Submission #14

Submission information

Form: 2017-2021 Alignment Adjustment Request
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School Name West Caldwell High School

Principal's name Craig Styron

Superintendent's name Dr. Donald Phipps

Current Classification 3A

Current Conference 3A/4A Northwestern 3A/4A

Proposed Classification 2A

Proposed Conference, if different 2A Northwestern Foothills 2A

Conference Approved? Yes

Request

Please state your request
We are appealing to be reclassified from 3A to 2A. We have a large decrease in enrollment, loss of industry in our district that has majorly impacted our school, and have become non-competitive. We have made our current conference aware of our appeal and they have been very understanding and supportive. I have also met with the AD's in our proposed conference and they were verbally supportive of this move as well. We currently play each of the schools in that league in most sports for non-conference games. I have included a letter from our Superintendent as well as the Power Point Presentation we would use in our appeal to the Board of Directors. I will need to make a slight change in the presentation when the ADM's for this year are released. I have used the ADM's from last year for the other schools listed in the presentation.
- Athletic Director, Stephen McMasters

Criteria

- Significant disparity in current size of the school - either a significant increase or decrease in enrollment/ADM (NOTE: Significant is defined as greater than a 10% decline in enrollment in one of the years since 2015)
- Major loss of community resources
- Closure of major businesses or other employer(s)

Files Uploaded

Remember: all information that supports, defines and/or explains the request must be submitted with this form. Up to 3 files can be uploaded and attached to this request.

Document 1 Appeal Presentation to NCHSAA WCHS.pdf

Document 2 West Caldwell Letter of Support from Dr. Phipps.pdf

Document 3

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WEST CALDWELL HIG SCHOOL

Appeal to NCHSAA Board Of Directors

WEST CALDWELL INFORMATION

- Located in Lenoir, NC
- Caldwell County Schools
- Currently 3A
- NorthWestern 3A/4A Conference
- Appeal to move Down Class from 3A to 2A

Reasons for Appeal Reque

* Huge decline in Enrollment at WCHS

* Currently in a 3A/4A Conference wi
  Large Schools

* Non-Competitive

* Loss of Industry in our District

DECLINE IN ENROLLMENT

2015 WCHS Enrollment

- 1054 ADM Used for Realignment
- Bumped from 2A to 3A

Current 2018 Enrollment

- 730 Currently In Building
- 165 Counted from Early and Middle College
- ADM 895 (15% Decrease)

Current Conference

NW 3A/4A

3A Schools (ADM)		4A Schools
Watauga	1396	McDowell
Alexander Central	1336	South Caldwell
St. Stephens	1248	
Freedom	1131	
Hickory	1058	

West Caldwell 895

Non-Competitive
NW 3A/4A

Fall Sports (2 years)

Overall Record 18-66

Highlights

Football 0-7 This Season

Outscored 426-67 (All Running Clocks)

Volleyball 0-28

Has Never Won a Set

Women's Tennis 0-14

Non-Competitive
NW 3A/4A

Winter Sports (2017)

- Overall Record 7-28
  - Highlights
    - Women's Basketball 0-14

Non-Competitive NW 3A/4A

Spring Sports (2017)

Overall Record 10-39

Highlights

Women's Soccer 0-14

Men's Tennis 0-7

Baseball 2-14

(All Last place)

Non-Competitive NW 3A/4A

Totals

Overall Record 35-133

* One Team finished in Top 3
* Two teams in Top 5
* All others in Last Place

- Dropped JV Football, JV Girls Basketball, JV Wome Soccer, and Swimming Since Joining League

LOSS OF INDUSTRY

*Community Based on Furniture
- Middle Class, Blue-Collar Workers
- No Employment caused Workers to move elsewh

*No Industry Planned at the Time to Move Into our Are

*No Increase in Sight
- Actually See a Decline in Enrollment for 2019-20
  - Less than 700 in Building

CLOSING REMARKS

*Critical Time for the Future of Athletics at our School

*Thanks for the job you do for the NCHSAA

* Questions?

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Don Phipps, Ed.D.
Superintendent

Dear Member of the NCHSSA Board of Directors,

I am writing this letter to support the request that West Caldwell High School be allowed to move from 3A to 2A for NCHSSA classification purposes. This request comes between possible reclassification periods because of current conditions which have contributed to immediate circumstances at West Caldwell.

West Caldwell has experienced a sharp decline of enrollment over the last two years. The attendance area of the high school has seen several business closures, which has hurt the school in many ways. The decline in enrollment has made it difficult for West Caldwell to field competitive teams and the lack of success carries over into the climate and culture of the school. With new administration in place at West Caldwell and other factors strategically in place, the reclassification to 2A would be a piece in the recovery of the school.

Current trends suggest the declining enrollment will continue for the near future. In recent weeks another major employer in the furniture industry has announced that it is closing, given the location of West Caldwell in our county, the school has been impacted heavily in these closures.

I want to thank you for your time in consideration of this request. In my almost nine years as a superintendent in North Carolina, I have never seen a school as impacted immediately by things that happen in the community. West Caldwell has a great history and I am convinced that this change and other efforts that are being made will result in a very positive future.

Sincerely,

Don Phipps