lincoln Lincoln Lincoln East Lincoln Lake Norm |

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Subject: Fwd: Realignment Appeal Form Date: February 29, 2016 at 11:23 AM

To: Tra Waters tra@nchsaa.org, Brad Alford brad@nchsaa.org



Gaston County Schools Proposal (2A)

| East Gaston East Lincoln Lake Norman Charter Lincolnton North Lincoln Shelby South Point West Lincoln | Chase Draughn East Burke East Rutherford Patton RS Central | Bandys Bunker Hill Fred T. Foard Hibriten Maiden Newton-Conover West Iredell |
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| South Point West Lincoln | | West Iredell |

PBF Realignment-02262016085538.pdf

This was presented at the West Regional Realignment meeting in Lincolnton on February 10th, 2016.

Thanks,

Chad Duncan, CMAA
Gaston County Schools
Director of Athletics and Driver Education
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From: Dan Brigman dan_brigman@catawbaschools.net

Subject: Catawba County Realignment Date: February 10, 2016 at 5:00 PM

To: que@nchsaa.org

Good afternoon Que!

I hope this email finds you doing well. Thank you once again for speaking to me several days ago regarding realignment efforts. I have been made aware of the Gaston County recommendation for realignment. Catawba County is supportive of the Gaston County proposal and will support this recommendation as presented to the committee. This proposal is favorable as it places all of our 2A schools in Catawba County in the same conference.

Please feel free to contact me if I can assist or provide you with additional information.

Again, thank you for your leadership and support during this very difficult but essential process.

Sincerely,

Dan Brigman.

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BURKE COUNTY Public Schools

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As Superintendent for the Burke County, NC Public School system, I would like to offer my support for the NCHSAA Realignment draft #2, issued on 21 January 2016, in its original form. It is the position of Burke County Public Schools and of our four high schools (Draughn, East Burke, Freedom, and Patton) that we endorse the proposed conferences as they are in the model of 21 January 2016. Of particular concern on this realignment is 2A Conference E, which according to the model will include the following schools:

Bunker Hill High School JC Draughn High School East Burke High School Fred T. Foard High School Hibriten High School RL Patton High School West Iredell High School

The schools in this conference are comparably sized, appropriately matched, and conveniently located in close geographic proximity to each other. This was a thoughtful and efficient grouping for a high school athletic conference.

At the realignment meeting in Lincolnton on 10 February 16, representatives from Gaston County Schools put forward a proposal that among other things would transfer three Burke County schools (Patton, East Burke, Draughn) into a conference with Rutherford and Cleveland Counties. It is my understanding that the Gaston County proposal was never discussed with or in any way communicated to any of the Burke County schools that would be impacted by this proposal. In effect, the creators of this proposal volunteered three of our schools for transfer without our consideration, knowledge, or approval. Representatives from each of the three affected Burke County schools (Patton, East Burke, and Draughn) who were at the Lincolnton meeting spoke in opposition to the proposal made by Gaston County.

As superintendent of Burke County Public Schools, I add my opposition to this proposal, along with our four high schools in Burke County and endorse the 21 January 2016 model for realignment as proposed by the NCHSAA in its original form because of the incomparable and efficient wisdom of its composition. If changes are to be made, particularly to the existing 2A Conference E, I would like to be informed and consulted before the final realignment draft. I thank the NCHSAA and the realignment committee for all of their hard work on this project.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Putnam, Superintendent Burke County Public Schools



CHASE HIGH SCHOOL

1603 Chase High Rd., Forest City, NC 28043 Phone: 828.245.5883 Fax: 828.248.3584



Assistant Principals - Margaret McKinney & Julie Powell



Dear NCHSAA and Conference Realignment Committee,

On behalf of CHASE High School, East Rutherford High School, and R-S Central High School, we thank you for your hard work, devoted time, and sincere desire to make NC high school athletics the best it can possibly be through the alignment committee's work. While we do not have a specific proposal to present to you, we do find it important to continue to advocate that Rutherford County Schools NOT be included in any conference realignment proposals that include 3A schools. We feel very confident that the committee heard our voices and understood the reasoning for this request when we responded to other schools' proposals and the committee's questions at the Western Regional Realignment Meeting.

Due to the geographic location of our county schools in relation to our neighboring counties, we are accustomed to long conference travel times outside of Rutherford. However, we understand that these travel times are not customary for many schools, and thus make Rutherford Schools unappealing to align with. With that understanding, we are aware that our neighbors have made and are making several proposals for realignment. While our main request remains to not be adjoined with any 3A schools, we also feel that we owe it to our communities to continue to advocate for what we would consider our best option. Therefore, our first preference is to realign with our fellow 2A Region 8 schools, but based on the proposals presented to you at the Western Realignment Meeting, we support the proposal made by Gaston County Schools that placed the following six schools in a conference:

Chase East Rutherford R-S Central Draughn East Burke Patton

There may be other options the committee is considering, and if so, we yet again want to clarify that our earnest desire to not be placed in conference with 3A schools. I do respectfully plead that you grant this request as the work takes shape.

Sincerely,

CHASE High School

R-S Central High School

East Rutherford High School



Caldwell County Schools

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Office of the Superintendent

Steve Stone, Ed.D.

As Superintendent for the Caldwell County, NC Public School System, I would like to offer my support for the NCH SAA Realignment draft #2, issued on January 21, 2016, in its original form. It is the position of Caldwell County Public Schools and of our three high schools (Hibriten, South Caldwell, and West Caldwell) that we endorse the proposed conferences as they are in the model of January 21, 2016. Of particular concern on this realignment is 2A Conference E, which according to the model will include the following schools:

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As superintendent of Caldwell County Public Schools, I add my opposition to this proposal, along with our three high schools in Caldwell County and endorse the January 21, 2016 model for realignment as proposed by the NCHSAA in its original form because of the incomparable and efficient wisdom of its composition. If changes are to be made, particularly to the existing 2A Conference E, I would like to be informed and consulted before the final realignment draft. I thank the NCHSAA and the realignment committee for all of their hard work on this project.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Stone, Ed.D.,
Superintendent of Schools

From: Jr Murray jmurrayj@burke.k12.nc.us Subject: Gaston County realignment 2A proposal

Date: February 11, 2016 at 5:29 PM

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Dear Realignment Committee Member

I would like to point out in the Gaston County 2A realignment proposal in the west conferences E,F and G at the 2/10/16 meeting, that this would alleviate concerns for the <u>2</u> Gaston County Schools but would create the same concerns for <u>3</u> Burke county schools. Going from 2 schools to 3 schools with the same concerns does not seem to be much of a solution for the whole picture. Thank you for your time and efforts in this difficult process.

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Mission Statement

The mission of Burke County Public Schools is to educate diverse learners, nurture their potentials, and empower them to be competitive, successful, and productive citizens.

Vision Statement

Burke County Public Schools, a world-class model of exemplary education, inspires students to be life-long learners who can compete successfully on the global stage and contribute to their community as productive citizens.

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February 26, 2016

Dear Commissioner Que Tucker and Members of the Realignment Committee:

This letter is to endorse the current proposal of Draft 2, Conference G (East Lincoln High School, Lincolnton High School, North Lincoln High School, West Lincoln High School, Newton-Conover, Bandys, Maiden and Lake Norman Charter) for Lincoln County Schools. We were also in favor of the original Draft 1, but we are certainly excited to have the addition of Newton-Conover in Draft 2.

We are aware that going into the realignment process there are no guarantees, but that the Realignment Committee favors proposals (1) where all parties are in agreement, and (2) do not detrimentally impact neighboring districts. It is for those reasons we feel that the Gaston County 2A proposal should not be considered by the Realignment Committee.

Draft 2 Conference G met the criteria of the realignment committee (1) where all parties are in agreement, and (2) do not detrimentally impact neighboring districts. Therefore Lincoln County Schools is **NOT IN FAVOR** of the Gaston County Proposal. The Gaston County Proposal, adversely affects several counties in their 2A proposal. Our reasons for objection to this proposal, are the same as we stated to the committee on February 10, 2016. Our objections include the reasons below.

- Increases our travel distance to 88 round trip miles from ELHS to Shelby HS (on two lane roads, with multiple red lights), which decreases instructional time, and increases our cost of transportation.
- Dissolves the excellent historical rivalries that date back to 1959 with our Catawba County neighbors.
 These rivalries bring out tremendous competition and community support for all of our schools.
- Negatively impacts Burke County Schools for the same reasons we have listed above of increased travel distance, and established rivalries.

The 2A Gaston County Proposal adversely affects multiple districts surrounding Lincoln County. We believe this proposal runs contrary to what the Realignment Committee and Commissioner Que Tucker have said from the beginning, which is that "proposals will be heard; however, "they should not upset the entire apple cart". We feel the Gaston County Proposal upsets the entire apple cart.

In summary, I would like to thank Commissioner Tucker, and the Realignment Committee for your attention to our concerns. In addition, we feel confident, that the Committee will take these reasons into consideration and **NOT CHANGE** the current Draft 2, Conference G alignment, therefore, leaving it as it stands.

Sincerely,

Sherry A. Hoyle, Ed.D.

Superintendent

Lincoln County Schools



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| | Submitted by: |
| School: Community School of Davidson | Superintendent: |
| Class: 1A | Principal: Joy Wamer |
| LEA: Charlotte-Mecklenburg | Athletic Director: Jill Cashion |
| 2013-17 Conference: Southern Pledmont | 2017-21 DRAFT 2 Conf: Conference € |
| | 2017-21 Proposed Conf: 8 team football conference, 2 separate conf. for all other sports |

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From: Jill Cashlon jcashion@csdspartans.org

Subject: 1A realignment meeting Date: February 3, 2016 at 3:29 PM

To: Tra Waters tra@nchsaa.org, Que Tucker que@nchsaa.org



CSD would like to have TJ Albert speak at the February 10th realignment meeting. i'vs included the proposal below.

Jill Cashion Asst Athletic Director Community School of Davidson

Either all of the football playing charter schools need to be in one conference or they need to leave our conference the way it is. The main issue will be scheduling games...with only 4 football schools in our conference we would need to play 7 out of conference games to fill our schedule. The major problem with this, is, ALL CMS schools are 4A...Lake Norman and Mooresville HS are also 4A schools...that would leave us with the Lincoln County schools. Problem with the Lincoln County schools is they are proposed to be in an 8 team conference. One other option would be to add Lake Norman Charter to our conference. Although they would be the only 2A school in our conference it still makes more logical/practical sense then the current proposed realignment.

Suggest below as a football school conference and then add Bradford Prep, Carolina International and Lincoln Charter with the option as adding Lake Norman Charter (2A)

One conference that can be subdivided if needed. It would allow for 9 football playing schools and a 12 team conference.

Community School of Davidson Pine Lake Prep Union Academy Thomas Jefferson

Bessemer City
Cherryville
Highland School of Technology
Piedmont Charter
Mountain Island Charter

NCHSAA Realignment Committee Que Tucker

Dear Que:

Thanks for the informational meeting and listening to the concerns of the member schools at the realignment meeting in Lincolnton. We the schools of Cherryville, Bessemer City, Highland Tech, Piedmont Charter, and Thomas Jefferson are all Ok with the Conference D, with honoring Lincoln Charters request to move to Conference E. We also understand that the NCHSAA requires the conference to have 5 football playing schools and therefore we will accept the Football only conference with Cherryville, Bessemer City, Highland Tech, Thomas Jefferson, Mountain Island Charter, Pine Lake Prep, Community School of Davidson, and Union Academy. We would like to request since Mountain Island Charter is in Gaston County with 4 of our 5 schools in

Conference D, that Mountain Island take the place of Lincoln Charter in Conference D. This would still give each conference a balanced amount with Conference E having 7 teams and Conference D having 6 teams. If this does not work out, then our schools are OK with the 5 team league with Cherryville, Bessemer City, Highland Tech, Piedmont Charter, and Thomas Jefferson. We understand the long standing relationship that Lincoln Charter has had with the other Charter schools of Pine Lake and Community School of Davidson, and have no reason to keep them from being in Conference E.

Conference D
Bessemer City
Cherryville
Highland Tech
Mountain Island Charter
Piedmont Community Charter
Thomas Jefferson

Conference E
Bradford Preparatory
Carolina International School
Community School of Davidson
Lincoln Charter
Pine Lake Prep
Queen's Grant
Union Academy

Thanks,

Scott Harrill, AD Cherryville
Tim Pruitt, AD Bessemer City
Butch Blalock, AD Highland Tech
Mike Caldwell, AD Thomas Jefferson
Dwyane Prioleau, AD Piedmont Charter



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☐ Agrees with proposal

To Realignment Committee Members -

Hickory Ridge and Porter Ridge are writing to ask that the committee reexamine our appeal for creating a 3A/4A split conference with proposed Conference D on draft #2 - 3A which includes five Cabarrus County Schools and AL Brown. Hickory Ridge and Porter Ridge are the only 4A schools in their counties and would like to join Conference D forming an 8 team conference. Please read over the driving force regarding Hickory Ridge and Porter Ridge's need for this proposed conference to be approved.

Hickory Ridge and Porter Ridge will face major financial hardships by playing in the proposed Southwestern 4A conference which is formed with 6 Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools. Porter Ridge has seen a serious decline in gate revenue for the past 3 years while currently playing in the SW4A due to playing schools that are not composed of like-minded communities. Porter Ridge and Hickory Ridge, unlike CMS, have only 2 items that our counties provide funds for. Union County provides coaching stipends and SOME travel expenses. Cabarrus County provides coaching stipends and SOME field maintenance. All other athletic expenses have to be paid by gate sales or monies raised by Porter Ridge's (10 years old) and Hickory Ridge's (8 years old) young booster clubs. In addition, we do not add to our athletic budgets like CMS does with pay for play. CMS by their own admission does not like having schools outside Charlotte Mecklenburg in their conference. This is exemplified by their spectators not traveling to Porter Ridge for games we host. Given our time in the SW4A conference, our football gates have diminished over 100%. So losing the rivalries with likeminded schools has forced Porter Ridge athletics into bankruptcy. The same decline will occur with Hickory Ridge's athletic programs. In addition, Hickory Ridge will now have increased travel cost to travel into Mecklenburg County when it would help their financial situation to play Cabarrus County Schools that are closer and that they already have existing rivalries with.

Placing Hickory Ridge and Porter Ridge in this split conference will help both schools financially because both schools are in neighborhoods with feeder communities that match up more closely to the 5 suburban schools in Cabarrus County. Porter Ridge has been in the South Piedmont Conference where it played many Cabarrus County Schools. The fans in both counties always travel to support their athletic programs. Porter Ridge and Hickory Ridge will not be able to create rivalries with the SW4A schools as they do not travel outside of Mecklenburg County to support their teams. These traveling communities found in Cabarrus County are what will help both of our gates and will help keep our athletic programs from falling into debt.

Hickory Ridge and Porter Ridge have student travel concerns relating to students missing classroom time. With increased travel distances that Hickory Ridge will now have, students will need to get out of class earlier on days with away games. Further travel means Hickory Ridge students will return later from away trips and homework and studies could be impacted.

Porter Ridge High School has the same concerns with students missing class time because Porter Ridge ends an hour later than CMS and due to CMS security concerns their central offices mandates all CMS athletic event start times. This forces Porter Ridge students to lose over an hour of instructional time when we travel. Cabarrus County has proven flexible with start times with their current non-county schools that get out later. Cabarrus County agrees to work with Porter Ridge on game times to reduce interrupting our students' education. The SW4A cannot be flexible because CMS central office has a mandated system start time for all 3 conferences that are in Mecklenburg County. The travel time into Mecklenburg is a huge factor and must be taken into consideration every time we have away games. The 5 Cabarrus County Schools and AL Brown reduce travel times.

Hickory Ridge and Porter Ridge have a concern that SW4A schools do not offer all NCHSAA sports and several lack JV programs. This inhibits our schools developing our feeder programs, and it puts a strain on finding games for our JV teams when our conference does not have them. Currently the proposed conference we are asking to join fields teams consistently for all sports seasons.

Another factor is if Porter Ridge and Hickory Ridge are placed in the Southwestern 4A we will have no autonomy in conference decisions. There are many things that Cabarrus and Union Counties can be flexible with if approved to play in this split conference because we would only be working with 7 other schools. Charlotte Mecklenburg School's central office creates policies that govern all 3 Conferences: So. Meck 8, MecKa, and Southwestern. As mentioned earlier, start times are an example. Also, CMS does not make up games on Saturday. Cabarrus and Union can agree to make games up on Saturday. CMS dictates county wide athletic decisions for those 3 conferences which really does not give us the ability to work with the Southwestern Conference because its hands are tied by downtown.

The committee can see enrollment wise, Hickory Ridge and Porter Ridge are aligned more closely to the five Cabarrus County schools and AL Brown's enrolment.

Porter Ridge enrollment: 1678 Hickory Ridge enrollment: 1672

| Butler | (2179) | A.L. Brown | (1437) |
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We know there have been concerns regarding CMS not supporting this proposal, the main one being CMS does not want to end up with a six team conference. As we examine the proposed conferences across the state, we see there are many other six team conferences: Four six team leagues in 4A; one 5 team league in 4A; 21 six team or less leagues across our state so this should not be a legitimate "deal breaker" for our proposal. An easy fix would be to shift another CMS school over to this conference; therefore creating three conferences made up of SEVEN schools (there are 15 seven team conferences across the state). Keep in mind there are four 4A/3A Split Conferences proposed in this realignment plan already, so why not approve this proposal also.

Another concern is CMS feels Hickory Ridge and Porter Ridge could have better records since playing more 3A schools. Now there are fewer 4A schools (76) because of the 20-30-30-20 alignment. 64 teams qualify for state playoffs so there is a greater chance now for all 4A schools to make playoffs; therefore this should not be considered a valid reason for denying this proposal.

Lastly, it is important to address that Porter Ridge's appeal is based strictly on the financial situation and amount of class time students lose due to playing in the SW4A. Speculations have been made that Porter Ridge and Hickory Ridge want to move to a less competitive conference. Porter Ridge has finished 2nd and 3rd in Wells Fargo points since it has been in the SW4A; therefore, this is not the issue. Porter Ridge is competitive in the SW4A. Competing in the SW4A has bankrupted Porter Ridge, and we

cannot provide a proper and adequate athletic program for our athletes because SW4A schools do not travel to games outside of Mecklenburg County.

Bottom line - there are MANY more reasons to APPROVE this proposal than the FEW reasons to reject this proposal.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Adam Despot – Hickory Ridge High School AD Ina Thompson – Porter Ridge High School AD





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From: Burl Love burl.love@yadkin.k12.nc.us &

Subject: New Doc 44

Date: February 25, 2016 at 12:05 PM

To: tra@nchsaa.org, Brad Alford brad@nchsaa.org

Attached is the Realignment Appeal Form for Forbush High School. As presented at the regional meeting, our proposal is to be moved from proposed conference D to proposed conference C in the 2A classification of draft 2. As noted, the other schools in proposed conference D are in agreement with this proposal, if their proposal of a 12 team split conference with 2 divisions is looked upon favorably and they can be guaranteed 3 playoff berths from both the 1A and 2A classification in that conference. Thank you for your time, attention, and consideration of this matter.

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Superintendent: Do Todd

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Proposal to the NCHSAA Realignment Committee 2017-21 - February 3, 2016

By the Mount Airy City, Stokes County, Surry County and Yadkin County Schools

The current proposed conference membership by the NCHSAA is as follows:

| 1-A Conference C | 2-A Conference D | 2-A Conference O | 2-A Conference P |
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| Bishop McGuiness | Atkins | Central Davidson | TW Andrews |
| East Surry | Carver | East Davidson | Eastern Randolph |
| Mount Airy | Forbush | Ledford | Jordan Matthews |
| North Stokes | North Surry | Lexington | Providence Grove |
| South Stokes | Surry Central | North Davidson | Thomasville |
| W-S Preparatory | Walkertown | Oak Grove | Trinity |
| | West Stokes | Salisbury | Randleman |
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The Mount Airy City Schools, Stokes County Schools and Surry County Schools propose the following conference membership for the 2017-21 realignment period.

| Conference 1 | Conference 2 | Conference 3 | Conference 4 |
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| East Surry 1A | Atkins 2A | Central Davidson 2A | TW Andrews 2A |
| Forbush 2A | B. McGuiness 1A | East Davidson 2A | Eastern Randolph 2A |
| Mount Airy 1A | Carver 2A | Ledford 2A | Jordan Matthews 2A |
| North Stokes 1A | Lexington 2A | North Davidson 2A | Providence Grove 2A |
| North Surry 2A | Thomasville 2A | Oak Grove 2A | Trinity 2A |
| South Stokes 1A | Walkertown 2A | Salisbury 2A | Randleman 2A |
| Surry Central 2A | WS Prep 1A | South Rowan 2A | Wheatmore 2A |
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Conference 1 – Average Travel Miles Per Trip ONE WAY = 24.61 Miles & 31.78 Minutes

Conference 2 – Average Travel Miles Per trip ONE WAY = 15.20 Miles & 22.23 Minutes

^{*1-}A Conference C - Average Travel Miles Per Trip ONE WAY = 27.07 miles & 32.23 minutes

^{*2-}A Conference D – Average Travel Miles Per Trip ONE WAY = 26.81 miles & 32.85 minutes

To: NCHSAA Commissioner Que Tucker

From: Tom Hemmings, Surry County Schools Athletic Director

Subject: Opposition to Realignment Request from Forbush High School

Date: February 29, 2016

Forbush High School recently made a request to the NCHSAA to exit the Western Piedmont Athletic 2A Conference. The request proposed that Forbush High School be allowed to join the Mountain Valley Athletic 1A/2A Conference beginning with the 2017-2021 realignment period.

The Forsyth County Schools, Mount Airy City Schools, Stokes County Schools and the Surry County Schools recently had detailed discussions about proposing a mega-conference of six 1A schools (Bishop McGuiness, East Surry, Mount Airy, North Stokes, South Stokes, and WS Prep) and six 2A schools (Atkins, Carver, North Surry, Surry Central, Walkertown and West Stokes). Due to the unclear status of the number of guaranteed playoff berths per classification from the NCHSAA, the mega-conference discussion ended.

As a result of the ending of the mega-conference possibility, the Surry County Schools currently in the Western Piedmont Athletic Conference (North Surry and Surry Central) are officially opposed to the request from Forbush High School to exit the Western Piedmont Athletic Conference and join the Mountain Valley Conference. Here are the major reasons for our opposition:

If the request is granted by the NCHSAA, major scheduling problems will be created. These problems could lead to diminished student participation and possibly the loss of athletic teams at our two schools.

The Mountain Valley Conference already has a balance of four 1A and four 2A schools. Adding Forbush to the conference would create an unbalanced split conference with nine member schools. The Western Piedmont Athletic Conference would move from a seven team conference to a six team conference.

If the request by Forbush High School is approved, it will create major scheduling dilemmas for our schools. Some of the seven member schools of "Conference D" proposed by the NCHSAA in Draft 2 already have limited amounts of minor sports teams as well as a limited number of JV teams.

These are the major reasons why the Surry County Schools are opposed to the request made by Forbush High School. There have been conversations with staff members at Forbush High to make them aware of our opposition. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you for your consideration.



From: Hebbard, Leigh G hebbarl@gcsnc.com &

Subject: GCS Realignment

Fax: (336) 370-2320

Date: February 24, 2016 at 4:33 PM To: Tucker, Que que@nchsaa.org

Cc: Elrod, Stanley M. smelrod@wsfcs.k12.nc.us



Since the Western Region Realignment meeting I have met with and had many individual conversations with the athletic directors here regarding realignment and any other possible options. At this time, the only proposal we can come to consensus on is the 3A/4A split conference proposal we shared with the committee at the Western meeting on February 10th. We still feel this is the best way to address the concerns raised by our 4A and 3A schools.

Leigh G. Hebbard
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"We can't solve problems by using the same kind of thinking we used when we created them." - Albert Einstein

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While this situation is uncomfortable, it is not unique. In 2002-2003, the Central Piedmont Conference and the PAC 6 were 5 team conferences. Likewise, in 2007 we can remember during a mid-realignment period that the CPC was a 5 team conference and North Forsyth was placed into the CPC from the Metro. During this time, there was a gentlemen's agreement that there would be a cross over scheduling. This compromise alleviated the scheduling problem for a 5 team conference. In a similar fashion, we offered the attached proposal to Guilford County Schools that alleviates the scheduling conflicts and honors the integrity of the new 2017-2021 realignment process that minimizes the number of split conferences.

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Kindest regards,

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From: Que Tucker que@nchsaa.org

Subject: RE: Realignment 2017

Date: February 10, 2016 at 4:08 PM

To: Kevin Wilson krwilson@mgsd.k12.nc.us

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Date: 2/10/2016 12:50 PM (GMT-05:00)

To: que@nchsaa.org

Subject: Realignment 2017

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We support the current alignment proposal of remaining in a conference with CMS.

Let me know if you would like to discuss further.

Kevin Wilson, CAA Athletic Director/Assistant Principal Mooresville High School Blue Devil Athletics Webpage

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From: George Robinson george_robinson@abss.k12.nc.us &

Subject: Realignment

Date: March 1, 2016 at 1:52 PM

To: tra@nchsaa.org, Brad Alford brad@nchsaa.org

Cc: Que Tucker que@nchsaa.org

Good afternoon,

I've attached a plea for the committee to consider. The Mid-State 2-A has only 5 football playing schools for the 2017-2021 realignment draft. During the Regional Meeting in Lincolnton, Guilford County made an impassioned plea to get some help in that regard. The Mid-State 2-A has the same issue. I am asking the committee to consider some alternatives for them as well. It will be difficult for them to schedule.

Also, Que gave the members of Alamance, Rockingham, Chapel Hill/Carrboro, Durham and Person Counties the task of working on something we could all agree with. Sadly, we cannot arrive at a consensus thus the need from the state in terms of helping the Mid-State 2-A. Thanks for any consideration!!!

Superintendent: Principal:

George Robinson
District Athletic Director



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| Class: 1A | Principal: Jennifer Purvis | |
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| 2013-17 Conference; Central Tar Heel/ Yadkin Valley for FB | 2017-21 DRAFT 2 Conf: Conference N | |
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To Whom It May Concern,

As the Associate Superintendent for Secondary Schools, I want to thank you for your support and oversight of athletics for your respective conference. I understand how difficult it is to balance schools, draw conference lines, and try to make everyone happy. I also understand the time and effort that it takes reviewing appeals and trying to provide equity.

With all that said, I am writing on behalf of North Moore High School in Moore County. North Moore is one of the schools that I supervise, and I am very concerned about their new projected conference. As an advocate of all students having an opportunity to participate in extra- curricular activities, my concerns begin with North Moore High School being placed in a football conference only. While I am a big fan of football, I believe that in order be competitive you have to play against other formidable teams. Unfortunately, when students have to travel over 3 hours one way to compete, you question the value of the competition and how we value our student athletes. From my understanding, with the proposed conference, our student athletes may be arriving home after midnight for some of the football games. Unfortunately, for our JV football teams, this means that our student athletes may be getting to bed around 1:00 a.m. or later. The same student athletes must be prepared to attend school by 8:00 a.m. the next morning. As a former athlete and coach, I value the lessons of football but as an educational leader, I know there are no substitutes for classroom instructional time.

Participating in a conference where schools don't offer the same sports will hurt athletic participation in our other sports and our school spirit. As you know, there is an energy and excitement when competing against schools in several different sports. It creates the opportunity to build healthy rivalries that not only builds financial support for each school, but builds community support and the thrill of competing against that school in many different sports. When schools don't have alike sports, it becomes very difficult to schedule games with teams that will provide the same level of competition as football.

Closing, I would like to add my full support to the request made by our principal Jenny Purvis and athletic director Bob Collins that North Moore High School be assigned to Conference M. It is my understanding that this is similar to the conference which we are in now. This would continue to provide an atmosphere for recognizing our athletes as student athletes, healthy competition for all sports, and healthy school rivalries and community school spirit.

I know this is a jigsaw puzzle, and you are making every effort to make sure that all pieces fit. Thank you for your consideration and we will respect your decision.

Respectfully,

Eric, Porter, Ed.D.

Associate Superintendent for Secondary Education





| School: Granville Central / Louisburg | | Submitted by: Dr. Dorwin Howard / Dr. Pascal Mubenga |
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| Class: 1A | - | Brian Maths / Freda Clifton |
| LEA: Granville / Franklin | Athletic Director: | John Hammett / Erica Wammock |
| 2013-17 Conference: Tar Roanoke 1A | 2017-21 DRAFT 2 Conf: | |
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Subject: Realignment

Date: February 5, 2016 at 3:15 PM

To: Tra Waters tra@nchsaa.org, que@nchsaa.org

Cc: Brian Mathis mathisb@gcs.k12.nc.us, Erica Wammock ericawammock@fcschools.net



Tra,

I just wanted to follow up in writing from our conversation this morning. Louisburg High School and Granville Central High School would like to ask the realignment committee to move our schools into a split 1A/2A conference with Roanoke Rapids, Bunn, Warren County, Northern Vance, Southern Vance, South Granville, and Webb.

We have reached out to each school in this conference and all seven schools are in favor of this proposal.

North Moore and Chatham Central have informed us that they are going to ask to join to Yadkin Valley conference and they have given us their approval as well to pursue this proposed new alignment.

We have also informed the AD's in the charter school league that we were assigned too in the realignment proposal. This would still leave that conference with six member schools. All six remaining schools are charter schools and none of them play football. This would also leave a landing place for Vance Charter and Orange Charter which will be beginning high school next year if they join the association at the mid point of the next alignment period.

We have not spoken directly with each school but the ones we have spoken with are not opposed to us leaving. We have not gotten any negative feedback from any school. We simply have been unable to contact a couple of schools but we did inform them in an email. If we get any objectives we will let you know.

We have also spoken with our current member schools in the current Tar Roanoke Conference and they are all supportive of this new proposal.

We have left messages with Kestrel for the principal and athletic director to see how this would effect them. The are the only member school involved that we have not clarified this proposal. They have a placement in a conference that is unaffected by this new proposal for all sports other than football. We do believe Kestrel would be happy being an independent in football but we are still trying to confirm.

We sincerely hope that the committee will allow us to speak during the open session of the meeting on Monday in Greenville. We would have moved earlier to get on the agenda but we have been been having discussions with member schools after learning of the potential closing of Albemarle High and how that may cause an effect of the proposed "football only" conference.

We feel this new proposed split 1A/2A conference is winning situation for all schools involved. All nine schools are in support of this becoming a conference. We are all

traditional public schools. We have all been in a conference together in past years. We offer similar sports. Travel would not be an issue. There are many natural rivalries. There would be minimal missed class time. It would be a great conference! We hope the realignment committee will include it the final realignment draft for 2017-2021.

Thank you for the discussion and incite to that led us to consider this option.

Sincerely, John

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| school: Chatham Central | Superintendent: | · |
| Class: 1 A | Principal: T | Mitch Stensland |
| LEA: Chatham County School | Athletic Director: T | Bob Pegram |
| 2013-17 Conference: Central Tarheel Yadkır | 2017-21 DRAFT 2 Conf: | 1A Conference N |
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Chatham Central High School Athletic Department

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Robert H. Pegram, Jr Athletic Director (919) 837-5441 office rpegram@chatham.k12.nc.us

11 February 2016

NCHSAA Ms. Que Tucker, Commissioner 222 Finley Golf Course Road Chapel Hill, NC 27517

Dear Ms. Tucker,

Per your request, and as we discussed yesterday (10 February 2016) at the Western Realignment Meeting in Lincolnton, I am writing to confirm Chatham Central High School's official position as it pertains to the 2017-20 proposed conference realignment. Following are three proposals, with Option B being our preference.

Option A: Chatham Central High School is satisfied with the proposed conference (1A, Conference N, the "Charter School" conference) as it is currently depicted. We would like for it to remain as proposed, less North Moore. (Per conversations with you and Bob Collins, North Moore's AD, it is known that North Moore would like to return to the current Central Tarheel Conference.) The proximity of teams in Conference N shortens our trips when we play away, which allows the student-athletes to get home at a more reasonable time, saves us money in transportation, promotes fan-travel to away games, meets, and matches, and generates new regional rivalries. We also believe we can compete at a higher level due to similarly sized schools.

We are not satisfied with the "Football Only" conference consisting of Chatham Central, North Moore, Kestral Heights, Granville Central, and Louisburg. The five schools in the proposed "Football Only" conference are too geographically isolated to form effective rivalries, or promote fan-based travel and generate local interest. Also, it will be nearly impossible to fill

an 11-game schedule with seven non-conference games since most non-conference opponents will be in conference-play by week four or five.

Option B) Our preference as stated above. Chatham Central is satisfied with the proposed Conference N alignment, and we would like to remain in Conference N with all sports, except football. Regarding football, it is known that Granville Central and Louisburg would like to return to their current conference. Likewise, Chatham Central and North Moore would like to return to the Yadkin Valley (current football only conference). Kestral Heights could be placed in the Yadkin Valley, or remain independent.

The Yadkin Valley is represented mostly by Conference M, which has two non-football schools (Grey Stone and Uwharrie Charter) and three football-playing schools (North Stanly, South Stanly and Albemarle) with uncertain futures. By including Chatham Central and North Moore in the proposed Yadkin Valley football only conference, the football only conference would consist of eight football-playing schools, nine if Kestral Heights is included. This would solidify the Yadkin Valley conference. If there were a change in the structure of Stanly County schools the conference would remain viable.

Option C) The final option we propose is to move Chatham Central and North Moore back into the Central Tarheel Conference for all sports, except football. Move the football-playing schools back into the football only conference of the Yadkin Valley. These are the current conferences we are associated with and have good relations with these schools. Kestral Heights could replace East Montgomery in the football only conference since East Montgomery is moving up to 2A.

In closing, I recognize the Realignment Committee has an arduous task ahead in your attempt to smooth this process. I ask that you consider our Option B, as it pertains to the best interest of all the schools involved. If you have questions or comments, please give me a call. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert H. Pegram, Jr. Athletic Director Chatham Central High School

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Raleigh Charter
Oxford Prep ???

Kestrel Heights Research Triangle

Chatham Charter Chatham Central

Conference R-2A/1A

River Mili Woods Charter Falls Lake Roxboro Community Voyager Academy Franklin Academy

Conference O-1A
East Wake

Scenerio #4

Scenerio #2 - Conference O Louisburg and Granville Central request to move to Conference R, schools only want them to move for football only. Scenerio #1 is the 1st draft that came out in January. Those highlighted in pink are in question or want to move. *** Oxford Prep is highlighted because their membership is in question as to if the school will remain open.

North Moore

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Conference M-1A
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Gray Stone Day
North Rowan
North Stanly

West Montgomery

Uwharrie Charter North Moore

Scenerio #4 Allows Louisburg, Granville Central and N. Moore to move and create a 12 (Oxford Prep Closes) or 13 team conference that could use a Scenerio #3 Louisburg, Granville Central and N. Moore are approved for the move. This puts Conference O in jeopardy of only having 5 if Oxford Prepared for the move. North and South Division if they choose to due to travel Conference N North Moore requests to move to Conference M and everyone is ok with this. Conference M Albemarie and S. Stanley may clc

Scenerio #5 Chatham Central and Chatham Charter do not want a 12 or 13 team conference and could possible move to Conference M with Albemare South Stanly possible closing.

From: K Wright wright@kestrelheights.org

Subject: Realignment

Date: February 10, 2016 at 1:32 PM

To: John Hammett hammettj@gcs.k12.nc.us

Cc: que@nchsaa.org

John,

Just wanted to update you on our stand with the upcoming realignment. Having a football only conference for us would be the best thing to do for our program. As you know being an independent school in football makes it very hard for us to schedule teams each year and compete when it comes to State Play-offs. However, I would be in favor of staying independent, if there was a way to have my football team put on all of the other schools in the football only conferences schedules for the 2016-2021 football seasons. The contract would be on a rotating basis with us traveling one year and hosting the next. Please understand that I have to look out for what is best for our student-athletes, athletic programs and our school as a whole.

Kate Wright

- -Kestrel Heights Athletic Administrator
- -Transportation Coordinator
- -6/7th Grade Physical Education
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- -Head Women's Soccer Coach

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From: Bret Bystricky bbystricky@eastwakeacademy.org

Subject: Fwd: Proposed Conference Realignment Plan

Date: February 12, 2016 at 11:30 AM
To: Que Tucker que@nchsaa.org



Good morning, Que.

I wanted to share the e-mail correspondence below in regards to the appeal by Granville Central, Louisburg, & North Moore to switch conferences due to football scheduling concerns at the 1A level.

If Granville Central & Louisburg left Conference O-1A for football only, we would have less concerns. However, if they left for all sports & Oxford Prep closes it's doors we have very real concerns that we'd be left with 5 conference members. Our superintendent says the possibility of Oxford Prep having to close up shop is very real. Below is the documentation to our concerns about Oxford Prep:

http://www.wral.com/four-charter-schools-cited-for-poor-academic-performance-face-review/15225937/

Our ideal situation is to remain in an all-charter conference as we feel the transfer rule would impact everyone exactly the same & that many of us face the same challenges with rental facilities & lack of busing for teams, etc. It's most unfortunate that Voyager Academy was a dissenting voice in the NCAC's willingness to remain together. They didn't say they wanted to leave, but rather they just wanted to see what the NCHSAA's first realignment model would look like. Now it seems as though it would be impossible to piece the NCAC schools back together. We feel like no matter where we land at this point it will be in a less appealing place than where we are in the current realignment, but our greatest concern is being bounced around if we end up in a conference of five schools.

The NCAC AD's are working on several different scenarios where we could make sure all 9 of our current members have a solid conference to call "home" during the next realignment. I'm sure Mike Germino (NCAC President), and Kelly Moyer (River Mill Academy, Realignment Committee Member) have been or will be following up with the NCHSAA in regards to some of our conference's concerns.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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From: Bret Bystricky
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Date: Thu, Feb 11, 2016 at 10:58 AM

Subject: Re: Proposed Conference Realignment Plan

To: "Webb, Larry" < webb@vcs.k12.nc.us>

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East Wake Academy & Franklin Academy understand and are sympathetic to the reasoning behind Granville Central & Louisburg requesting to leave Conference O to go to Conference R for football reasons. However, we are very concerned that not all members remaining in Conference O will field teams in some of the

Olympic sports that our schools are use to competing in.

Furthermore, there are rumors that a school in Conference O could possibly close its doors in the near future, which would leave Conference O with five members and unable to continue on as a conference under NCHSAA rules. We can provide documentation of our concern if someone would like to see it, but felt it was the right thing not to include it on this e-mail as a professional courtesy.

That would leave the 5 remaining schools without any say on where they would be sent by the NCHSAA, which could result in a greater travel burden simply to accommodate them with a home conference. In addition, none of those five charter schools that may possibly remain in Conference O currently have or anticipate the ability to purchase buses to ease potential transportation issues for our families either.

As such, we cannot support this proposal as we feel it leaves our schools at risk of being bounced around. We are working on a proposal that we feel may accommodate North Moore's, Granville Central's, & Louisburg's requests to move conferences, as well as provide stability for our own athletic programs.

Bret Bystricky, CAA, CIC NIAAA, Certified Athletic Administrator NFHS, Certified Interscholastic Coach Athletic Director East Wake Academy 400 NMC Drive Zebulon, NC 27597 Office: (919) 404-0444 ext. 1159

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On Thu, Feb 11, 2016 at 7:31 AM, Webb, Larry wrote: Northern Vance High School is in favor of this proposal.

----- Forwarded message

From: Brian Mathis < mathisb@gcs.k12.nc.us>

Date: Tue, Feb 9, 2016 at 3:39 PM

Subject: Re: Proposed Conference Realignment Plan

To: John Hammett < hammettj@gcs.k12.nc.us>

Cc: williamst.rrhs < wi

Granville Central HS is in favor of this proposal. Brian Mathis, Principal

---- Original Message -----

From: John Hammett < hammettj@gcs.k12.nc.us>

To: williamst rrhs <williamst.rrhs@rrgsd.org>, Tom Davis <davist.co@rrgsd.org>, drichardson@warrenk12.nc.org, Wanda Thompson <wthompson@warrenk12nc.org>, robinfaulkner@fcschools.net, charlesmann@fcschools.net, sayscue@mail.vcs.k12.nc.us, Sharrow, Joseph <jsharrow@vcs.k12.nc.us>, mapplewhite@vcs.k12.nc.us, Tate, Jeff <itate@vcs.k12.nc.us>, Kathy Fuerst



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Heather Seawell - Principal

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February 12, 2016

Dear Ms. Tucker,

Thank you very much for talking with me after the western regional NCHSAA meeting on February 10, 2016. I was especially appreciative of you listening to my disappointment in the realignment procedures established by the NCHSAA and how they have negatively impacted East Montgomery High School. As I sat in the western regional meeting and listened to each school's proposal and their reasons for wanting adjustments based on various hardships, I became more and more disenchanted with the process. Schools complained of 25 mile driving distances, loss of instructional time, loss of gate revenues and loss of rivals; however these inconveniences do not even come close to the magnitude of the very real hardships facing East Montgomery High School under the current realignment draft. East Montgomery High School will have to travel extremely long distances (40 – 65 miles one way for all conference matches), dismiss student athletes in the middle of the school day to accommodate travel times, return from competition very late at night, and accept severe cuts in gate revenues. In addition, we will not have a single rival team in our conference and have an even more difficult time finding and securing coaches willing to compete so far away.

Throughout the realignment process the NCHSAA has emphasized the opportunity for schools to work ollaboratively with other schools to share ideas and suggestions with the committee to address hardships related to conference proposals. East Montgomery High School does not have this option given the closest 2A school to East Montgomery High School is 40 miles away. Our designation as a 2A high school (for the first time in the school's history and based on being 1 student over the 1A classification) has isolated East Montgomery from all other 2A schools in our geographical area (please refer to the NCHSAA 2A Map). No matter which direction we head, this seclusion has prevented us from making any sort of feasible proposal to NCHSAA to address our hardships. In an email to Mark Miller on January 25, 2016 you encouraged us to discuss our ideas with other 2A schools, but there is not one 2A school that would be close enough to us to create "buy—in."

As a small, rural high school, East Montgomery High School already faces extreme difficulties to build our athletic programs, find coaches, and afford athletic operating costs. Current revenue isn't enough to pay for all the expenses related to travel, officials, equipment, and facility needs. Recently, we have had to ask Montgomery County Schools for additional funding to afford much needed football helmets to ensure the safety of our student athletes. Being classified as a 2A school in Conference N will further diminish our revenue and require us to assume even more costs that we cannot afford. East Montgomery will have to travel from 40 miles to 65 miles one way for all conference games. Similar schools in other rural areas in the state have at least been assigned to split conferences to address long travel distances.

NCHSAA's recent change to form conferences based on the 20-30-30-20 Model has created an undue burden on East Montgomery High School and resulted in our classification as 2A by 1 student. As we have previously explained to the NCHSAA, our current ADM numbers are the result of an abnormally large freshman class that we we students than any other grade level. This class size is an anomaly and no other incoming



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group of students is projected to be as large as this class. After this school year our student enrollment numbers will decrease significantly year after year. You mentioned the possibility of appealing our 2A classification after two years, but given our assignment to a 6 team conference we fear that will not be possible. Our departure from Conference N would result in only 5 teams remaining and as you said in the email to my athletic director, Mark Miller, on January 25, 2016, you did not think the remaining schools would be in favor of this type of proposal.

Given the constraints placed on East Montgomery High School by the NCHSAA we are unable to participate in the process to submit a proposal to address our hardships. East Montgomery High School's placement in 2A has provided us absolutely no voice or opportunity to submit a viable change in our proposed conference placement. We ask to remain classified as 1A. Furthermore, we request any kind of assistance or hardship consideration to resolve this matter and we are open to any and all ideas, including being the only 2A school in a 1A split conference if necessary.

Thank you for your consideration.

Heather Seawell, Ed. D

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Superintendent Dr. Michael Dunsmore

February 2, 2016

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I am writing to you on behalf of Spring Creek High School and Goldsboro High School concerning the Plan 2 Realignment listings sent out last week. Earlier I sent a proposal plan after having met with representatives from Ayden-Grifton, Greene Central, Goldsboro, Kinston, North Lenoir, South Lenoir, Spring Creek, and Midway High Schools. Our objective was to keep schools together based on geography and distances that would require the least travel time. Since the Committee did not act on our proposal, I have conversed with Lenoir County principals and we offer the following proposed Connference K plan for 2-A schools.

New Conference K:

Ayden-Grifton, Greene Central, Kinston, North Lenoir, South Lenoir, West Craven, Goldsboro, and Spring Creek. (8 Schools)

Changes: Washington to Conference J; Goldsboro from Conference J; Spring Creek from Conference M

New Conference J:

Beddingfield, Farmville Central, Nash Central, North Johnston, North Pitt, SouthWest Edgecombe, and Washington. (7 Schools)

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Changles: Spring Creek to Conference K.

This is the proposal I wish to present at the Regional Meeting at East Carolina next Monday, February 8, 2016. Please respond that you received this proposal.

Thank you for all you do to support academics and athletics in our great state

Dean P. Sauls, Athletic Director Wayne County Public Schools





| | Submitted by: |
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| school: Greene Central High School | Superintendent: Patrick Miller |
| Class: 2A | Principal: Patrick Greene |
| LEA: Greene County Schools | Athletic Director: BJ Bass |
| 2013-17 Conference: Eastern Carolina 2A | 2017-21 DRAFT 2 Conf: K |
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| LEA: Pitt County | Athletic Director: Paul Cornwell |
| 2013-17 Conference: Eastern Carolina 2-A | 2017-21 DRAFT 2 Conf: Conference K |
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| Class: AA | Principal: Robert Yelverton |
| LEA: Lenoir County | Athletic Director: Dwight Sullon |
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From: Sauls, Dean deansauls@wcps.org &

Subject: Realignment appeal form Date: March 1, 2016 at 3:37 PM To: Tra Waters tra@nchsaa.org

Cc: Mike Dunsmore mikedunsmore@wcps.org, Dean Sauls deansauls@wcps.org



Hey Tra:

There are two attachments enclosed for you to look at and get to the committee. One is the appeal we presented at ECU on Feb. 8. The other is the appeal form that I, as County Athletic Director, filled out for Goldsboro High and Spring Creek High. We were advised by Juli Kidd to print the document, scan, check the agree or disagree, and then send to you. Hopefully you will receive these documents and let me know that you did. In both attachments I want to know that I contacted all the schools involve in Proposed Conference K and those in Proposed Conference J for their input. I spoke to those in Conference M at ECU but nearly all of them wished to be in another conference anyway. Thanks for all the hard work you do for student athletes in North Carolina.

Dean

Dean P. Sauls Assistant Superintendent for Support Services/Athletics/HPE 2001 E. Royall Avenue Goldsboro, NC 27533-1797 Phone: (919) 731-5900, Ext. 6159

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| school: west craven high school | Superintendent: | Dr. Lane Mills | |
| Class: 3A | Principal: | Randy St. Claire | |
| LEA: Craven County Schools | Athletic Director: | Todd McMillen | |
| 2013-17 Conference: Coastal | 2017-21 DRAFT 2 Conf: | J | |
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| School: East Duplin High School | Superintendent: | | |
| Class: 2A | | Scott Ballard | |
| LEA: Duplin 2013-17 Conference: M | Athletic Director: 2017-21 DRAFT 2 Conf: | | |
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Please email this Realignment Appeals Form along with any proposal that is different than the one shared at the regional realignment meeting to: tra@nchsaa.org and brad@nchsaa.org.

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From: Robert Ross rross@duplinschools.net

Subject: East Carolina

Date: February 4, 2016 at 9:28 AM

To: que@nchsaa.org, Tra Waters tra@nchsaa.org

Sorry guys for some reason this did not get through yesterday and was sitting in my drafts.

East Duplin High School would like to speak to the committee on February 8th at East Carolina University.

Below is our proposel.

East Duplin High School would like to stay in the East Central Conference.

We would like to request a move from Conference M to Conference L. I have spoke to each school about this move and have had very positive responses. I look forward to seeing everyone next Monday.

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Robert Ross East Duplin High School Athletic Director Men's Basketball Head Coach 910-375-0268

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| | Submitted by: |
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| School: West Bladen | Superintendent: Dr. Robert Taylor |
| Class: 2A | Principal: Wesley Floyd |
| LEA: Bladen County | Athletic Director: Kim Calo |
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Robert P. Taylor, Ed.D Superintendent

Resolution to Support New High School Conference Realignment

WHEREAS, the Bladen County Board of Education recognizes the value of students participating in athletics and its contribution to the development of youth, and

WHEREAS, the Bladen County Board of Education believes in the benefits and importance of high school sports as a means to teach the children of this community values and skills that will be of benefit to them throughout life, and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina High School Athletic Association is tasked with the responsibility of realigning conferences to adjust to the changing enrollment patterns of high schools, and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina High School Athletic Association has developed a conference for East Bladen High School and West Bladen High School that creates travel and financial challenges that are not in the best interest of supporting academics, and

WHEREAS, Bladen County Schools Athletic Administrators have requested additional changes that would provide better financial and community support, as well as enhance regional rivalries,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bladen County Board of Education does not support the current conference realignment for East Bladen and West Bladen High Schools, and we urge the North Carolina High School Athletic Association to reconsider the conference realignment by developing a conference that uses regional schools of similar size, capitalizing on the opportunity to support the academic needs and financial requirements necessary for developing quality high school athletic programs, and that this conference be established with all deliberate speed according to the North Carolina High School Athletic Association guidelines.

Adopted: February 8, 2016

Wilbur Smith, Jr., Ed.D.

Chair, Bladen County Board of Education

Robert P. Taylor, Ed.D.

Superintendent, Bladen County Schools



From: Christopher Madden christopher_madden@pender.k12.nc.us

Subject: East Realignment meeting 2/8
Date: February 3, 2016 at 10:28 AM
To: que@nchsaa.org, tra@nchsaa.org



Good morning,

I would like the opportunity to speak on behalf of Pender High School at the East Realignment meeting on Tuesday, 2/8. Below is the proposal I submitted which I would like to present to the committee.

On behalf of Pender High School, we would like to petition for a change of conference in regards to the initial draft of the realignment. We have been tentatively placed in Conference K in the 1A list. This conference consists of three 1A schools and five 2A schools, with Pender being one of the 1A schools.

We would like to be placed in Conference L in a straight 1A conference. Conference L currently has seven schools and Pender would make eight. Still a nice and common size for conference scheduling.

We sight the following reasons for wanting to be in a different conference:

- 1. Straight classification versus a split classification.
- 2. Travel; in Conference K we would have by bus going one way one trip being 1 hour 45 minutes and another 2 hours and 15 minutes.

By granting us this change, it will not create a hardship on any of the schools involved. Conference K will still have seven schools and according to number 13 in the procedures, "there must be at least two schools of a particular class in a split conference," which will still remain.

Thank you in advance for your consideration,

Chris Madden

Christopher P. Madden Principal Pender High School 910-259-0162

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