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TO: CCS SOUTHERN CONFERENCE MEMBER SCHOOLS
ATHLETIC DIRECTORS AND ADMINISTRATORS

FROM: AUGIE CARESANI
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& REALIGNMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS:
MTAL: Jeff Young, Stevenson SCCAL: Mark Dorfman, Aptos
MBL: Geoff Coleman, Seaside TCAL: Jack Daley, Gilroy

DATE: January 27, 2009

SUBJECT: REALIGNMENT SUB COMMITTEE CALLS MEETING OF CONFERENCE
MEMBER SCHOOLS FOR INPUT ON POSSIBILITIES FOR REALIGNMENT

As most of you know the realignment sub committee met January 22, 2009 to review any proposals submitted by member schools for realignment. Present at the meeting were:

Steve Clayton	Palma HS	Ron Cyzman	St. Francis CCC
Darren Yafai	Christopher HS	Tod Thatcher	San Benito HS
Jeff Young	Stevenson	Rob Friedrich	Pacific Grove HS
Jack Daley	Gilroy HS	Art Hunsdorfer	Salinas HS
Mark Dorfman	Aptos HS	Geoff Coleman	Seaside HS
Roger O'Sullivan	North Monterey Cnty	Dan Albert	MPUSD
Tim McCarthy	MTAL/MBL/TCAL Commissioner		

The proposals received are as follows:

Gilroy High School/TCAL: Proposed an Equity (super)league with Gilroy and Christopher HS moving into the MBL..

Seaside: Proposed four possible plans for remaining in basic leagues with some movement of individual schools to balance size of leagues. .

The responsibility of the Southern Conference Realignment Committee is to consider proposals submitted to them, review them for their compliance with the realignment criteria outlined in the CCS Bylaws and make a final recommendation for league realignment for a vote of the Conference. The Realignment Sub-Committee's final recommendation must be made no later than the first week in March.

After much discussion among Committee members on January 22, they have decided to present five different possible realignments to the member schools for discussion and consideration.

As such, you are invited to attend a meeting where the Southern Conference Realignment Committee will be listening to input from any Administrator or Athletic Director from Southern Conference member schools on these five different possibilities.

Following that meeting, the Committee will meet again as a committee and discuss the input and formulate their final recommendation(s).

This is the only opportunity you will have to provide input on Southern Conference Realignment recommendations to the Committee before the Conference meeting where each school will be allowed to cast one vote.

Therefore, please plan to join us on:

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2009

@ North Salinas High School-55 Kip Avenue, Salinas CA

Come for Lunch at 12 noon; Meeting to begin 1:00 pm

**PLEASE! RSVP your attendance at the luncheon no later than Friday, February 6
to: acaresani@salinas.k12.ca.us**

Comments will be limited by time in order to facilitate an orderly meeting. The Committee will meet after the input portion of the meeting is completed and will disseminate their final recommendation to the Southern Conference no later than the first week in March.

The next step in the process following the dissemination of those recommendations will be to hold a Conference meeting where every school is expected to be represented to cast their one school vote for realignment. More detailed information on that procedure will be disseminated with the Realignment Committee's final recommendation or you can review it in your CCS ByLaws Article IV. (a partial text of which is attached herewith)

Cc: Diane Burbank, CCS Vice President and Realignment Chairman
Pat Lovell, SCCAL Commissioner
Tim McCarthy, MTAL/MBL/TCAL Commissioner

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The ATTACHED POSSIBILITIES ARE WHAT THE COMMITTEE IS FORWARDING TO YOU FOR INPUT ON FEBRUARY 10TH.

It is a common misconception that schools are never moved out of a league in which they want to remain. The role of the Realignment Committee is to make the best league alignment plan possible for the entire southern conference, not just for one or two schools. They are responsible to recommend a plan that is the best possible plan for all the schools in the conference using the following criteria:

CCS Article IV Realignment:

These are the bylaws by which all proposals for realignment shall be reviewed:

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.**

SEE ATTACHED POSSIBILITIES PRESENTED TO YOU FOR DISCUSSION AND INPUT ON FEBRUARY 10, 2009. Please make sure that you address your comments on the possibilities presented for your consideration within the context of the realignment criteria outlined immediately above.

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND AND RSVP YOUR SCHOOL **ADMINISTRATOR AND ATHLETIC DIRECTORS** ATTENDANCE.

CCS Article IV, Realignment

Section 2 CONFERENCE AND LEAGUE FORMATIONS

The purpose of a Conference is established as being responsible for forming leagues among schools which have been assigned to that Conference. Such leagues shall include Basic Leagues, Supplemental Leagues, and Inter-Conference Leagues (See Section 5 following).

Section 5 CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN AND ADVISORY SUB-COMMITTEE

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- 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.

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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.
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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.

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.

Section 8 QUORUM-continued

- B. In the event that a quorum is not attained at any Conference meeting which has been scheduled according to the leaguering 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

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