

MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, October 3, 2018

Members Present:

Scott Grimes, Grand Haven
Pete Ryan, Saginaw
Vic Michaels, Detroit
Kris Isom, Adrian
Courtney Hawkins, Flint

Staff Members Present:

Tom Rashid
Mark Uyl (Recorder)

Executive Committee Authority and Responsibility – The Executive Committee reviewed its authority under Article VII of the MHSAA Constitution and specifically its responsibility to consider each application for waiver of an eligibility requirement on its individual merits, determining if the regulation serves the purpose for which it was intended in each case or if the regulation works an undue hardship on any student who is the subject of a request for waiver. (These underlying criteria may not be restated for every subject of these minutes.)

The MHSAA is a private, nonprofit corporation, made up of voluntary membership; it is neither a state agency nor a court of law, and is not bound by any particular legal standard of review or burden of proof when applying its Regulations or while administering an internal appeal. The *MHSAA Handbook* may identify which party bears the burden of proof, depending on the particular situation or if a particular Regulation is at issue. The MHSAA staff, its Executive Committee, or its Representative Council, where appropriate, shall determine whether the circumstances in each situation, as presented to the MHSAA, warrant application or waiver of a particular Regulation or Interpretation. To make that determination, the MHSAA considers what a reasonable person given the same information would decide.

The Executive Committee was reminded that it was the responsibility of each member school involved to provide sufficient information about the specific request for the Executive Committee to reach a decision without further investigation. If information is incomplete, contradictory or otherwise unclear or has been received too late to be studied completely, the Executive Committee may deny the request for waiver or delay action. Such requests may be resubmitted to the Executive Committee with additional information at a subsequent meeting or appealed to the full Representative Council.

It is possible that some of the information presented as facts to the Executive Committee by school personnel and others may be inaccurate. However, to avoid constant repetition in this report of phrases such as “it was alleged” or “it was reported,” no attempt is made in the introduction of each waiver request to distinguish between truth, allegation, hearsay, opinion, summary or conclusion. If any information provided to the Executive Committee is inaccurate, any decision of the Executive Committee to grant waiver of a regulation shall be vacated.

The Executive Committee is not authorized to approve waiver based on alleged or actual differences between schools based on “environment,” demographics, curriculum or extracurricular offerings. A determination of undue hardship is a matter addressed to the discretion of the Executive Committee within the educational philosophy and secondary role of voluntary extracurricular competitive athletics in the academic environment. The Executive Committee will avoid making exceptions that would create precedent that effectively changes a rule without Representative Council action or local board of education adoption, which would exceed Executive Committee authority. The agreement the MHSAA has with member schools obligates the MHSAA to not change rules during the school year.

Students for whom waiver of a particular regulation is approved must be eligible in all other respects under all sections and interpretations of the regulations prior to their participation.

Adoption of these regulations, as well as policies, procedures and schedules of MHSAA tournaments, is a choice schools make locally when they consider their option of MHSAA membership. Consistent with rulings of the Attorney General and Michigan Supreme Court, schools are not bound by the decisions of the Executive Committee, but the association may limit participation in the postseason tournaments it sponsors to those schools which choose to apply rules and penalties as promulgated by the MHSAA and adopted by each member school's board of education. The MHSAA exercises no independent authority over schools or students.

Buckley and Mesick High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in girls soccer (varsity only) between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 325 students will place a new team in the Division 3 tournament. Neither school sponsored girl soccer previously. Buckley will be the primary school. Support from the Northwest Conference was submitted.

DeWitt, Ionia, Lansing Catholic, Mason and St. Johns High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – On June 13, 2018, the Executive Committee approved a request to waive the 3,500-student maximum enrollment cap for a cooperative program in ice hockey (varsity only). Several ice hockey teams in the Capital Area Activities Conference are in the process of reconfiguring their cooperative programs due to low participation. DeWitt, Ionia, Perry and St. Johns have dissolved their program. Executive Committee approval was given to exceed the enrollment limit for one school year by adding Ionia because a 12th-grade student from Ionia who is a goalie has been diagnosed with cancer and desires to participate.

The Executive Committee approved the cooperative program between these five schools whose combined enrollment will be 4,247 students and will continue placement of a team in the Division 1 tournament. Ionia will withdraw from the program at the end of the 2018-19 season. The 2018-19 enrollment of the four schools, less Ionia, is 3,455. Support from the Capital Area Activities Conference was submitted.

East Lansing and DeWitt High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-1]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in girls gymnastics (varsity only) between these two schools whose combined enrollment is 2,112 students. East Lansing sponsored gymnastics previously and will be the primary school. Support from the Capital Area Activities Conference was submitted.

Haslett, Bath, St. Johns and Williamston High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-1]) – The Executive Committee approved a partially completed application for a cooperative program in girls gymnastics (varsity only) between these four schools which were previously in two cooperative programs with Haslett and St. Johns as the primary schools. The combined enrollment of the four schools of 2,817 students will result in one less team in the Gymnastics tournament. Haslett will be the primary school. The Haslett Board of Education has verbally indicated its support. The school, with staff support, requested approval on Oct. 3, pending the formal vote on Oct. 8, 2018. Support from the Capital Area Activities Conference was submitted.

Lansing-Eastern, Lansing-Everett and Lansing-Sexton High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E-2]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys and girls bowling (varsity and JV) between these three schools of the same district in excess of the 1,000-student enrollment cap based on a demonstrated history of low participation. The combined enrollment of 2,825 students will move one team from Division 2 and place the new team in Division 1. Everett and Eastern sponsored bowling previously; Eastern will be the primary school. Support from the Capital Area Activities Conference was submitted. The program will not be allowed to operate beyond this school year (2018-19) without Representative Council approval, based on this experiment for multi-school districts enacted three years previously.

Litchfield and Coldwater-Pansophia Academy High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in eight-player football (varsity and JV) between these two schools whose 2018-19 combined enrollment is 174 students. The program will begin with the fall of 2019. Litchfield sponsored eight-player football previously and will be the primary school. Support from the Southern Central Athletic Association was submitted.

Livonia-Stevenson, Livonia-Churchill and Livonia-Franklin High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-2]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys and girls lacrosse (varsity and JV) between these three schools of the same district whose combined enrollment of 4,701 students will place new teams in the Division 1 tournaments. These programs will be permitted under a provision which allows agreements in excess of the 3,500-student enrollment cap when none of the schools in the agreement have sponsored the sport previously (new sport startup). The program will be allowed to operate for not more than four years and must reform to under 3,500 students at the end of the 2021-22 season. Support from the Kensington Lakes Athletic Association was submitted.

Okemos and Fowlerville High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-1]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in ice hockey (varsity only) between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 2,223 students will move one team from the Division 3 to Division 2 tournament. Okemos sponsored hockey previously and will be the primary school. Support from the Capital Area Activities Conference was submitted.

Onkama, Bear Lake, Brethren, Manistee, Manistee Catholic Central and McBain High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-1]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of McBain to a cooperative program in boys and girls skiing (varsity only) that exists among the other schools. Baldwin recently withdrew from the agreement. The combined enrollment of 1,169 students will continue placement of a team in the Division 2 tournament. Onkama will remain the primary school. Support from the Lake Michigan Ski Conference was submitted.

Port Huron, Marine City, St. Clair and Yale High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee waived the Aug. 15 winter sports deadline and approved the addition of Yale to a cooperative program which already exists between the other three schools pending receipt of a completed application by Oct. 31, 2018. The addition of Yale and the combined enrollment of 3,293 students will continue placement of the team in the Division 1 tournament. The schools anticipated dropping ice hockey due to a lack of participation. Yale had three to seven interested players. The superintendents and Boards of Education from all schools have indicated support, but official board action cannot occur until later this month. Support from the Macomb Area Conference was submitted.

St. Joseph-Lake Michigan Catholic High School (Regulation I, Section 1[D]) – A request was made to waive the 100-student enrollment limit to permit 8th-graders to participate with the high school teams. The 2018-19 Enrollment Declaration Form submitted in February 2018 indicated 104 students and the current enrollment stands at 86. The school will be unable to field varsity winter and spring sports teams, did not sponsor a JV volleyball team this fall, and has eight players on its varsity volleyball team.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Charlotte High School (Regulation I, Section 2[B]) – A request was made to waive the maximum age regulation for one school year for a student who became 19 on July 7, 2018. The student has participated in swimming & diving since middle school and 2018-19 would be his fourth high school swim season. The student was diagnosed with autism at the age of 18 months old and was held back in the 4th grade due to his disability. Documentation of this student's previous academic performance, educational, medical and clinical history, and previous experience in swimming was provided. The student is 5'10" tall and weighs 170 pounds.

The Executive Committee noted that it was not demonstrated that the student's disability limits his physical capabilities and has a significant negative impact on the student's physical athletic ability, and therefore, this request does not meet the criteria necessary for the Executive Committee to approve a request for waiver of this section. The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Carney-Nadeau High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade home-schooled student who intends to enroll at Carney-Nadeau on Oct. 30, 2018, after completing 270 consecutive calendar days of home schooling in accordance with Interpretation 78. The student previously attended Powers-North Central and began home schooling on Feb. 1, 2018. The school requested that the student be allowed to enroll now and be eligible immediately for football. Carney-Nadeau will not qualify for the playoffs and is in need of additional players.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Constantine High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended Parchment, participated in track & field and has moved in with her grandparents in Constantine. The student's former home with her mother was emotionally abusive. The student is interested in trying out for girls basketball.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Dearborn-Divine Child High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Canton and enrolled at Divine Child because of the academics at the former school. The student participated in 9th-grade baseball and seeks eligibility for the full hockey season this winter.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Detroit-Renaissance High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of two 12th-grade students who enrolled at Detroit-Cass Tech on Friday, Sept. 28, 2018, had a negative experience and reenrolled at Renaissance after one school day, on Oct. 1, 2018. The students seek eligibility for winter sports in the 2018-19 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Farmington Hills-Harrison High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive or interpret the transfer regulation as to the date the school ceased to operate was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student. The governing board of this student's former charter school, Detroit-Delta Prep, announced on Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2018, that its last day of school would be Friday, Sept. 28, 2018 and it would not reopen on Monday, Oct. 1, 2018. The final day of instruction was Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2018. This student began classes at Harrison on Friday, Sept. 28. Delta Prep forfeited its final football game on Friday, Sept. 28. Support from the director of charter schools from Ferris State University, which chartered Delta Prep, was submitted. A related request from Warren-Michigan Collegiate was received regarding participation in MHSAA fall sport tournaments for Delta Prep students not enrolled in a new school prior to Oct. 1 (Section 9[G]).

Based on all information received, the Executive Committee determined that for the purposes of Exception 6 in this specific situation only, the school ceased to operate on Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2018. Delta Prep students will be eligible immediately, insofar as the transfer regulation is concerned, under Exception 6 at any school on their first day of enrollment directly from Delta Prep for both regular season and, as determined in a separate request, for fall MHSAA tournaments. This is applicable only to students who enroll in their new school directly from Delta Prep by Friday, Oct. 5. The Executive Committee also approved the request for waiver of Section 9(G) to permit eligibility under the transfer rule in fall MHSAA tournaments. The Executive Committee also approved eligibility, as described, for all students similarly situated and enrolled at other schools who were enrolled at Delta Prep on Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2018.

Flint-Powers Catholic High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 62 (closest nonpublic school) was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who is moving between his divorced mother in Virginia to his father in Grand Blanc. Burton-St. Thomas More is closer to the father's home than is Powers but the student previously attended Holy Family Catholic School, which is a feeder school to Powers, in the 8th grade and was registered to enroll at Powers for the 9th grade when the parents divorced and the mother and student moved to Virginia. An otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Fruitport-Calvary Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended Calvary Christian in the 2017-18 school year before being home schooled for three weeks to begin this school year. The student played no sports during that time and reenrolled at Calvary Christian on Sept. 24, 2018.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Grand Blanc High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who was enrolled for the 9th grade at Westbrook Christian Academy, a school which sponsors no athletic program. The student enrolled at Grand Blanc on Sept. 4, 2018 and seeks eligibility for hockey. Grand Blanc only sponsors a varsity hockey team.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request at the varsity level; however, the committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only at Grand Blanc High School until Jan. 21, 2019.

Grand Rapids-The Potter's House Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 62 (closest nonpublic school) was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student whose foster family placement was changed from a home in the Byron Center School District to a home in the Jenison School District. The new home is closer to Hudsonville-Unity Christian. The student's foster parents have a previously placed foster child attending The Potter's House. The student played 9th-grade basketball at Byron Center.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Grand Rapids-The Potter's House Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 62 (closest nonpublic school) was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student whose foster family placement was changed in April 2018 from a government facility in the East Kentwood School District to a family's home in the Grand Rapids Public School District. The family is Christian but The Potter's House is neither the closest nonpublic school nor closest Christian school to the new foster parents' home. The student's foster parents have connections to The Potter's House. The parents of the host family are long-time donors to the school and relationships exist with many current students and families. The student did not play sports at the former school and experienced bullying and hardships. The student enrolled at The Potter's House to begin the 2018-19 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Grand Rapids-West Catholic High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 62 (closest nonpublic school) was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student whose family is Catholic and made a full residential change from Hudsonville, where the student was previously enrolled, into the Jenison School District. The student enrolled at West Catholic to begin the 2018-19 school year and a younger sibling enrolled at a Catholic grade school that feeds West Catholic. Catholic Central is one and one-half miles closer to the new home than West Catholic. The student is interested in playing basketball and did not play basketball previously at Hudsonville.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Hartland High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student whose family lost their home in the Flint—Carman-Ainsworth School District and has been split up. The student has been sent to live with his grandmother in Hartland, the mother and a sibling have taken up residence in Flint. The father is not in the student's life. The student participated in football at Carman-Ainsworth. Support for eligibility from the former school was submitted.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Kentwood-East Kentwood High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 62 (public school of residence) was made on behalf of a 12th-grade international student from an Approved International Student Program whose host family resides in Caledonia. The student enrolled at East Kentwood to begin the 2018-19 school year because Caledonia has reached its capacity for exchange students.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Lake Odessa-Lakewood High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who experienced abuse by his father, had mental health issues and was hospitalized in May 2018. The student attended Lakewood for the 9th grade. During the 10th grade in February 2018, over the objection of the student and his mother, the father withdrew the student from Lakewood because of a wrestling dispute. The student enrolled at Saranac. The mother and father have separated, and the father is no longer in the student's life. The mother has reenrolled the student in Lakewood to begin the 2018-19 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Macomb-Dakota High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student whose mother was arrested for domestic violence upon the student's stepfather, causing the student and his siblings to be evicted from the stepfather's home in Florida in early September 2018. The family has been split up and the student has relocated to the home of his uncle in the Dakota School District and his sister to an aunt in Holly. From November 2016 to May 2018, the student lived in a neglectful situation with his biological father who evicted the student in May of 2018, which caused the student to live with his mother and stepfather. The student enrolled at Dakota on Sept. 17, 2018.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Marysville High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student whose married parents have lived apart and in separate states for over a decade. The student has lived with his mother in Kansas since childhood and moved into his father's home in Marysville, enrolling to begin the 2018-19 school year. The request was to permit eligibility with the one-time use of the Educational Transfer Form because the parents' marital status is comparable to being divorced.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Ontonagon High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who attended Ontonagon Schools for the 8th grade, enrolled in Michigan Virtual Academy to begin the 2018-19 school year on Sept. 4, 2018, and reenrolled at Ontonagon on Sept. 10, 2018. The student was enrolled in the virtual school for four school days.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Oxford High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who had known and been in classes with three students who made public threats at a Lapeer middle school in February 2017. The students were found guilty, placed on five years' probation, released from custody in March 2018 and placed in online schooling. With the release of the offenders, the student did not feel safe at her former school (Lapeer). The student seeks participation in competitive cheer and tennis.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Rapid River High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who attended Gladstone for ten school days from Sept. 4-17, 2018 before reenrolling at Rapid River on Sept. 18, 2018. The student was shared-time between the two schools whose superintendent is the same person. The student participated in volleyball while an 11th-grader at Rapid River but did not participate in athletics at Gladstone. The student is taking four classes at Rapid River and two at Gladstone, meeting the requirement of 66 percent of a full-time student's course load.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

South Haven High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who moved into the home of his older sister in South Haven after residing with an aunt and uncle while enrolled at Saugatuck. The student's mother is not in the student's life and the father has an addiction problem that prevents the student from living with the father. Support for eligibility from the former school was submitted.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Warren-Michigan Collegiate High School (Regulation I, Section 9[G]) – A request was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student to waive the section of the transfer regulation that requires an eligible transfer student to be enrolled prior to Oct. 1 to participate in MHSAA fall tournaments. The governing board of this student's former charter school, Detroit-Delta Prep, announced on Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2018 that its last day of school would be Friday, Sept. 28, 2018 and it would not reopen on Monday, Oct. 1, 2018. The final day of instruction was Wednesday, Sept. 26. Delta Prep forfeited its final football game on Friday, Sept. 28. Support from the director of charter schools from Ferris State University, which chartered Delta Prep, was submitted. Rosters of Delta Prep students participating in fall sports were received with the new school of enrollment. Ecorse High School also submitted a request for eligibility under Section 9(G) with the names and sports of previous Delta Prep students who participated in fall sports.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver of Section 9(G) to permit eligibility under the transfer rule in fall MHSAA tournaments. In a request from Farmington Hills-Harrison, the Executive Committee determined that for the purposes of Exception 6 in this specific situation only, the school ceased to operate on Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2018. Delta Prep students will be eligible immediately, insofar as the transfer regulation is concerned, under Exception 6 at any school on their first day of enrollment directly from Delta Prep for both regular season and, as determined in this request, for fall MHSAA tournaments. This is applicable only to students who enroll in their new school directly from Delta Prep by Friday, Oct. 5. The Executive Committee also approved eligibility, as described, for all students similarly situated and enrolled at other schools who were enrolled at Delta Prep on Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2018.

Waterford Mott High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) – A late request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who enrolled at Waterford Mott on Sept. 26, 2018, after attendance at Waterford Kettering in the 9th grade for the 2017-18 school year. The student participated in varsity basketball and experienced many hardships socially and emotionally at Waterford Kettering, including constant altercations with one student and other negative altercations with many students toward the end of the 2017-18 school year. In April 2018, the student's older brother was the victim of a life-threatening auto crash that affected the family. The brother is a 12th-grader at Waterford Mott and can drive his sister to school. The student attended Waterford Mott feeder schools prior to high school. The school district has allowed the intra-district transfer.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Wyoming-Tri-unity Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) – A request to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only was made on behalf of two 10th-grade sisters who played no sports in the 9th grade and four JV volleyball games at their former school, Holland-Calvary. The students experienced anxiety over leadership changes at their former school, causing them to enroll at Tri-unity to begin the 2018-19 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Ypsilanti High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student whose parents separated in 2010 and have lived in different states since 2012. The student previously lived with his mother in Georgia. Over the summer, the student moved into the Ypsilanti Community High School District to live with his father. The school submitted an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form and requested that because the parents have lived apart for so long and in different states, the form be accepted for eligibility even though the parents are not divorced.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Subvarsity Waiver Requests Meeting All Conditions of Section 9(B) – The Executive Committee approved immediate eligibility at the subvarsity level for the following transferring 9th- or 10th-grade students (after entering 9th grade, before completing 10th grade) **who have not previously participated in an interscholastic scrimmage or contest in any MHSAA sport at the high school level** (whether MHSAA member schools or not) and who do not qualify for one of the 15 stated exceptions to the transfer regulation and have transferred for reasons having nothing to do with athletics, discipline or family finances and would not require Executive Committee evaluation or comparison of school demographics or curriculum:

Requesting High School	Grade	Former High School	Date of Enrollment	Length of Subvarsity Eligibility Status
Flint—Carman-Ainsworth	10	Swartz Creek-Genesee Academy	Sept. 4, 2018	Jan. 21, 2019
Harrison Township-L'Anse Creuse	10	Detroit-Cass Technical	Sept. 4, 2018	Jan. 21, 2019
Howell	10	Alternative Ed Academy of Iosco County	Aug. 27, 2018	Jan. 21, 2019
Tekonsha	9	Reading	Sept. 10, 2018	Jan. 21, 2019

Hartland High School (Regulation II, Section 11[H]) – Pursuant to Interpretation 241, a request to waive the four-player rule for the 2018-19 school year was made on behalf of the boys swimming & diving coach whose full-time employment is as a coach of the Hurricane Swim Club operated by Hartland Community Education. This program is open to the public and is the coach's primary job and source of income. The program has 100-150 participants from ages 7-18 involving students from six schools including Hartland: Brighton, Fenton, Howell, Linden and Milford. It is expected that 20-30 students from the Hartland Schools grades 7-12 will participate. The request has been granted to this coach previously. The school has had a lack of candidates for a last-minute coaching vacancy. A companion request was made for the Hartland Middle School boys swimming & diving coach who is also employed by the Hurricane Swim Club.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for this coach as well as for the middle school coach for the 2018-19 school year.

Jackson High School (Regulation II, Section 11[H]) – Pursuant to Interpretation 241, a request to waive the four-player rule for the 2018-19 school year was made on behalf of the girls gymnastics coach of a six-school cooperative program which added three schools this fall (Concord, Grass Lake and Napoleon). Jackson, Lumen Christi and Northwest were previously in a cooperative program. The coach has been the head gymnastics coach of this program for nine years. She is also the owner and lead instructor of SASGC Gymnastics. This program is open to the public and is the coach's primary job and source of income. The program has 40 participants in grades K-8 and approximately seven girls would be in the 7th or 8th grade from among the schools in the cooperative program. Other participants are from a dozen schools in this area of the state.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for this coach for the 2018-19 school year.

Tecumseh High School (Regulation II, Section 11[H]) – Pursuant to Interpretation 241, a request to waive the four-player rule for the 2018-19 school year was made on behalf of the recently named head girls swimming & diving coach who is also the pool director and head of the Tecumseh Tigersharks. This program is a community swim program, and her role here is her primary job and source of income. The program has 53 participants ages 8-18. Eight of the participants are in grades 7-12 from Tecumseh. Other participants are from three schools including Adrian, Adrian-Lenawee Christian and Blissfield.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for this coach for the 2018-19 school year.

Farmington Hills-Harrison High School (Football Classification) – On June 13, 2018, the Executive Committee did not approve a request to lower the enrollment number submitted on the 2018-19 Enrollment Declaration Form to reflect placement in the Division 4 football playoffs. It was announced three years ago that Farmington Hills-Harrison would close at the end of the 2018-19 school year. The enrollment submitted on Feb. 21, 2018 was 849 students and projected enrollment is 644 students, which includes 105 9th-graders, 169 10th-graders, 185 11th-graders and 227 12th-graders. It was reported then that the entire football program is expecting approximately 31 students, including underclassmen. The school requested reconsideration, indicating the actual enrollment is 601 students, which includes the special education students of the district. Only 33 upperclassmen are playing football. Fifteen 9th- or 10th-grade boys practice with the team. Harrison can no longer field a JV team.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Next Meetings – The next meetings of the Executive Committee are scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2018, at 9 a.m. in East Lansing; and Thursday, Nov. 29, 2018, at 1:30 p.m. in East Lansing (all onsite) (Representative Council meeting next day).