

# MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, September 8, 2022

### Members Present:

Scott Grimes, Grand Haven  
Nicole Carter, Novi  
Vic Michaels, Detroit  
Kris Isom, Adrian  
Jason Malloy, Westland

### Staff Members Present:

Cody Inglis  
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.

Bloomfield Hills-Academy of the Sacred Heart, Madison Heights-Bishop Foley and Waterford-Our Lady of the Lakes High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program between these schools in girls lacrosse (varsity and JV). The combined enrollment of 530 students will keep one team in the Division 2 tournament. Academy of the Sacred Heart sponsored the sport previously and will be the primary school. Support from the Catholic High School League was submitted.

Flushing, Auburn Hills-Oakland Christian, Clarkston-Everest Collegiate, Grosse Pointe Woods-University Liggett, Madison Heights-Bishop Foley and Ortonville-Brandon High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-1]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Oakland Christian, Everest Collegiate, University Liggett and Bishop Foley to a cooperative program that exists between Flushing and Brandon in boys and girls skiing (varsity and JV). Previously, Everest Collegiate was the primary school in a cooperative program with University Liggett, Bishop Foley and Oakland Christian. The combined enrollment of 3,020 students will remove one team from the Division 2 tournament. Flushing will continue as the primary school in Division 1. Support from the Southeastern Michigan Ski League was submitted.

Walled Lake Western and Pinckney High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program between these schools in ice hockey (varsity only). The combined enrollment of 1,866 students will remove one team from Division 2. Both teams sponsored the sport previously; Walled Lake Western will be the primary school. Support from the Lakes Valley Conference was submitted.

Ashley 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 St. Charles High School as a 9<sup>th</sup>-grader and played football. The student's sister had a bullying issue at St. Charles that included a police report being filed. Supporting documentation included letters describing the situation. The family desired a fresh start at Ashley High School and the school requested immediate eligibility in football.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Bark River-Harris High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 74 (practicing with and competing with another school in August) was made on behalf of a 9<sup>th</sup>-grade student who practiced football and competed in a scrimmage with Gladstone High School as an enrolled student before he started school. The student then transferred to Bark River-Harris after harassment and bullying issues that occurred after the start of football practice from a student at Gladstone. The new school requested immediate eligibility for the student in subvarsity football. The previous school confirmed the timing, practice and scrimmage participation.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Battle Creek-Harper Creek 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 an incoming 12<sup>th</sup>-grade exchange student. The exchange student is a J-1 student from an approved international study program and the host family lives in the Battle Creek-Lakeview Public Schools attendance area. The parents send their own high school age children to Harper Creek High School. Harper Creek requested immediate eligibility in all sports on behalf of this student.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Belding 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 transferred to Belding after attending both Vestaburg and Central Montcalm High Schools as a 10<sup>th</sup>-grader. The student played football while at Vestaburg High School. He does not live with either parent. His mother has several issues and has not been in his life for several years. The student was living with his father and stepmother, who divorced. Soon thereafter, the father was incarcerated and remains in prison. As a 16-year-old, the student is now renting a room in Belding from a family and Belding High School has categorized him as homeless as defined under the McKinney-Vento Act. MHSAA regulations and past practice require that McKinney-Vento scenarios come before the Executive Committee for review and consideration.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Chelsea High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student who participated in tennis for the past three seasons while a student at Chelsea High School. The student transferred to an online school unassociated with Chelsea during the second semester of 2021-22 to help with credit recovery and other challenges the student was facing. He now desires to come back to Chelsea for his senior year and participate in tennis. The school described in detail the challenges that the student faced as he made the decision to enroll online, not realizing that it could potentially impact his athletic eligibility. The school requested immediate eligibility in tennis for the student based on the extenuating circumstances.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Clinton Township-Chippewa Valley High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who moved from his home in Florida to the home of an aunt in the Chippewa Valley School District. While in Florida, the student was living with his father and stepmother until his father's sudden passing of a heart attack in July. The family initially tried to make a Florida home situation work, including having his biological mother move to Florida to live with him. The living arrangement quickly became unsustainable and the decision to come back to Michigan was made to live with his aunt and biological mother in the aunt's home. While in Florida, the student played football and competed in track & field during his 9<sup>th</sup>- and 10<sup>th</sup>- grade years. The Chippewa Valley athletic director conducted a home visit to determine residence.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Corunna 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 transferring to Corunna High School from Owosso High School for the start of the 2022-23 school year. The student participated in soccer and basketball at the former school. The student had a physical altercation with another student that led to a suspension from school. The incident caused the student to experience high levels of harassment, stress and anxiety while attending Owosso. The family unenrolled him from Owosso on March 21, 2022, and the student was homeschooled for the rest of the school year. The family believed that a change of schools would allow the student to find success. Support from the previous school soccer coach was submitted. The request was for full eligibility for the 2022-23 school year and if not able to be granted, then subvarsity eligibility in basketball, as Corunna does not have subvarsity soccer.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only.

Crystal Falls-Forest Park High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student who has attended San Marin High School in California for his first three years of high school. Following significant family issues, the student moved with his mother to Crystal Falls. The student played football for the first time in his 11<sup>th</sup>-grade year for a total of five plays at San Marin High School. The student has been caught in a custody issue while also moving across the country. The school requested immediate eligibility in football given the timing of the move and the fact that the student has no control over this situation.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver, beginning with the third football game (Sept. 9-10, 2022).

Dansville High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 74 (practicing with and competing with another school in August) was made on behalf of a 9<sup>th</sup>-grade student who practiced football and competed in a scrimmage for Fowlerville High School as an enrolled student before he began school there. The student then transferred to Dansville High School after harassment and cyberbullying issues that occurred after the start of football practice. The school requested immediate eligibility for the student. The previous school confirmed the circumstances, timing, practice and scrimmage participation.

The Executive Committee approved 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 an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who competed for the previous two seasons in competitive cheer at Livonia-Stevenson High School. The student transferred from Stevenson at the start of the school year, needing a new start because of challenges associated with her mental health. This challenging environment was caused by issues surrounding the COVID-19 vaccine which created stress, exclusion and judgement from others. The family made the decision to go to Divine Child for a fresh start where the student was welcomed. The former school's athletic director provided supporting documentation. The request was for immediate eligibility in competitive cheer at Divine Child High School.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Dryden High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student who attended Imlay City High School until January of 2022. At that time, he transferred to Dryden High School. The student competed in one basketball game while at Imlay City. The request was for immediate eligibility on the second date of the 2022-23 basketball season at Dryden. The student's transfer to Dryden was because of significant medical issues, and the family desired a new start for the student's wellbeing. Medical support was provided and confirmation of the game played was verbally provided by the previous school.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver. The student will be withheld from the first basketball game of the 2022-23 season.

Grant 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 transferring to Grant from Fremont High School for the start of the 2022-23 school year. The student experienced social/emotional issues which were related to discriminatory behavior at the former school with teammates. The student and family followed procedure with the school and the result did not satisfy the family. The student participated in volleyball, basketball and softball at the former school. The family believes the new school will allow her to receive a fresh start. The request was for eligibility in all sports, and if not able to be granted, then subvarsity eligibility in each of the three sports at Grant.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Jenison High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 74 (playing with another school in August) was made on behalf of a 9<sup>th</sup>-grade student who practiced and played in a scrimmage at Grand Rapids-Union High School before enrolling at Jenison High School. He enrolled at Jenison several days after the scrimmage as his mother determined that it would be easier to attend and get him to school at Jenison than at Grand Rapids-Union. The school requested immediate subvarsity eligibility for the student based on him not playing in either of the first two football games at Jenison. The previous school confirmed the timing and dates of practice and scrimmage.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Jonesville 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 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who transferred to Jonesville High School on March 7, 2022, from South Broward High School in Hollywood, Florida as a 9<sup>th</sup>-grader. The student and his family moved into and live in the North Adams-Jerome School District. The student played 9<sup>th</sup>-grade football in Florida. The school requested subvarsity eligibility at Jonesville in football.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Kalamazoo Christian 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 transferring to Kalamazoo Christian High School after his father received a full-time staff position at the school. The family is also in the process of a full and complete residential move from South Haven to Allegan that will be completed within 30 days. The student attended South Haven High School as a 9<sup>th</sup>-grader and participated in football, basketball and track & field. The new residence will place Holland Christian High School as the closest nonpublic school to their residence by four miles. The new school requested full eligibility, but if not able to be granted, then subvarsity eligibility in all sports was requested upon the completion of the full and complete move.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only.

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 an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who is transferring to East Kentwood High School after attending Northview High School. The student was on the swim team at Northview. While at Northview, the student resided with her mother who was evicted from the home, battled addictions and was arrested multiple times, including treatment facilities and abuse. The father was awarded full custody of both students. The younger brother attends East Kentwood High School, where the father is an administrator. The father's residence is in the Kelloggsville High School attendance area. The new high school requested immediate eligibility in swimming & diving. Supporting documentation was received from the former school athletic director as well as a counselor.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver pending receipt of a completed Educational Transfer Form for this student.

Mancelona High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student who is transferring to Mancelona after the unexpected cancellation of the football program at Bellaire High School, where he attended since kindergarten. While at Bellaire, the student participated in football, basketball and baseball. The transfer was primarily because of the loss of the football program. In addition, the student's father was the football coach at Bellaire and the negative sentiment at Bellaire and within the community about the cancellation of the football program caused the student and family issues that would not occur at Mancelona with the move. The request was for immediate eligibility in all sports at Mancelona High School.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Mattawan High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 74 (practicing with another school in August) was made on behalf of a 9<sup>th</sup>-grade student who practiced football for one day with Gobles High School (Aug. 8, 2022) before enrolling at Mattawan High School. He practiced football at Mattawan starting on Aug. 10, 2022. He did not play in Mattawan's first game on Aug. 26. The school requested immediate subvarsity eligibility for the student based on the student not playing in the week one game. The previous school confirmed the timing and dates of practice.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

New Haven 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 transferred from Anchor Bay High School. The student had been dealing with social situation challenges and desired a smaller school environment. In addition, the student was injured for eight games of the basketball season at Anchor Bay. New Haven requested eligibility in basketball this school year after ineligibility in 12 games at the new school. Documentation of both the injury and games played was submitted by the school.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Norway 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 an incoming 12<sup>th</sup>-grade exchange student who is a J-1 student from an approved international study program, and the host family lives in the Iron Mountain Public Schools attendance area. The placement coordinator contacted Iron Mountain and was told that it was not accepting any other exchange students. The placement coordinator then contacted Norway High School, separated by seven miles from Iron Mountain. Norway accepted the exchange student. The student desires to compete in volleyball. Norway requested immediate eligibility in all sports on behalf of this student.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Ortonville–Brandon 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 transferred to Brandon High School from Oxford High School for the start of the 2022-23 school year, following the tragedy that occurred in November of 2021. This student began as a 1<sup>st</sup>-grader at Oxford Public Schools and was a friend of one of the students killed in the tragedy. While at Oxford, he played football and baseball. The student described the horrific events of the day from his perspective and why he is struggling to go back to Oxford High School. The school requested immediate eligibility for the student.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Pigeon—Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Laker High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of three incoming 10<sup>th</sup>-grade students who transferred to Laker High School from Kingston High School after their 9<sup>th</sup>-grade year. While at Kingston, the students participated in volleyball and track & field. All three students are also softball players but chose to not play for the Kingston team, the reasons of which were outlined in this second request. This included a letter indicating that the decision to not have the students attend Kingston anymore related to a male coach having an office in the girls locker room. A situation took place that made her and her family feel extremely uncomfortable which necessitated a change of schools. The new school requested eligibility in all sports at Laker based on the family making a full transfer of all 13 of their children to the Laker School District and the new information provided. Supporting documentation was also received from the former school superintendent.

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 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who transferred from Port Huron Northern High School. The student has been dealing with an ongoing parental situation and a toxic home environment. The mother and student moved out of their home and are currently living with friends in the Port Huron High School attendance area. The school has considered the student to be homeless and under the McKinney-Vento Act. Port Huron is asking for subvarsity eligibility in volleyball, basketball and softball this school year. Letters of support were also received from friends and medical professionals.

The Executive Committee approved the request at the subvarsity level only.

Portage Northern High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a student who transferred from Vicksburg High School to Portage Northern. Significant bullying issues were present at the previous school which occurred for over three years and resulted in three no-contact orders being issued against other students. In addition, the student was falsely accused of spreading explicit material to others using her phone which resulted in her phone being confiscated and searched by the police for over a month. Documentation was provided including from the former school. The student participated in both basketball and softball while at Vicksburg High School. The new school requested immediate eligibility at Portage Northern in basketball and softball. If full eligibility could not be granted, then subvarsity eligibility was requested.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Richmond High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who is transferring to Richmond from Port Huron Northern High School for the start of the 2022-23 school year. The student broke his arm three games into the JV soccer season at Port Huron Northern. The request was for eligibility in soccer at Richmond after the third game of Richmond's soccer season. The family is making the move and requested athletic eligibility based on challenges that the family experienced while at Port Huron Northern, including a lack of support for the student's 504 plan and other school policies that impacted students in the family. Documentation included email interactions between the former school and family.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver. The student will be withheld from the first three games of the 2022 boys soccer season.

Rochester Hills-Rochester High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who transferred to Rochester High School from Avondale High School for the start of the 2022-23 school year. The student experienced bullying issues at the former school. He entered counseling and is now living with his grandmother in the Rochester High School attendance area. The student participated in soccer at the former school. The family believes the new school will allow the student to relieve his anxiety. He has already made a bond with the new soccer team and several of its players. The new information presented included letters of support from the student's family with more details regarding the move, as well as a letter from the student. The school requested eligibility for varsity soccer.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

St. Louis 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 transferred to St. Louis High School after attending Zephyrhills High School in Florida as a 9<sup>th</sup>- and 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student. He played football while at Zephyrhills. The student does not live with either parent but with his uncle. He was living with his mother in Florida but chose to live with his uncle in St. Louis. This was because of some challenges in Florida that his mother saw in his education and decision-making and the desire to start afresh. St. Louis High School categorized him as homeless as defined under the McKinney-Vento Act. MHSAA regulations and past practice require that McKinney-Vento scenarios come before the Executive Committee for review and consideration.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Sterling Heights 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 Sterling Heights High School as a freshman and played volleyball. At the start of the second semester of the 2021-22 school year, she transferred to an online school unassociated with Sterling Heights High School. The decision was made because of the rising cases of COVID and long quarantine periods for the student, and a desire to have a more stable learning environment. The student now desires to return to Sterling Heights High School for their 10<sup>th</sup>-grade year and play volleyball. The request was for subvarsity eligibility in volleyball.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only.

Waterford Kettering 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 an incoming 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student who attended Ocean View Christian Academy in San Diego, California and played 8-player football last school year. The student's parents were missionaries in Mexico and the family made a full and complete residential move into the Waterford Mott attendance area. The parents made the decision to send their student to Waterford Kettering High School, per the recommendation of others, instead of Waterford Mott. Kettering requested immediate eligibility in football on behalf of this student.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

West Bloomfield High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a student who previously attended West Bloomfield High School but was academically ineligible under the West Bloomfield academic standards for athletic participation, which exceeded the MHSAA minimum rule. The student knew he would not be able to participate in football at West Bloomfield academically but went to another area school that uses the MHSAA minimum standard for academics. He participated in practice and a football scrimmage but had not fully registered or enrolled with that school and had not unenrolled from West Bloomfield. He began attending classes at West Bloomfield on Aug. 29. He will not participate in football at any school for the 2022 football season because of his academic ineligibility. The school requested eligibility for the 2023 football season at West Bloomfield after missing the scrimmage during that season.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver. The student will be withheld from the first scrimmage of the 2023 football season.

Wyoming-Kelloggsville High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who played football and wrestled while a student at Godwin Heights High School as a 9<sup>th</sup>- and 10<sup>th</sup>-grader. The transfer to Kelloggsville was made because of a younger brother's expulsion from Godwin Heights Public Schools. The family could not transport the three students in their family to different schools, so the 11<sup>th</sup>-grade brother was forced to attend Kelloggsville where the other siblings will attend school. The request was for immediate eligibility in both football and wrestling. Documentation showing the expulsion was supplied.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Zeeland East 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 an incoming 12<sup>th</sup>-grade exchange student who is a J-1 student from an MHSAA approved international study program whose host family lives in the Zeeland West High School attendance area. The host family was an emergency replacement family for the student as the initial host family did not follow through with hosting. The student had already been placed and enrolled at Zeeland East High School. Both schools jointly filed the appeal on behalf of the student. Immediate eligibility was requested in all sports.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.



Flint-The New Standard Academy and Flint-Madison Academy Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program between these member middle schools in football (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades combined). The New Standard Academy will be the primary school.

New Member School – 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:

**Interlochen-New Covenant Christian Academy** is a Classical Christian school which specializes in faith-based learning. It is associated with the ACCS, the Association for Classical Christian Schools and affiliated with the Fresh Wind Community, an onsite church that shares the space with NCCA. The school has been operating in the same formerly renovated veterinary clinic building since 2015. The middle school became an MHSAA member in 2021-22 and seeks high school membership this fall with approximately 16 students in grades 9-12 but 99 students in grades K-12 and growing. No sports are currently sponsored. The school will seek cooperative agreements initially and may start a few individual sports by itself in cross country and track & field. MHSAA staff conducted an onsite visit on Aug. 31. The school has no athletic facilities for practice or competition. An Athletic Department Code of Conduct and Handbook were submitted. A signed 2022-23 Membership Resolution and Preliminary Classification Form were received on July 26, 2022. Provided a 2023-24 Membership Resolution is received on time and the athletic director has attended an MHSAA-sponsored in-service program, the school will be eligible for MHSAA tournaments for the 2023-24 school year. Under the regulations, a new member school may participate in cooperative programs once approved by the Executive Committee.

Next Meetings – The next meetings of the Executive Committee are scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 29, 2022, at 9 a.m. in East Lansing (virtual); Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2022, at 9 a.m. in East Lansing (virtual); and Thursday, Dec. 1, 2022, at 1 p.m. in East Lansing (Representative Council meets next day).