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TO: Superintendents, Principals and Athletic Directors

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SUBJECT: Update on the Proceedings of the Transfer-Eligibility Task Force

The Transfer-Eligibility Task Force held its third meeting at the OSAA Offices in Wilsonville and via Zoom on January 30th, 2025. The Task Force will be utilizing a hybrid format for all meetings that allows both Task Force members and those seeking to provide input the option of participating via webinar.

The Task Force's main objective of this meeting was to review the data received from an association-wide survey on transfers sent out in early January. Participation in the survey was evenly spread across the classifications with around 62% of the total membership responding. Many themes previously discussed by the committee were also addressed in the survey, including; mid-year transfers and ineligibility, abuse of the transfer and appeal system, public vs. private school disparities, policy enforcement by District Hardship Committees and the impact on small and rural schools.

The Task Force continues to support a transfer appeal process but discussed that the current process could be modified. The possibility of introducing a rule in which ineligible transfer students would be allowed to participate in sub-varsity contests during their period of ineligibility was discussed, as well as finding ways to create consistency and transparency in the District Hardship Committees.

Finally, the Task Force developed and discussed possible questions to be asked of Athletic Directors at the OADA Conference in April 2025. Topics include;

- a. Allowing sub-varsity competition for ineligible transfer students
- b. Reviewing current immediate eligibility for reciprocal/interdistrict transfers
- c. Requiring more specific/consistent documentation and forms for hardship requests

The Task Force will continue meeting throughout the 2024-25 school year. The next meeting date will be scheduled to follow the OADA conference in the spring.

Written suggestions and proposals on these issues should be emailed to Lauren Brownrigg (Laurenb@osaa.org) **Any communication received by the OSAA will be shared with all task force members for review and discussion.** The Task Force will keep the OSAA Executive Board up to date on their work during the process.

A future list of meeting dates, Task Force Roster, charge to the Task Force, and information are available at the OSAA website: <https://www.osaa.org/governance/task-forces>.

The Task Force appreciates your support and encourages your participation in this process. Please do not hesitate to contact Peter Weber (Peterw@osaa.org) or Lauren Brownrigg (LaurenB@osaa.org) at the OSAA if you have any questions.