

# MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, August 22, 2019

### Members Present:

Scott Grimes, Grand Haven  
Pete Ryan, Saginaw  
Vic Michaels, Detroit  
Kris Isom, Adrian  
Adam Stefanski, Boyne City

### Staff Members Present:

Andi Osters  
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.

Bay City-All Saints Central and Bay City Academy High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee waived the April 15 fall sports deadline and approved a cooperative program in 8-player football (varsity only) between these two schools whose combined enrollment is 131 students. Bay City Academy is a new member school approved for MHSAA membership on Aug. 1 with the intention of forming cooperative programs with All Saints Central. All Saints Central sponsored 8-player football previously and will be the primary school. Support from the North Central Thumb League was submitted.

Berkley, Clawson and Royal Oak High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in ice hockey between these three schools whose combined enrollment of 3,334 students will continue placement of a team in the Division 1 tournament. Madison Heights-Lamphere withdrew from an agreement that previously existed with Royal Oak and Clawson and will form a four-school JV ice hockey program. Berkley had a stand-alone team and will be the primary school. Support from the Oakland Activities Association was submitted.

Berkley, Clawson, Madison Heights-Lamphere and Royal Oak High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E-1]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program at the subvarsity level in ice hockey between these four schools whose combined enrollment is 4,119 students. Lamphere withdrew from a varsity cooperative program that previously existed with Royal Oak and Clawson in order to form this four-school JV ice hockey program. Berkley had a stand-alone varsity team and will be the primary school. Support from the Oakland Activities Association was submitted.

Burton-Bendle and Burton-Atherton High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in wrestling (varsity only) between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 607 students will move a team from Division 4 to the Division 3 tournament. Bendle sponsored wrestling previously and will be the primary school. Support from the Genesee Area Conference was submitted.

Cheboygan, Indian River-Inland Lakes, Mackinaw City, Onaway, and Pellston High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-1]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in ice hockey (varsity only) between these five schools whose combined enrollment of 1,213 students will continue placement of a team in the Division 3 tournament. Cheboygan sponsored the sport previously and will be the primary school. Support from the Northern Michigan Hockey League was submitted.

Clarkston-Everest Collegiate and Auburn Hills-Oakland Christian High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys skiing (varsity only) between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 296 students will place a new team in the Division 2 tournament. Neither school sponsored boys skiing previously. Everest will be the primary school. Support from the Catholic High School League was submitted.

Farwell and Mt. Pleasant-Beal City High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in wrestling (varsity only) between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 563 students will move a team from Division 4 to the Division 3 tournament. Farwell sponsored wrestling previously and will be the primary school. Support from the Jack Pine Conference was submitted.

Lansing-Eastern and Lansing Catholic High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-3]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in wrestling (varsity and JV) in excess of the 1,000-student enrollment limit under the provision of this section that permits a four-year agreement to be formed when one of the schools dropped the sport in the previous school year. Lansing Catholic dropped wrestling in 2018-19. Eastern will be the primary school. The combined enrollment of 1,363 students will move a team from Division 2 to the Division 1 tournament. Support from the Capital Area Activities Conference was submitted. The program must dissolve or reform under 1,000 students at the end of the 2022-23 school year.

Lapeer, Almont, North Branch and Otisville-Lakeville High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-1]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in ice hockey (varsity only) between these four schools whose combined enrollment of 3,419 students will continue placement of a team in Division 1 and remove one team from Division 2. In 2018-19, Lapeer sponsored a stand-alone team and the other three schools were in a cooperative program that has dissolved. Lapeer will be the primary school. Support from the Saginaw Valley League was submitted.

Muskegon Catholic Central and North Muskegon High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of wrestling (varsity only) to a cooperative program that exists between these two schools in girls golf and boys tennis. The combined enrollment of 457 students will move a team from Division 4 to the Division 3 tournament. Muskegon Catholic Central sponsored wrestling previously and will be the primary school. Support from the Lakes 8 Activities Conference was submitted.

Negaunee, Ishpeming and Ishpeming-Westwood High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-1]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Westwood to a girls gymnastics (varsity only) cooperative program that exists between the other two schools. The combined enrollment is 985 students. Negaunee will continue as the primary school. Support from the two other UP schools sponsoring girls gymnastics was submitted.

Dryden High School (Regulation I, Sections 1 & 7) – A request to waive the enrollment and current academic credit record regulations was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student to play soccer on an unnamed neighboring school's soccer team this fall. Dryden high school dropped its soccer team this fall as there were not enough boys to field a team.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Walled Lake Western High School (Regulation I, Sections 4 & 5) – On Aug. 1, 2019, the Executive Committee did not approve a request to waive the maximum enrollment and competition portions of the eligibility regulation on behalf of a 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student who suffered a closed head injury while playing for a non-school football team. The student was injured while enrolled in classes of an online school, Connections Academy, during the 2015-16 school year where the student earned limited high school credits. Walled Lake Western determined the student entered the 9<sup>th</sup> grade in 2016-17 when he enrolled at the school with five courses from Connections Academy from the 2015-16 school year applied as transfer credit to the high school transcript. The student participated in football and track & field in his three years at Walled Lake Western through the 2018-19 school year. The school requested eligibility for the 2019-20 school year because Walled Lake Western and the student's family contended he started 9<sup>th</sup> grade in 2016-17, only played sports for three years, and his injury caused poor academic performance in 2015-16.

The school submitted new material that consisted of the full records of the student's educational history, including work completed as a home school student both working independently as well as taking courses in the online academy through 2015-16.

The Executive Committee noted that some courses taken in 2015-16 could have been either 8<sup>th</sup>-grade or 9<sup>th</sup>-grade classes and determined that the student's enrollment at Walled Lake Western High School in 2016-17 was the beginning of 9<sup>th</sup> grade under MHSAA regulations. The Executive Committee affirmed Walled Lake Western's initial determination that this student began 9<sup>th</sup> grade to start the 2016-17 school year, making the student eligible through the 2019-20 school year. The Executive Committee did not approve a fifth year of eligibility; rather, the committee determined, based on all material submitted and discovered, that the student's seventh and eighth semesters of enrollment and competition will take place during the 2019-20 school year.

Ada-Forest Hills Eastern High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who participated in the preseason football scrimmage for NorthPointe Christian High School in the fall of 2018. On Jan. 25, 2019, the student enrolled at Forest Hills Eastern when his parents separated and the student and his mother moved from the Grand Rapids Public School District to Ada. The school requested subvarsity eligibility in football.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only in football. The student will be withheld from the first game of the 2019 season.

Bloomfield Hills-Brother Rice 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 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who is moving from his mother's home in Rochester to his father's residence in Troy, where Brother Rice is not the closest nonpublic school. The father has purchased a home 1.3 miles from Brother Rice where the student will be residing later this fall. The father and student are Catholic, and Brother Rice is the closest Catholic school to the new residence. The student attended Rochester High School for the 9<sup>th</sup> grade and participated in football and lacrosse. An otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Breckenridge High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who is moving between parents who are separated and have lived apart since 2013. The student and his sister are moving from the father's home in Alma to the mother's home in Breckenridge. The student stays with the mother every couple of weeks while the father works 12-hour days out of town.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver. An Educational Transfer Form is to be completed prior to participation in a scrimmage or contest.

Brighton High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and an element of a full and complete residential change was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who previously attended school in Anchorage, Alaska while living with both parents. The mother has taken a job in Michigan and relocated with all her children to the Brighton School District but the father will continue his residency part-time and employment in Alaska. The former home has been rented to non-family and the father will be living with a coworker when in Alaska. A 9<sup>th</sup>-grade sister will be enrolling at Brighton to begin the school year. The student played JV football and baseball in Alaska.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Brighton High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who played in one preseason scrimmage and one football game at Detroit Catholic Central before being injured at practice the next week and requiring surgery. The student did not play any sport for the remainder of the 2018-19 school year. He attended Brighton Schools through the end of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, is a Brighton resident and reenrolled at Brighton to begin the 2019-20 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver. The student will be withheld from the first two varsity football games of the 2019 season.

Byron Center High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who experienced difficulties at Grand Rapids Christian High School that resulted in an internal review and actions by the school. The student involved in the review and two siblings have enrolled at Byron Center, their school of residence, to begin the 2019-20 school year. The student previously participated in football, wrestling and track & field.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Cassopolis High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student whose mother would no longer allow the student to live in her home and who was taken in by an uncle who lives in Cassopolis. The student played football for Berrien Springs. Support for eligibility was submitted by the former school.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Comstock Park High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student whose father is incarcerated and who moved from his mother's home in Florida to his grandmother's home in Comstock Park. The mother encountered domestic problems that caused an unstable environment for the student. The student played 9<sup>th</sup>-grade football in Clearwater and would like to play football at Comstock Park.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Croswell-Lexington High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who participated in cross country and track & field while a student at Peck in the 2018-19 school year. The student is enrolling at Croswell-Lexington to begin the 2019-20 school year because it offers a 13<sup>th</sup> year of schooling with college credits.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Dryden High School (Regulation I, Section 9[C]) – A request to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility in football was made on behalf of a 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student who has been enrolled at Imlay City and plays in the football cooperative program between Dryden and Imlay City which is in its first year of operation. The student intends to enroll at Dryden to begin the 2019-20 school year. Support for eligibility was submitted by Imlay City. Attempts were made by the school to allow the student to be shared-time while still enrolled at Imlay City.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver in football only.

East Lansing High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student who resides in and attended East Lansing Schools her entire career except for three months in 2019 when the student enrolled at Mason High School on March 18, 2019, due to a medical condition. The student has a twin sister who remained at East Lansing. The student participated in volleyball during 2018-19, played no sports at Mason, and is reenrolling at East Lansing to begin the 2019-20 school year. Support for eligibility was provided by the former school.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Eben Junction-Superior Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student whose parents separated in October 2018 and who lives half-time with each parent. In June 2019, the student and his mother moved 75 miles west to AuTrain, which is a middle school only district not connected to any high school. The student played football while a student at Newberry and will enroll at Superior Central to begin the 2019-20 school year. The parents filed for divorce in November 2018 and the divorce is not final.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Fair Haven-Anchor Bay High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who participated in volleyball and girls soccer and experienced bullying and harassment while a student at St. Clair. The student enrolled at Anchor Bay to begin the 2019-20 school year. The contents of a police report were submitted.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Farmington Hills-North Farmington High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of 10<sup>th</sup>- and 11<sup>th</sup>-grade sisters who experienced bullying and social exclusion while participating in volleyball as students at Novi Christian Academy in the fall of 2018-19. In January 2019, the students enrolled at North Farmington where an older brother was attending. The students' parents separated two years ago, resulting in increasing financial concerns.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Fruitport High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who attended Fruitport for the 9<sup>th</sup> grade and played in three football games before enrolling in an online home school in November 2018. The student is reenrolling at Fruitport to begin the 2019-20 school year. The student's grandparents are his guardians; he has attended Fruitport his entire career except for the eight-month home school enrollment.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver. The student will be withheld from the first three football games of the 2019 season.

Gibraltar-Carlson High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – On April 23, 2019, the Executive Committee did not approve a request to waive the sport-specific transfer regulation to permit eligibility in football on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student in 2018-19 whose father was forced out of his job, and who withdrew from Detroit-U of D Jesuit where he played minimally in varsity football. The student enrolled at Gibraltar-Carlson, the school of residence, on Nov. 13, 2018. The school requested eligibility for football in the fall of 2019-20 under the sport-specific transfer regulation, in part because the student has been ineligible for all sports since November 2018. The school submitted significant additional information that the student has two medical issues which have existed for at least a year and have just recently been diagnosed. The student is under treatment, including medication.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Grand Rapids Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who experienced bullying while a student at Ada-Forest Hills Eastern where he participated in football during the 2018-19 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Grand Rapids-West Michigan Aviation Academy (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who experienced bullying from a classmate while a student at Caledonia. The student participated in soccer, and the student responsible for the bullying remains on the soccer team. The student and his twin brother will enroll at West Michigan Aviation Academy to begin the 2019-20 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Jackson-Vandercook Lake High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of 11<sup>th</sup>-grade twin sisters who moved over the summer into an older brother's home in Jackson because the mother is deceased and the father has never been able to financially and emotionally support them. The students previously attended Tekonsha, participated in basketball, volleyball and softball and will enroll at Vandercook Lake to begin the 2019-20 school year. The brother's wife is a Vandercook Lake alumna.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver on the students' 91<sup>st</sup> school day of enrollment (first day of class) at Vandercook Lake High School.

Lansing Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9[C]) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student to permit participation in baseball. The student previously attended Lansing-New Covenant Christian and participated in the baseball cooperative program between these two schools in 2018-19. The student will be enrolling to begin the 2019-20 school year. Support from the former school was submitted.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Macomb-Lutheran High School North (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who is returning to Michigan from Wisconsin where she lived with her mother who had an employment change when the student began the 9<sup>th</sup> grade in 2018-19. The parents remain married and the student will live with her father while the mother continues working in Wisconsin. The student attended a Lutheran feeder school for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Lutheran North is the closest Lutheran school to the father's residence. The student played volleyball and track & field while a student in Wisconsin.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Michigan Center High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – On March 21, 2019, the Executive Committee did not approve a request to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who experienced health problems stemming from bullying while a student at Jackson-Lumen Christi High School. The student participated in JV volleyball during the 2018-19 school year and played softball in the 2017-18 school year. The family resides in the Jackson Public School District. The student enrolled at Michigan Center on Jan. 22, 2019. Support for eligibility was submitted by the former school. The school subsequently submitted significant additional information requesting reconsideration. The material includes medical notations that the student has problems connected to school-related issues.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver on the student's 91<sup>st</sup> school day of enrollment at Michigan Center High School, beginning Jan. 22, 2019.

Muskegon High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who previously attended Muskegon Catholic Central and played on the only level of football team at the school (varsity). The student enrolled at Muskegon on Dec. 6, 2018, for financial reasons and because an older brother already attended there.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Muskegon High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who previously attended Muskegon Catholic Central and played in one game on the only level of football team at the school (varsity). The student enrolled at Muskegon on Jan. 7, 2019.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver. The student will be withheld from the first subvarsity football game of the 2019 season.

Niles High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who has lived his whole life with his grandparents whose names have been placed on the birth certificate. The student has not lived with his mother since birth. The student's biological father has been discovered through DNA testing and the student will be residing with his father (Exception 2). The mother's whereabouts are unknown. The student previously attended Edwardsburg and participated in subvarsity football, basketball and track & field.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

North Muskegon High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who experienced bullying and social exclusion while a student at Montague since middle school. The student will be enrolling at North Muskegon to begin the 2019-20 school year and participated previously in volleyball.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Pontiac-Notre Dame Preparatory High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who is returning to Michigan from Colorado. The student's older brothers moved to Colorado in 2017-18 to pursue ski racing. The family bought a home in Colorado and the parents commuted. The student continued enrollment at Cranbrook for 2017-18 before joining his brothers in Colorado during 2018-19. Colorado was not a good fit and the student attempted to return to Cranbrook, but the 11<sup>th</sup> grade was full. The student then enrolled at Notre Dame Prep, which is the closest nonpublic school to the home in Michigan. The student participated in interscholastic tennis and lacrosse while in Colorado. The older brothers continue to live in Colorado and the parents commute between the two states and operate a business in Michigan.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Port Huron High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student who played in two football games at Marysville before enrolling at Port Huron on Oct. 3, 2018. The student participated in track & field at Port Huron High School.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver. The student will be withheld from the first two varsity football games of the 2019 season.

South Lyon High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who played in a minimal number of JV tennis matches for Novi-Detroit Catholic Central. The former tennis coach is unavailable to confirm participation. JV tennis at the former school consisted an eight-date schedule of pro set exhibition matches that did not count toward team scores. Players matched up with opponents when there were extra JV players present. The student reported playing in only two matches against other schools during the season. The student attended South Lyon Schools previously, is a South Lyon resident and will enroll to begin the 2019-20 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only in boys tennis. The student will be withheld from the first two boys tennis dates of competition in the 2019 season.



Waterford Mott High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student who attended Waterford Schools through the second semester of 9<sup>th</sup> grade in 2016-17 when the student enrolled at Ortonville-Brandon and participated in football for the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grades, through the 2018-19 school year. The student lived with his mother at this time and an older sister attended and has since graduated from Waterford Mott. The mother has a medical condition and financial issues that caused the student to recently begin residing with his divorced father who moved in June 2019 from Pontiac into the Waterford Mott attendance area. A completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted, but the change of residence is within the Waterford Mott attendance area and not from one district into another. The student is returning to his former school. Support for eligibility was submitted from Brandon.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Waterford Mott High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and an element of a full and complete residential change was made on behalf of a 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student whose parents have reconciled and now live together with their family in the Waterford Mott attendance area. The former residence in Fenton will be occupied by an adult sister, her new husband and child who will be relocating into the former home after Labor Day. The student attended Waterford Mott for the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades before the family moved to Fenton for the 11<sup>th</sup> grade in 2018-19 where he played football. In February 2019, the parents separated with the intention of not divorcing, but hoping to reconcile.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Whitehall High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B-3]) – A request to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91<sup>st</sup> school day of enrollment was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student whose family sold their home and moved into the grandmother's home in Montague to care for her during illness. The student enrolled at Whitehall and would like to participate in bowling and girls golf which she participated in while a student at Muskegon—Reeths-Puffer in 2018-19.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver on the student's 91<sup>st</sup> school day of enrollment (first day of class) at Whitehall High School.

Wyandotte-Roosevelt High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student who left his mother's apartment in Woodhaven in November 2018 and lived with his grandfather in Southfield while commuting to Woodhaven High School where he participated in football. The student's last permanent address was with his grandfather, who could no longer provide for the student. In May 2018, he moved back to Woodhaven and has since lived with several others in the downriver area. The student has been taken in by a family in Wyandotte and will be enrolling to begin the 2019-20 school year. The student attended Roosevelt as a 9<sup>th</sup>-grader in 2016-17 prior to his parents divorcing and the father moving out of state.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Hartland High School (Regulation II, Section 11[H]) – Pursuant to Interpretation 241, a request to waive the four-player rule for the 2019-20 school year was made on behalf of the head girls gymnastics coach who is also a coach for the Hartland Gymnastics Academy. The program has approximately 200 participants ages 7-18. Fifty-seven percent of the gymnasts are non-Hartland residents. Students from Brighton, Byron, Howell, Huron Valley, Fowlerville, Fenton and Pinckney also participate. The coach works mostly with students below the 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for this coach for the 2019-20 school year.

Bay City-All Saints Central and Bay City Academy Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in 8-player football (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades combined) and girls basketball (6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grades combined) between these two member middle schools. Bay City Academy is a new member school approved for MHSAA membership on Aug. 1. All Saints Central will be the primary school.

Lansing-Eastern and Lansing-Post Oak Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – Pending approval of the Lansing School District Board of Education at its Sept. 5, 2019 meeting, the Executive Committee approved a cooperative program between these middle schools in boys and girls basketball, boys and girls cross country, boys and girls soccer, boys and girls track & field, football, wrestling and girls volleyball (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades). Eastern will be the primary school.

Lansing-Everett, Lansing-Gardner and Lansing-North Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – Pending approval of the Lansing School District Board of Education at its Sept. 5, 2019 meeting, the Executive Committee approved a cooperative program between these three middle schools in football (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades combined). Everett will be the primary school.

Lansing-North and Lansing-Dwight Rich Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – Pending approval of the Lansing School District Board of Education at its Sept. 5, 2019 meeting, the Executive Committee approved a cooperative program between these middle schools in boys and girls basketball, boys and girls cross country, boys and girls soccer, boys and girls track & field, wrestling and girls volleyball (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades). North will be the primary school.

Lansing-Sexton, Lansing-Dwight Rich and Lansing-Woodcreek Montessori Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – Pending approval of the Lansing School District Board of Education at its Sept. 5, 2019 meeting, the Executive Committee approved a cooperative program between these three middle schools in football (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades combined). Sexton will be the primary school.

Lansing-Sexton and Lansing-Wexford Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – Pending approval of the Lansing School District Board of Education at its Sept. 5, 2019 meeting, the Executive Committee approved a cooperative program between these middle schools in boys and girls cross country, boys and girls track & field and girls volleyball (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades). Sexton will be the primary school.

New Member Schools – Pursuant to the MHSAA Constitution adopted by member schools and according to procedures for MHSAA membership adopted by the Representative Council on March 27, 1997, the Executive Committee approved membership for the following school:

**Detroit Collegiate High School:** This is a 9-12 charter school chartered by Grand Valley State University and managed by Equity, which also operates Detroit Leadership Academy. The high school has an enrollment of 130 students. The school was first established in 2017 and housed in a temporary location on Detroit's east side. There are no indoor or outdoor athletic facilities. The school will be using local parks for practice and the facilities at the Franklin Wright Settlement for gym space. The school hopes to sponsor several sports in the future including football, girls volleyball, boys and girls basketball, boys and girls cross country, boys and girls track & field, baseball, girls softball, and girls competitive cheer. The current principal and athletic director have strong athletic backgrounds. An Athletic Department Code of Conduct was submitted. A signed 2019-20 Membership Resolution and Preliminary Classification Form were received on Aug. 15, 2019. If a 2020-21 Membership Resolution is received prior to Oct. 2, 2020, and all other regulations are followed, the school will be eligible for MHSAA tournaments for the 2020-21 school year.

Future Meetings – The next meetings of the Executive Committee are scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2019, at 9 a.m. in East Lansing; Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2019 at 9 a.m. in East Lansing; Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2019, at 9 a.m. in East Lansing; and Thursday, Dec. 5, 2019, at 1:30 p.m. in East Lansing (Representative Council meets next day).