MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Virtual, February 15, 2023 **9:00 a.m.**

Committee Members:
Scott Grimes, Grand Haven
John Thompson, Brighton
Vic Michaels, Detroit
Sean Jacques, Calumet
Fred Smith, Bangor

Staff Members: 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.

Alba and Mancelona-North Central Academy High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program between these schools for the addition of volleyball (freshman), boys and girls basketball (varsity and JV) and softball (varsity and JV) to an already existing cooperative agreement in boys and girls cross country (varsity and JV) and volleyball (varsity and JV). The combined enrollment of 74 students will keep one team in Division 4 for softball this school year. Alba will be the primary school. Support from the Northern Lakes Conference was submitted.

Detroit-Cody and Detroit-Communication Media Arts High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program between these schools in boys and girls golf (varsity only). Neither school currently sponsor boys or girls golf. The combined enrollment of 851 students will place the combined team in Division 2 for boys golf in Spring 2022-23 season. Detroit-Cody will be the primary school.

Waterford-Our Lady of the Lakes and West Bloomfield-Frankel Jewish Academy High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program between these schools in girls soccer (varsity only). Both schools currently sponsor girls soccer in Division 4. The combined enrollment of 216 students will remove one team from Division 4. Waterford-Our Lady of the Lakes will be the primary school. Support from the Catholic High School League was submitted.

Saginaw-Arthur Hill and Saginaw High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E-2]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program between these schools in girls basketball (varsity, JV and freshman). Both schools currently sponsor girls basketball in Division 2. The combined enrollment of 1,211 students would likely place the combined team in Division 1 for the 2023-24 school year. Saginaw-Arthur Hill will be the primary school. Support from the Saginaw Valley League was submitted.

Hastings High School (Regulation I, Section 2[A]) – A request to waive the age rule of the eligibility regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student. The student has attended Hastings for their entire academic career. During the student's first grade year, the student's family made the decision to repeat that grade. The student turned 19 on August 7th, 2022 making her 24 days too old to play school sports during her senior year. The student has played soccer at Hastings for the past three years of her high school career and desires to finish her high school career playing with her friends and teammates. The school requested continuing eligibility in soccer for this upcoming spring season.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Ada-Forest Hills Eastern High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who transferred to Forest Hills Eastern from Grand Rapids-NorthPointe Christian at the start of the 2022-23 school year. The student experienced academic and mental health challenges related to the pandemic and COVID-19. The family determined that no masks and in-person schooling was important for the student. After attending school for one school year, the student struggled with social/emotional issues and fitting in at NorthPointe Christian. While at NorthPointe Christian, the student played baseball. The request was for subvarsity eligibility in baseball at the new school. Support from the counselor and former teachers was included.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Allen Park-Cabrini High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who transferred at the start of the 2022-23 school year to Cabrini from Allen Park. The student cited anxiety and stress from a school lockdown at the former school as a primary reason for desiring a change of school. The student participated in softball at the former school and now desires to join the softball team at Cabrini. The new information provided includes a letter of support from the former school's athletic director indicating that the move was not for athletics. In addition, a new letter of support from the student's medical team was also received.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Bloomfield Hills—Academy of the Sacred Heart (Regulation I, Section 9) — A third request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 62 (closest non-public school of residence) was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended Western Reserve Academy in Ohio and played basketball and soccer during her two years there. The student's mother lives in Ithaca, NY, while her father and stepmother live in Detroit. The parents made the decision to move schools based on social and emotional issues that they were seeing with their daughter and the need to live with a parent instead of at a boarding school. Academy of the Sacred Heart is the closest single-gender school to the new residence. The family's desire to get into a smaller school with academic rigor were the main reasons to attend the Academy of the Sacred Heart. The new information included a letter from the former school indicating that the student did not participate in a full season of basketball and the proximity of the stepmother's work to Sacred Heart is less than 3 miles away. The school's continued request was for the student to be able to participate in the rest of the season of basketball and in soccer immediately at Academy of the Sacred Heart.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver. No future exceptions to the transfer rule may be used for this student.

Bloomfield Hills—Academy of the Sacred Heart (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 62 (closest nonpublic school) was made on behalf of an incoming 12th-grade student who made a full and complete residential change to Detroit from Louisville where she attended Louisville Sacred Heart School. The student's mother received a new job and position in Michigan. The student played lacrosse while at Sacred Heart School in Louisville. While the Academy of the Sacred Heart is not the closest nonpublic school to the family's new residence, it is the closest all-girls Catholic school. The school desired immediate athletic eligibility in lacrosse as she completes her high school career at the Academy of the Sacred Heart.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

<u>Cedar Springs High School (Regulation I, Section 9)</u> – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who transferred to Cedar Springs from Cedar Springs—Creative Technologies Academy at the start of the second semester of the 2022-23 school year primarily for academic reasons. While at CTA, the student participated in cross country, volley-ball, basketball, and soccer. The school asked for immediate eligibility in those sports for the student's sophomore and junior years.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver in 2022-23. The student is eligible in 2023-24 in basketball (after five games) and soccer.

<u>Detroit-Frederick Douglass High School (Regulation I, Section 9)</u> – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who has transferred to Frederick Douglass from Chippewa Valley. The student used an Educational Transfer Form to transfer at the start of the 2022-23 school year using Exception #8 (moving between divorced parents) to gain athletic eligibility in basketball at Chippewa Valley, playing in four games. There was a falling out that resulted in the student being "kicked out" of the residence by the father, law enforcement was called and the student subsequently moved back in with his mother in the Detroit residence. The former school confirmed that the student briefly played basketball with no issues. Douglass requested eligibility in basketball for the remainder of the season as well as track and field. The documentation provided included legal paperwork, case files, and letters from the student regarding the situation.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Detroit-U of D Jesuit High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who transferred to U of D Jesuit after spending his 9th-grade year attending Bloomfield Hills. The student experienced severe anxiety and depression which required medical attention. The student participated in swim and lacrosse during his 9th-grade year at Bloomfield Hills. The student struggled emotionally to control his temper and anxiety which resulted in numerous issues at Bloomfield Hills. The student's parents determined that a new private school option would serve the student better after trying homeschooling in the spring. The family and school desired athletic eligibility in lacrosse and if that cannot be granted then a request was made for subvarsity eligibility in lacrosse. The new information included a new letter detailing the situation from the parent's perspective and an email chain indicating that a new request was desired by the family.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

<u>Fenton High School (Regulation I, Section 9)</u> – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who transferred to Fenton from Lake Fenton at the start of the 2022-23 school year. The student experienced bullying and harassment issues at the former school. These issues caused the student stress, anxiety, and emotional issues for the duration of her 9th-grade school year at Lake Fenton. The student participated in soccer at the former school. The request was for eligibility in soccer. Support from the former and school reports were also received along with a timeline of events.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

<u>Fenton High School (Regulation I, Section 9)</u> – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who transferred from Holly to Fenton at the start of the 2022-23 school year. The student participated in cross country and soccer while at Holly. The move was made because of the strong academics at Fenton, specifically their IB program. In addition, the student was feeling disconnected at Holly and she desired to get a fresh start at Fenton. The student did not participate in cross country in the fall because of the sport-specific transfer rule but the family desired eligibility in soccer so that the student does not miss out on another athletic season.

The Executive Committee did not approve 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 12th-grade student who transferred to Grand Blanc from Davison in November primarily for financial issues. While at Davison, the student participated in lacrosse. The school asked for immediate eligibility in lacrosse for the student's senior year. A letter indicating the reasons for the transfer was included.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Grand Rapids-Kenowa Hills High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who transferred from Grand Rapids-Northview at the start of the 2022-23 school year. The student transferred to Kenowa Hills after attending Northview as a 9th and 10th grader. The student participated in softball at Northview during the 2021-22 school year. She quit the team and transferred to an online school after experiencing bullying and harassment from teammates throughout the school year and into the season. The school is asking for eligibility for the student in softball based on the circumstances that forced the transfer. Documentation from the former school was also provided.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Grand Rapids-NorthPointe Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who has transferred to NorthPointe Christian after attending Grand Rapids-Northview for the start of the second semester of the 2022-23 school year. The student was assaulted during school at Northview in October of 2022. Since that time, the student has attended Northview virtually in order to ensure her safety. The desire to start fresh after this incident led her to NorthPointe Christian. The student participated on the 9th-grade basketball team while at Northview during the 2021-22 school year, her only sport. After not playing this year, because of the incident, she desired to start at NorthPointe Christian. The school requested immediate subvarsity eligibility in basketball.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Grand Rapids South Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who transferred to South Christian from Middleville-Thornapple-Kellogg after attending there since kindergarten. The student enrolled at South Christian on January 2, 2023. While at Thornapple-Kellogg, the student experienced mental health and anxiety issues that led to counseling and doctor visits. The parents feel a new start will give the student a chance to alleviate the anxiety issues he is facing at Thornapple-Kellogg. The student competed in football, basketball and baseball. New information included an updated letter from the student's doctor, therapist, former Thornapple-Kellogg board member, family and friends.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Grant High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who transferred to Grant for the second semester in January of 2023 after attending Newaygo as a 9th grader and the first half of this school year. While at Newaygo the student experienced harassment, bullying, and social media rumors and gossip being spread about her by other students. Her mother was a teacher at Newaygo, though the family lives in the Grant district, and the desire to get a fresh start at Grant was important to her continued recovery. While at Newaygo, the student competed in soccer and the new school requested immediate eligibility. Supporting documentation was received from the student's doctor.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Marine City High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who transferred to Marine City from Algonac at the start of the 2022-23 school year. The student is 17 years old, legally emancipated from his parents and now lives in the Marine City district by himself. While at Algonac, where he attended from 9th through 11th grade, the student competed in football and track. The student desired a fresh start at a new school after the challenges of going through the emancipation process. The school requested eligibility in track for his senior year at Marine City. Court documents were provided to show the official emancipation of the student from his parents.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Monroe High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended Monroe-St. Mary Catholic Central through the 2021-22 school year. The student transferred to Monroe at the start of the 2022-23 school year due to some financial and emotional challenges faced by the family when they were going through building a new home. While at St. Mary Catholic Central the student participated in basketball and baseball. This fall the student competed at Monroe in football. The school asked for subvarsity eligibility in baseball for this spring at Monroe.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Negaunee High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who transferred to Negaunee at the start of the 2022-23 school year from Ishpeming-Westwood, where the student played softball. The student transferred because of bullying and mental health issues at Westwood. The family determined it best to return to start a new high school experience. The request was for immediate eligibility in softball at Negaunee. Documentation submitted included text messages and letters of support.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Orchard Lake-St Mary's Preparatory High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request to grant a waiver of Regulation I, Section 9, Interpretation 94 regarding the number of boarding school students was made by Orchard Lake St. Mary's Prep. The school requests a waiver of the requirement of at least 25 students or ten percent of the full student enrollment as is required in Interpretation 94 based on low boarding school numbers in 21-22 and the current school year of 22-23. Additionally, the school requested the Executive Committee to interpret the requirements of Interpretation 94 in light of recent developments and updates as provided by the school. The school asked the MHSAA to accept a novel interpretation of Exception 13 and Interpretation 94 but the Executive Committee found that this was not supported by the plain language in the Handbook and such a request was inconsistent with the MHSAA's longstanding interpretations and administration of the boarding school exception. It was noted that Executive Committee member Vic Michaels recused himself from this issue on the agenda.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver and determined that the students in question remain ineligible for basketball.

<u>Perry High School (Regulation I, Section 9)</u> – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who transferred to Perry from Corunna. The student moved after her father left Corunna High School as a teacher after experiencing issues with the administration. The daughter and family left Corunna despite many community and school ties because of the constant questions and remarks regarding her father's teaching situation. Documents that detail the father's situation and why he had to leave Corunna to go to Perry as a teacher were provided. The request was for immediate eligibility in track and field after the student sat out the volleyball season at Perry.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Potterville High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who transferred to Potterville from Grand Ledge for the second semester of the 2022-23 school year starting on 12/21/22. The student experienced bullying and abuse allegations issues at the former school with their former JV coach. The student transferred because a new start was needed after the former varsity coach was fired early in the season resulting in the former JV coach being promoted to help with the varsity basketball team in Grand Ledge. New information included documentation addressing the student's stress at Grand Ledge and a letter from a psychologist. The new school's continued request was for immediate eligibility in basketball at Potterville.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for subvarsity baseball.

Rochester Hills-Rochester High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who transferred to Rochester from Rochester-Adams for the start of the 2022-23 school year. The student experienced anxiety and mental health challenges while at Adams. The student's twin brother also experienced more severe issues in these areas which led the family to request of Rochester Community Schools that the brothers be allowed to start at Rochester. This transfer was for both brothers. The student participated in subvarsity baseball at Adams. The family believes that the new school will allow the student to relieve his anxiety as well as help his brother. Letters of support accompanied the request. The request was for the student to play subvarsity baseball at the new school for the upcoming season.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Scottville-Mason County Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who transferred from Manistee to Mason County Central in January 2023. The student participated in track and football while at Manistee. The move was made because the student was struggling academically with in-person learning and desired an online education while still being allowed to participate in athletics. Manistee provided an online program, but students were not eligible for athletics through that program. Several other inquiries to area schools did not work while the MCC online program was a fit even though it was 40 miles from the family's home. The student has improved his academic performance since enrolling at MCC in their online program. The student desired to participate in track this spring and football in the fall at Mason County Central.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Sterling Heights—Henry Ford II High School (Regulation I, Section 9) — A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of incoming 12th-grade student who transferred to Henry Ford II from the International Academy of Macomb. The student has attended IAM since her 9th-grade year, and because she needed a school sponsor, she used Fitzgerald as her school where her credit was placed on a Fitzgerald transcript. This made her eligible for athletics at Fitzgerald where she has competed in softball since her freshman year. The student left IAM this school year and enrolled at Henry Ford II to start the school year. The student lives in the Henry Ford II attendance area. Her father unexpectantly passed in January of 2023. The new school requests immediate eligibility in softball. Supporting documentation was received from the former school, the student and the student's medical records were provided.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

<u>Troy High School (Regulation I, Section 9)</u> – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who transferred from Bloomfield Hills-Marian on January 31, 2023. The student transferred to Troy after attending Marian as a 9th grader and half of the 10th grade. The student participated in volleyball and lacrosse at Marian. The student transferred after experiencing repeated bullying and harassment at Marian throughout the school year. School administration tried, unsuccessfully, to help alleviate the problems before recommending that the student transfer to another school for a new start. The school asked for eligibility for the student in lacrosse and volleyball based on the circumstances that forced the transfer. Documentation from the former school, counselors, a psychologist and the student were also provided.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

<u>Wayne Memorial High School (Regulation I, Section 9)</u> – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who transferred back to Wayne Memorial from Dearborn in January of 2023. The student attended Wayne Memorial as a 9th-grade student before transferring to Dearborn for the start of her 10th-grade year after her parents went through a separation. The desire to be with her sister at Dearborn was deemed best for the student while living with their mother. The student experienced documented and significant bullying issues while enrolled at Dearborn. While at Dearborn, the student practiced, but did not compete, in basketball and desired to return to Wayne Memorial to play basketball. A supportive letter from Dearborn accompanied the request along with a video of an attack on the home with eggs. The school request is for eligibility in basketball.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Westland-John Glenn High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student that transferred from Westland-John Glenn to Romulus-Summit Academy at the start of the 2021-22 school year. The student and family desired online education and yet the student struggled with her mental health the more time she spent learning virtually. The student felt out of place and struggled and thus, returned to Westland-John Glenn. While at Summit Academy the student played in four softball games. The previous school confirmed this fact. The new school asked for eligibility at John Glenn to play softball after the student has sat four games.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver after four softball games.

Whitehall High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who transferred to Whitehall from Muskegon-Western Michigan Christian for the start of the 2022-23 school year. The student transferred schools because of some family hardships including her parents going through a divorce. The family has always lived in the Whitehall district but now live in separate homes. While at Western Michigan Christian during the 2021-22 track season, she competed in only 4 meets because of injury and recovery from ACL surgery. The new school is requesting eligibility after sitting out four regular season meets this spring at Whitehall. The former school confirmed the track meet dates and participation as well as support the transfer with a letter of support.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver after four meets.

Wyoming High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 11th-grade student who transferred to Wyoming on January 12, 2023 and had participated in varsity basketball during the 2022-23 school year while a student at East Kentwood High School. The family chose to transfer the student to Wyoming in order to remove the student from home life challenges and circumstances where they lived previously. The school seeks immediate varsity eligibility in basketball for the remainder of the season as well as next school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver. The student becomes eligible after six games in the 2023-24 school year.

Hudsonville High School (Regulation I, Section 12) – A request to waive Regulation I, Section 12 was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who desires to participate in an adaptive-level golf competition. The student competed with the Hudsonville girls golf program for the past two years and desires to continue this while also competing in United States Adaptive Golf Alliance events throughout the United States. The student was born without a right hand but has been very successful in the USAGA events in the past. The request by the school was to see if this allowance would be granted prior to identifying the specific events in which the student-athlete would compete.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Alba and Mancelona-North Central Academy Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) — The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys and girls basketball (6th, 7th and 8th grades combined), boys and girls cross country (6th, 7th and 8th grades combined) and volleyball (6th, 7th and 8th grades combined) for these schools beginning in the 2023-24 school year. There is currently an existing cooperative agreement between these schools for boys and girls basketball (8th grade only). Alba will be the primary school.

<u>Pickford and Kinross-Maplewood Baptist Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D])</u> – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys and girls golf and boys and girls track and field (6th, 7th and 8th grades combined) for these schools beginning in the 2022-23 school year. Pickford will be the primary school.

<u>Traverse City East and Traverse City-Woodland Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D])</u> – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys and girls track and field (6th, 7th and 8th grades combined) for these schools beginning in the 2022-23 school year. Traverse City-East will be the primary school.

Next Meetings – The next meetings of the Executive Committee are scheduled for Thursday, March 23, at 1 p.m. in East Lansing (Representative Council meets the next day); Wednesday, April 19 at 9 a.m. - Virtual (Audit and Finance Committee follows); Sunday, May 7 at 10:30 a.m. in Gaylord (Representative Council meets at 1 p.m.); Thursday, June 15 at 9 a.m. – Virtual; Monday, Aug. 7 at 9 a.m. – Virtual; Tuesday, Aug. 22 at 9 a.m. – Virtual; Thursday, Sept. 7 at 9 a.m. – Virtual; Thursday, Oct. 5 at 9 a.m. – Virtual; Wednesday, Nov. 1 at 9 a.m. – Virtual; and Thursday, Nov. 30 at 2 p.m. in East Lansing (Representative Council meets the next day)