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TO: CCS SOUTHERN CONFERENCE MEMBER SCHOOLS

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DATE: February 18, 2009

SUBJECT: REALIGNMENT SUB COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

As most of you know the realignment sub committee met with all interested school personnel to listen to input at their second meeting held 1:00 pm on February 9 at the North Salinas High School. Listed below are those in attendance:

Jack Daley	Gilroy HS	John Perales	Christopher HS
James Maxwell	Gilroy HS	Darren Yafai	Christopher HS
Art Hunsdorfer	Salinas HS	Chuck Nororian	E. Alvarez HS
Roger O'Sullivan	No. Monterey Cnty HS	Don Pedroni	No. Monterey Cnty HS
Matt Arnold	Monterey HS	Ken Esaki	Monterey HS
Patty Gillig	Monte Vista Chr. HS	David Reese	Monte Vista Chr HS
David Sullivan	Palma HS	Mark Zalin	Santa Catalina HS
Steve Peters	York School	Matt Blandin	Calvary Chr HS
Garrold Shaffer	Soledad HS	Jeff Young	Stevenson School
Michele Grogan	Stevenson School	Stephen Kiel	Harbor HS
Karl Pallastrini	Carmel HS	Mark Dorfman	Aptos HS
Pat Lovell	SCCAL Commissioner	Gregg Gunkel	Scotts Valley HS
Brian Elliott	San Lorenzo Valley HS	Krystal Lomanto	San Benito HS
Tod Thatcher	San Benito HS	Ken Kline	King City HS
Jean Ashen	North Salinas HS	Geoff Coleman	Seaside HS
Ron Cyzman	St. Francis CCC HS	Erik Redding	Santa Cruz HS
Nancy Lazenby Blaser, CCS Commissioner		Augie Caresani, So Conference Chairman	

The Committee has determined to forward the following proposals for action by the member schools at the 2009 Conference Meeting. The Conference meeting will be held:

**Monday March 9, 2009 1:00 pm**  
**@ North Salinas High School-small gym**  
**55 Kip Avenue, Salinas CA**

Please carefully review

- The attached proposals
- The attached instructions for the conduct of this **MANDATORY SOUTHERN CONFERENCE REALIGNMENT MEETING.**

Please respond as directed on the enclosed Ratified Representatives Form, if no one has been designated by your School District or governance board, no later than March 2, 2009.

**2008-2009 CCS BYLAWS, ARTICLE IV, REALIGNMENT****Section 5 CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN AND ADVISORY SUB-COMMITTEE**

The CCS President shall appoint someone from each Conference to serve as the Conference Chairperson to coordinate the duty of each Conference to form leagues among schools which have been placed in each Conference

- A. The Chairman of each Conference shall serve as Chairman of an Advisory Sub-Committee of the Conference, composed of one voting delegate from each current Basic League within the Conference. The Representative from each league shall be selected by the league they are representing. The Chairman shall be a non-voting member of the Advisory Sub-Committee.
- B. The Advisory Sub-Committee shall meet at the Chairman's call to investigate, discuss, and formulate proposed leagues composed of all schools assigned to the Conference.
- C. The Advisory Sub-Committee shall communicate all such discussion, investigation, and proposed leagues with each current Basic League Board of Managers.
- D. The Advisory Sub-Committee shall attempt to formulate proposed leagues in a mutually cooperative manner so that each school's league needs are appropriately satisfied.
- E. The Advisory Sub-Committee shall insure that all proposed league formations are communicated to each school and school district.
- F. The Advisory Sub-Committee shall perform its duties as follows:
  1. **No later than the first full week in February, odd-numbered years;** The Advisory Sub-Committee shall begin its investigations, discussion and formulation of proposed leagues
  2. **No later than the first week of March, odd-numbered years;** The Advisory Sub Committee shall have formulated a proposal(s) for Basic Leagues composed of all schools assigned to the Conference.
  3. **No later than the first week of March, odd-numbered years;** The Advisory Subcommittee shall communicate such proposed league formations to all schools assigned to the Conference and to the school districts involved.

**Section 6 CONFERENCE MEETINGS**

The Chairman of Each Conference shall convene a Conference meeting for the purpose of adopting Basic Leagues and to provide for the formation of Supplemental and Inter-Conference leagues and the dissolution of such Supplemental and Inter-Conference leagues.

- A. Each school assigned to the Conference shall be represented by the principal or other person defined in the Education Code, Section, or by a school based designee of such principal or person so defined.
- B. The Conference shall consider proposals formulated by the Advisory Sub-Committee which must have been circulated 15 calendar days or more prior to the Conference meeting.
- C. The Conference shall consider proposals from any other source which have been circulated at least 10 calendar days prior to the meeting.
- D. The Conference may amend, by majority vote of those principals, persons, or designees defined above, any proposal previously circulated provided such amendment affects no more than four schools in any amended proposal.
- E. The Conference may, by consent of two-thirds of the principals, persons or designees defined above, waive the 10-day provision of this section and thereafter adopt any proposal for league formation.

**F PROPOSALS FOR REALIGNMENT AND DECISIONS RELATING TO REALIGNMENT SHALL BE BASED UPON THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:**

1. **SCOPE OF PROGRAM: CONSIDERATION SHALL BE GIVEN TO EACH SCHOOL'S COMPREHENSIVE SPORTS OFFERINGS, INCLUDING BOTH VARSITY AND SUB-VARSITY PROGRAMS.**
2. **STRENGTH OF PROGRAM: CONSIDERATION SHALL BE GIVEN TO THE LEVEL OF COMPETITIVE EQUITY OF EACH SCHOOL'S ENTIRE ATHLETIC PROGRAM. COMPETITIVE EQUITY INCLUDES BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, CONSIDERATION OF WHETHER MOST OF A SCHOOL'S TEAMS ARE REASONABLY WELL MATCHED WITH TEAMS OF THE OTHER SCHOOLS IN THE LEAGUE.**

3. **GEOGRAPHIC PROXIMITY: CONSIDERATION SHALL BE GIVEN TO THE GENERAL GEOGRAPHIC PROXIMITY OF LEAGUE MEMBER SCHOOLS.**
4. **NO REALIGNMENT PROPOSALS OR DECISIONS SHALL BE MADE, WHICH ARE BASED UPON FACTORS THAT ARE DISCRIMINATORY IN NATURE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, A SCHOOL'S PRIVATE OR PUBLIC STATUS, A SCHOOL'S ETHNICITY OF STUDENT POPULATION, A SCHOOL'S RELIGIOUS TENETS OR THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATUS OF A SCHOOL'S COMMUNITY.**

G. The Chairman of each Conference shall convene the Conference meeting as follows:

- No sooner than 15 calendar days from the date the Advisory Sub-Committee shall have circulated its proposed league formations, which date shall be no later than the first week of March, odd-numbered years.
- The Chairman of Each Conference shall convene a Conference meeting for the purpose of adopting Basic Leagues and to provide for the formation of Supplemental and Inter-Conference leagues and the dissolution of such Supplemental and Inter-Conference leagues.

### **Section 7 LEAGUES: BASIC, SUPPLEMENTAL, INTER-CONFERENCE**

A. A Basic League is defined as the governance structure of schools and the framework for arranging competition and scheduling in league sports.

1. Basic leagues must have a minimum membership of five schools.
2. Basic leagues must have a minimum of six of their member schools participating in a *varsity* sport in order to have an automatic berth into that sport's CCS playoffs and have a vote on the CCS sports committee for that sport. Basic leagues formed before 2005-2006 shall not be bound by this bylaw until the 2008-2009 school year. Such grandfathered leagues must have a minimum of five of their member schools participating in a sport in order to have an automatic berth into that sport's CCS playoffs and have a vote on the CCS sports committee for that sport.
3. Basic leagues that are not single gender leagues, should have a reasonable balance of girls and boys sport offerings that reflect the *varsity* sports offerings of their league member schools. (see also Article VIII Equal opportunity and Access, Section 4)
4. Basic leagues must have a minimum of two different sport offerings. (e.g. boys and girls basketball is one sport; softball and baseball are two different sports)
5. A school may be a member of only one Basic League unless it is necessary for competition purposes and is approved by the realignment process for the boys and girls from one school to be in different basic leagues.
6. **SCHOOLS MUST COMPETE IN THEIR BASIC LEAGUE IN EVERY SPORT OFFERED BY THAT BASIC LEAGUE (6 OR MORE TEAMS AT THE VARSITY LEVEL AND 5 OR MORE SUBVARSITY), UNLESS IT IS RELEASED BY THE LEAGUE UNDER THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:**
  - a. **BASIC LEAGUES SHALL NOT INDEFINITELY RELEASE A TEAM TO SEEK SUPPLEMENTAL LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP IN A SPORT THAT LEAGUE OFFERS.**
  - b. **BASIC LEAGUES MAY ONLY CONSIDER RELEASING A TEAM FROM A SPORT OFFERED BY THAT LEAGUE AS A TEMPORARY SOLUTION AND ONLY IN VERY SPECIAL, UNIQUE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT OCCUR FOR A DESIGNATED PERIOD OF TIME.**
  - c. **BASIC LEAGUES MAY RELEASE TEAMS INDEFINITELY TO PLAY AS AN INDEPENDENT PROGRAM, NOT AFFILIATED WITH ANY LEAGUE AND NOT ELIGIBLE FOR QUALIFICATION OR PARTICIPATION IN ANY POST-SEASON PLAYOFF, DUE TO SPECIAL AND UNIQUE CIRCUMSTANCES AND AS LONG AS SUCH ACTION DOES NOT UNDERMINE THE LEAGUE'S ABILITY TO CONTINUE TO OFFER THAT PROGRAM FOR ITS REMAINING MEMBER SCHOOLS.**

- B. 1. A Supplemental League is a temporary organization of schools from either more than one basic league or from the same basic league, which provides the framework for competition only in a given sport(s). A Supplemental League is not a governance structure. Supplemental Leagues are formed as needed on an annual basis.

**WHEN A SUPPLEMENTAL LEAGUE IS IN PLACE OR A SCHOOL OBTAINS SUPPLEMENTAL STATUS OUTSIDE OF ITS BASIC LEAGUE, AN ANNUAL APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL LEAGUING IS NOT REQUIRED. THE SUPPLEMENTAL LEAGUE OR INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL'S SUPPLEMENTAL STATUS SHALL REMAIN INTACT FROM YEAR TO YEAR UNLESS AND UNTIL ONE OF THE FOLLOWING OCCURS:**

- a. **THE INDIVIDUAL SUPPLEMENTALLY-LEAGUED SCHOOL DECIDES TO NO LONGER PARTICIPATE IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL LEAGUE OR MAINTAIN ITS SUPPLEMENTAL STATUS, OR**
  - b. **THE HOST LEAGUE OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL LEAGUE DECIDES IT NO LONGER REASONABLY DESIRES TO HAVE THE INDIVIDUAL SUPPLEMENTALLY-LEAGUED SCHOOL AS A SUPPLEMENTAL LEAGUE MEMBER, OR**
  - c. **THE BASIC LEAGUE OF THE SUPPLEMENTALLY-LEAGUED INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL OFFERS THE SPORT IN WHICH THE SCHOOL IS SUPPLEMENTALLY LEAGUED AND REQUESTS THE SUPPLEMENTALLY-LEAGUED SCHOOL RETURN TO ITS BASIC LEAGUE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 7.A.6.**
2. Supplemental leagues made up of teams from different basic leagues must have a minimum of six of their member schools participating in a *varsity* sport. In order to have an automatic berth into that sport's CCS playoffs and have a vote on the CCS sports committee for that sport.
- C. 1. Super leagues who divide their basic league members into supplemental leagues by sport (divisions), must have a minimum of 6 *schools with a varsity team* in each division in order to have an automatic qualifier from such a division and to have a vote on the CCS sports committee.
2. If it is absolutely necessary, due to the number of schools in the super league in that sport, and if the league has other division(s) of six or more *varsity* teams, a super league will be allowed to have one division of no less than five *schools with varsity teams* that will have an automatic berth into the CCS playoffs, but that division of five, will not have a vote on the CCS sports committee for that sport.

D. An Inter-Conference League is a Supplemental League composed of schools from more than one Conference.

E. *Leagues are allowed to structure their sub-varsity teams in any league configuration that their Board of Managers deems appropriate.* **IF THERE ARE FOUR OR LESS TEAMS IN ANY SUB-VARSITY SPORT WITHIN A LEAGUE, AND THERE IS NOT UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SCHOOLS INVOLVED TO COMPETE WITHIN THE LEAGUE IN THAT SUB-VARSITY SPORT, EACH SCHOOL INVOLVED WILL BE FREE TO SEEK SUPPLEMENTAL LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP IN ANY OTHER BASIC LEAGUE.**

F. **A SCHOOL SEEKING SUPPLEMENTAL LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP FOR A SPORT PROGRAM OR TEAM SHOULD CONTACT THE LEAGUE (S) IN WHICH THEY ARE INTERESTED JOINING AND WORK THROUGH THAT LEAGUE'S PROCESS OF SUPPLEMENTAL MEMBERSHIP.**

**A SCHOOL UNSUCCESSFUL IN COMING TO A POSITIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN ITSELF AND A BASIC LEAGUE FOR ITS SUB VARSITY PROGRAM(S), MAY PLAY AN INDEPENDENT SCHEDULE IN THAT SPORT.**

- G. **THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MAINTAINS FULL AND COMPLETE DISCRETION WITH RESPECT TO THE DECISIONS TO PLACE A VARSITY TEAM IN A LEAGUE AND IN WHAT LEAGUE THE VARSITY TEAM MAY BE PLACED. A SCHOOL UNSUCCESSFUL IN COMING TO A POSITIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN ITSELF AND A LEAGUE FOR ITS VARSITY PROGRAM(S), MAY REQUEST VARSITY LEAGUE PLACEMENT FROM THE CCS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WHICH WILL REVIEW SUCH REQUESTS AT ITS NEXT REGULARLY-SCHEDULED MEETING. THE PETITIONING SCHOOL MUST SUBMIT IN WRITING A PLAN THAT REFLECTS THE IMPACT OF ITS PROGRAM ON THE EXISTING LEAGUE FORMAT.**

**THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER EVERY POSSIBILITY FOR LEAGUE PLACEMENT FOR SUCH A TEAM AND MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO PROVIDE A LEAGUE PLACEMENT. HOWEVER, THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MAY FIND IT NECESSARY FOR THE TEAM TO REMAIN INDEPENDENT OF LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP FOR A SPECIFIED PERIOD OF TIME WHEN ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS EXIST:**

1. **VERY UNIQUE OR SPECIAL OR EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES**  
OR
2. **IF THE SCHOOL REQUESTING PLACEMENT IS NOT, OR WAS NOT, A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING IN EITHER THE CCS OR LEAGUE AT THE TIME IT LEFT THE PREVIOUS LEAGUE,**
3. **IF THE TIMING OF THE REQUEST IS SUCH THAT PLACEMENT IN ANY LEAGUE WOULD CAUSE A SIGNIFICANT DISRUPTION FOR THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THAT LEAGUE IN THAT SPORT AND THERE IS INSUFFICIENT TIME TO MAKE THE NEEDED ADJUSTMENTS TO THE LEAGUE SCHEDULE,**

#### **Section 8 QUORUM**

- A. A quorum shall consist of two-thirds of Conference member schools. A quorum shall be required in order to conduct any Conference business. A quorum may also be attained by mailing any ballot to all Conference member schools.
- B. In the event that a quorum is not attained at any Conference meeting which has been scheduled according to the leaguing calendar or which was announced at least 10 calendar days prior to such meeting date, the Conference Chairman may call a subsequent meeting 10 or more calendar days hence. A quorum at such a re-scheduled meeting shall consist of those present at the re-scheduled meeting provided 51% of Conference members are in attendance.

#### **Section 9 MAJORITY REQUIRED FOR LEAGUE FORMATION**

A simple majority of principals, others as defined, or designees, present and voting shall be required to approve leagues