

MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Virtual, August 21, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Committee Members:

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Jeff Kline, Mt Morris

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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 was 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 nor to change schools for athletics, discipline, or family finances. 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.

Baldwin High School (Regulation I, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved a request to allow the use of 8th-grade student-athletes in their athletic programs. Baldwin High School has 120 students in grades 9-12 for the 2024-25 school year. The request came to the Executive Committee with specific numbers, causes, and rationale about the positive impact of using 8th-graders at Baldwin in their athletic programs and with league support.

Byron Center-Zion Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved a request to allow the use of 8th-grade student-athletes in their athletic program. Zion Christian High School has 106 students in grades 9-12 for the 2024-25 school year. The request came to the Executive Committee with specific numbers, causes, and rationale about the positive impact of using 8th-graders at Zion Christian in their athletic program and with league support.

Kinde-North Huron High School (Regulation I, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved a request to allow the use of 8th-grade student-athletes in their athletic programs, specifically volleyball. North Huron High School has 105 students in grades 9-12 for the 2024-25 school year. The request came to the Executive Committee with numbers, cause, and rationale about the positive impact of using 8th-graders at North Huron. The request was to be able to use 8th-graders in volleyball so that North Huron can field a JV team by using 8th-grade students. Support from the conference was also received.

Muskegon Catholic Central High School (Regulation I, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved a request to allow the use of 8th-grade student-athletes in their athletic programs. Muskegon Catholic has 113 students in grades 9-12 for the 2023-24 school year. The request came to the Executive Committee with numbers, cause, and rationale about the positive impact of using 8th-graders at Muskegon Catholic. The request was to allow the use 8th-graders in all sports so that Muskegon Catholic can field JV teams by using 8th-grade students. Support from the conference was also received.

Owendale-Gagetown High School (Regulation I, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved a request to allow the use of 7th and 8th-grade student-athletes in their athletic programs, specifically volleyball. Owendale-Gagetown High School has 43 students in grades 9-12 for the 2024-25 school year. The request came to the Executive Committee with numbers, cause, and rationale about the positive impact of using 7th and 8th-graders at Owendale-Gagetown. The request was to be able to use 7th and 8th-graders in their athletic programs so that Owendale-Gagetown can field a JV volleyball team. Support from the conference was also received.

Wyoming-Tri-Unity Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved a request to allow the use of 8th-grade student-athletes in their cross country program. Tri-Unity Christian High School has 119 students in grades 9-12 for the 2024-25 school year. The request came to the Executive Committee with specific numbers, causes, and rationale about the positive impact of using 8th-graders at Tri-Unity Christian in their cross country team and with league support.

Ann Arbor-Huron, Ypsilanti-Lincoln and Milan High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-2]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Ypsilanti-Lincoln to an existing cooperative program in ice hockey (varsity only) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 3,588 students will place the team in Division 1, removing one team from Division 2. Ann Arbor Huron will remain the primary school. Support from the Southeastern Conference was submitted.

Ann Arbor-Father Gabriel Richard and Canton-Plymouth Christian Academy High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in wrestling (varsity only) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 727 students will place the team in Division 2, removing one team from Division 3. Father Gabriel Richard will be the primary school. Support from the Catholic High School League was submitted.

Bellaire and Mancelona-North Central Academy High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative agreement in boys and girls bowling (varsity only) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 129 students will place the team in Division 4, making no change to the divisional assignments. Bellaire will be the primary school. Support from the Great Northwest High School Bowling Conference was submitted.

Bloomfield Hills-Cranbrook Kingswood and Ann Arbor-Greenhills High School (Regulation I, Section 1[F-1]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys skiing (varsity only) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 1,185 students will place the team in Division 2, making no change to divisional assignments. Cranbrook Kingswood will be the primary school. Support from the Detroit Catholic League was submitted.

Dearborn and Dearborn-Edsel Ford High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E-2]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in competitive cheer (varsity only) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 3,468 students will place the team in Division 1, making no change to divisional assignments. Dearborn will be the primary school. Support from the Kensington Lakes Activities Association was submitted.

Fowlerville, Pinckney, Morrice and Webberville High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-1]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Morrice and Webberville High Schools to an already existing cooperative program in gymnastics (varsity and JV) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 1,686 students will keep the team in Division 1. Fowlerville will remain the primary school. Support from the Capital Area Activities Conference was submitted.

Gladstone and Escanaba-Holy Name High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative agreement in boys and girls basketball (varsity and freshman), football (varsity and freshman) and volleyball (varsity and freshman) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 433 students will place the team in Division 2 in boys and girls basketball and volleyball and in Division 6 in football, making no change to divisional assignments. Gladstone will be the primary school. Support from potential future opponents was submitted.

Grand Rapids-Kenowa Hills, Greenville, Kent City, Lakeview and Wyoming-Tri-Unity Christian High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-2]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in ice hockey (varsity only) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 2,787 students will place the team in Division 2, removing one team from Division 3. Kenowa Hills will be the primary school. Support from the River Cities Alliance was submitted.

Grand Rapids-Kenowa Hills, Comstock Park, Coopersville and Grand Rapids-Northview High Schools (Regulation I, 1[F-1]) – The Executive Committee approved a one-year waiver of the 3,500-student limit for a gymnastics cooperative program. Kenowa Hills High School is the host school of a cooperative program in the Grand Rapids area. Kenowa Hills has worked to identify the proper schools to have a team, and the new gymnastics alignment has a combined enrollment number of 3,503, which will place the team in Division 1, removing one team from that division. An otherwise completed cooperative application was also submitted with this request. Kenowa Hills will be the primary school. Support from the River Cities Alliance was submitted.

Howell and Brighton High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-4]) – The Executive Committee approved a one-year waiver of the 3,500-student limit for gymnastics cooperative programs for these two high schools to come together to form one gymnastics team. Both schools have historically had their own gymnastics programs, but significant loss of gymnasts has impacted both schools. It was hoped that with a combined program of both schools can increase their numbers to split again into their own programs. Brighton High School expects to have three gymnasts while Howell High School will have nine gymnasts this school year. This request was accompanied by league support and an otherwise completed cooperative application was also submitted. The combined enrollment of 3,954 students will place the team in Division 1, removing one team from that division. Howell will be the primary school. Support from the Kensington Lakes Activities Association was submitted.

Ishpeming and Republic-Michigamme High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys basketball (varsity and JV) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 227 students will place the team in Division 3, removing one team from Division 4. The primary school will be Ishpeming. Support from potential future opponents was submitted.

Kalamazoo-Loy Norris, Kalamazoo-Central, Schoolcraft, Gobles, Three Rivers, Kalamazoo-Hackett Catholic Prep, Battle Creek-St Philip Catholic Central and Lawton High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-2]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Lawton to an already existing cooperative program in ice hockey (varsity only) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 5,084 students will place the team in Division 1, making no change to divisional assignments. Loy Norrix will remain the primary school. Support for the South Central Hockey League was submitted.

Lansing-JW Sexton and Lansing-Everett High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-1]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys tennis (JV only) between these schools. The combined enrollment will be 1,186 students will place the team in Division 2. Sexton will be the primary school. Support from the Capital Area Activities Conference was submitted.

Maple City-Glen Lake, Leland, Suttons Bay, Lake Leelanau-St Mary, Frankfort and Benzonia-Benzie Central High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Frankfort and Benzonia-Benzie Central High Schools to an existing cooperative program in boys and girls skiing (varsity only) between the other schools. The combined enrollment of 993 students will place the team in Division 2, removing one team from that division. Glen Lake will remain the primary school. Support from the Lake Michigan Ski Conference was submitted.

Okemos, Charlotte, East Lansing, Eaton Rapids, Haslett and Owosso High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-4]) – The Executive Committee approved a one-year waiver of the 5,500-student limit for ice hockey cooperative programs. Okemos High School is the host school of a cooperative program in the Lansing area where significant change has occurred and a reduction from six high school teams to two teams has occurred in the last five years. This has created a challenge to find players, positions and opportunities for schools and their students. Okemos has worked to identify the proper schools to have a team and the new alignment has reduced the combined enrollment number from previous years to 5,586. This request has been granted previously by the Executive Committee on a one-year basis, at which time it will be re-evaluated. An otherwise completed cooperative application was also submitted with this request. The combined enrollment will place the team in Division 1, making no change to divisional assignments. Okemos will be the primary school. Support from the South Central High School Hockey League was submitted.

Pickford and Kinross-Maplewood Baptist Academy High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys cross country (varsity only) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 168 students will place the team in Division 3, removing one team from the division. Pickford will be the primary school. Support from the Eastern Upper Peninsula Conference was submitted.

Pontiac-Notre Dame Preparatory and Grosse Pointe South High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-1]) – The Executive Committee did not approve a cooperative program in girls skiing (varsity and JV) between these schools.

Sandusky, Bad Axe, Brown City, Cass City, Croswell-Lexington, Deckerville, Peck, North Branch, Carsonville-Port Sanilac and Ubly High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-2]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Ubly and Carsonville-Port Sanilac High Schools to an already existing cooperative program in ice hockey (varsity only) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 2,912 students will keep the team in Division 2. Sandusky will remain the primary school. Support from the Mid-Michigan Hockey Conference was submitted.

St Joseph-Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic and Watervliet-Grace Christian High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in girls basketball (varsity and JV) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 80 students will place the team in Division 4, removing one team from the division. Our Lady of the Lakes will be the primary school. Support from the BCS League was submitted.

Vassar, Bay City-Central, Frankenmuth, Caro, Millington, Reese, Akron-Fairgrove and Kingston High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-1]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Akron-Fairgrove and Kingston High Schools to an existing cooperative program in gymnastics (varsity and JV) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 3,211 students will keep the team in Division 1, removing one team from the division. Vassar will be the primary school. Support from the Big Thumb Conference was submitted.

Wayne-Westland John Glenn High School (Regulation I, Section 7) – A request to waive the previous academic credit record regulation was made for an incoming 12th-grade student who has attended John Glenn High School for her entire high school career. The student was hospitalized to deal with significant health challenges. The student could not pass the required 66% of classes at John Glenn in the spring semester. The school is asking for a waiver of the previous academic credit record because of the health challenges the student went through during the last school year. The student desires to continue to swim for the John Glenn swim team this fall. The student is also enrolled in a full credit load this fall and will work to regain credit from last spring semester. Medical documentation was provided as support.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Ann Arbor-Pioneer High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 10th-grade student at Pioneer High School. The student transferred from Ann Arbor-Huron High School, after attending there for his 9th-grade year, because of family challenges and his mother's job change. The student participated in 9th-grade football on a limited basis. The request was for immediate subvarsity eligibility in football at Pioneer after three games, the number of games he participated in at Huron.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver after three games.

Ann Arbor-Pioneer High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 11th-grade student at Pioneer High School, who previously participated at Ypsilanti High School in soccer as a 9th and 10th-grader. The student attends Washtenaw International High School, an MHSAA school with no athletic program. The student chose to compete for Ypsilanti, although he lives in the Pioneer attendance area. The student experienced discrimination and harassment at Ypsilanti, so a change of schools was necessary. The request was for immediate eligibility in soccer at Pioneer. The former school confirms the incident and supports athletic eligibility.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Benzonia-Benzie Central 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 Benzie Central High School after attending Lake Leelanau-St. Mary High School for his 9th-grade year. The student transferred to Benzie Central in November 2023 after participating in three football games as part of the Suttons Bay/LLSM coop football program in the fall of 2023. The request was for eligibility in football at Benzie Central after three games.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver after three football games.

Beverly Hills-Birmingham Groves High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 10th-grade student who transferred to Groves High School from Orchard Lake-St. Mary's Prep High School. The student competed in football while at OLSM. The student's primary caregivers, his grandparents, experience several major hardships. The family hardships have caused the family to change schools for the student. The new request from Groves was requesting immediate subvarsity eligibility in football.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Bloomfield Hills-Marian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation, specifically Interpretation #74a, was made on behalf of an incoming 9th-grade student who practiced on August 12th and 13th at White Lake-Lakeland High School in volleyball and has now transferred to Marian High School. The student applied for acceptance at Marian in early August. Word of their acceptance went to a spam folder in their email, and they did not know if an acceptance was forthcoming at Marian, so they started volleyball tryouts at Lakeland. The school request was for immediate varsity eligibility in volleyball.

The Executive Committee tabled the request for waiver pending further information.

Brighton High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 9th-grade student who has transferred to Brighton High School after attending Livingston Christian High School for his 9th-grade year. The student was young, but the school categorized him as a 9th-grade student. The student transferred to Brighton to start the 2024-25 school year, where he was enrolled as a 9th-grade student. The student participated in two JV soccer games last fall for Livingston Christian. The request was for eligibility in soccer after the first two games at the JV level. For purposes of the student's maximum enrollment, the student would have only three first and three second semesters of athletic eligibility remaining.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver after two soccer matches.

Brooklyn-Columbia Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation, specifically Interpretation #62 (closest public school to the new residence), was made for an incoming 11th and 12th-grade siblings who competed for the previous school year in wrestling, gymnastics and track & field at Haslett High School where they lived with their biological mother and younger brother. The mother is engaged to be wed in May of 2025 and has made a full and complete residential move to the Brooklyn area to start a blended family with her fiancée. The new address is in the Onsted School District, but the children in the family have always attended Columbia Central schools. They would like to send all their children to the same high school. The request was for immediate eligibility in athletics at Columbia Central, where the students will attend and have been accepted.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Brownstown-Woodhaven High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 11th-grade student who recently enrolled at Woodhaven High School. The student transferred from Lutheran Westland High School after the 2023-24 school year. The student participated in soccer, basketball, and baseball at Lutheran Westland. The student had significant issues related to a relationship ending and the fallout from that including harassment. The student transferred to Woodhaven, as it is his home district, and he would like a fresh start. New and significant information was submitted by the school that goes into great detail, including letters of support from staff members at Lutheran Westland, and details surrounding the harassment that occurred.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Canton-Plymouth Christian Academy High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 10th-grade student who transferred from Plymouth High School for the start of the 2024-25 school year. The student transferred to Plymouth Christian Academy High School, the private school closest to his residence, after attending Plymouth since the start of his high school career but does not meet a transfer exception. The family desired a fresh start based upon some challenges at Plymouth that he experienced, as well as the desire to have a faith based education where his twin sister has been enrolled for the past two years. The student participated in tennis at Plymouth. The new school asked for immediate eligibility based on the circumstances.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Canton-Plymouth Christian Academy High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 10th-grade student who transferred from Plymouth-Canton High School for the start of the 2024-25 school year. The student transferred to Plymouth Christian Academy High School after attending Plymouth-Canton since the start of her high school career. The student desired to attend Plymouth Christian Academy for her 9th-grade year but was waitlisted by PCA and had to attend Canton, where she played 9th-grade volleyball. The new school asked for immediate subvarsity eligibility based on the circumstances.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Clio High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a current 11th-grade student who has transferred from Montrose High School, where she competed in multiple sports. The student attended Montrose for her educational career, despite living in the Clio School District. The family has gone through some challenging times, with family health and financial issues. The student also experienced issues with a student at Montrose. The family indicates that going to Clio will alleviate several challenges for the family and student. The school seeks full athletic eligibility starting in the 2024-25 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Colon High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 11th-grade student who transferred to Colon High School from Quincy High School for the start of the 2024-25 school year. This student has been at Quincy since 2nd grade but needs to transfer because of the impact on his health and because he needs a different and smaller school environment. The school requested immediate athletic eligibility for the student in basketball for the 2024-25 school year. Letters from doctors and health professionals were provided. While the Executive Committee granted subvarsity eligibility for this student at the first August meeting, the student will be an 11th-grader, so that would not work. Additional information regarding the health challenges he faced while at Quincy were submitted and the request was for full eligibility in basketball.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver and the student is ineligible in basketball at all levels.

Colon High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation, specifically Interpretation #62 (closest public school to the new residence), was made on behalf of an incoming 11th-grade student who transferred to Colon High School after attending Quincy High School. The student participated in football and baseball at Quincy. The student was living with his father in Quincy and moved in with his aunt and uncle at the end of the school year for a fresh start. The aunt and uncle's residence is in Union City, but closer to Colon, where they have always sent their biological children. The family desired to have all kids go to the same school. The new school asked for immediate eligibility in football and baseball for the student.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Croswell-Lexington High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 11th-grade student who transferred to Croswell- Lexington High School from Peck High School for the start of the 2024-25 school year. The student has experienced some hardships, including being a foster child, adopted by that family, and then changing schools last year, which led to challenging social situations and bullying for the student. The new family and student decided to start at a new school to gain a fresh start. The student played volleyball at Owendale-Gagetown and basketball at Peck last school year. The request was for eligibility in all sports at Croswell-Lexington. Documentation included letters of support from the former school.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Dansville High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 10th-grade student who participated in soccer and wrestling at Fowlerville High School as a 9th-grader. The student has enrolled at Dansville, with his younger siblings, where his mother just accepted a job as a teacher. The school requests immediate eligibility for the student. New and significant information includes the rationale behind the fresh start that was needed by the family in Dansville, including challenges experienced in the home where a divorce is in process.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Fenton High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 12th-grade student who transferred back to Fenton High School from Dexter High School. The student had always attended Fenton, before moving to live with his mother in Dexter in November of 2023, where he did not compete in any sport. While the student attended Fenton, he lived with his father in Flint. He is now living with a great aunt in Fenton and desires to complete his high school career at Fenton. The student competed in football at Fenton in 2023. The school asks for immediate eligibility in football for the student's senior year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Gaylord High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 10th-grade student who transferred to Gaylord High School from Johannesburg-Lewiston High School for the start of the 2024-25 school year. The student competed in football at Johannesburg-Lewiston as a 9th- grader. The student's transfer to Gaylord is because of uncertainty regarding whether the football season would occur at Johannesburg-Lewiston this year and involves his entire family going to Gaylord. The student played in two scrimmages and three football games last school year at Johannesburg-Lewiston. The request was for eligibility in football after four games.

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

Grand Blanc High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an incoming 11th-grade student who transferred to Grand Blanc High School from Davison High School to start the second semester of the 2023-24 school year. The student attended Grand Blanc previously as a 9th-grader before transferring to Brother Rice High School during the second semester of this 9th-grade year. The student then transferred to Davison where he played football during his 10th-grade year. During these transitions, the family lived with various family members, and the family now lives with a family member in Grand Blanc but does not meet the full and complete residential move exception. The new school asked for a waiver of the rule so the student could once again attend Grand Blanc and play football with his peers and friends. Supporting information included a letter from the student's father and various documents showing the residence changes. New information included a letter from the father describing the move. The Executive Committee interpreted the “full and complete” residential move as not including the cousin and his family in the move from Davison to Grand Blanc.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver. No future exceptions to the transfer regulation can be used by this student.

Grand Blanc High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 10th-grade student at Grand Blanc High School. The student transferred from Flint-Carman-Ainsworth High School, after attending there for her 9th-grade year, because of family decisions where her older sister was attending, and it no longer works for the family. The family moved during the student's 8th-grade year to the Grand Blanc District and now desires to attend Grand Blanc. The request was for immediate subvarsity eligibility in volleyball.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Grand Haven 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 Grand Haven High School from Fruitport Calvary Christian High School for the start of the 2024-25 school year. The student competed in soccer at Calvary Christian as a 9th and 10th-grader. The student's transfer is related to needing a new start due to a stark decline in enrollment and a reorganization of Calvary's school structure and soccer program. The new school request was for immediate eligibility in soccer.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Grand Rapids-East Grand Rapids High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 10th-grade student who transferred to East Grand Rapids High School from Grand Rapids Christian High School for the start of the 2024-25 school year. The student competed in tennis at Grand Rapids Christian as a 9th-grader. The student's transfer to East Grand Rapids was back to the public district where he lives, and he would like to reestablish the connections he once had there and was missing at Grand Rapids Christian. The request was for immediate eligibility in tennis.

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 an incoming 11th-grade student who transferred to NorthPointe Christian High School from Grand Rapids-Catholic Central High School for the start of the 2024-25 school year. The student competed in volleyball at Catholic Central as a 9th and 10th-grader. The student suffered a season-ending injury in 10th grade and competed in three matches. The student's transfer to NorthPointe Christian was related to challenges and stressors that occurred at Catholic Central. The new school request was for immediate eligibility in volleyball, and if that couldn't be granted, then eligibility after the first three contests. The former school and letters of support were also submitted regarding the student's transfer.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver after three dates of competition in volleyball.

Grandville-Calvin Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer was made on behalf of an incoming 11th-grade student who transferred from Jenison High School to Grandville-Calvin Christian High School for the start of the 2024-25 school year. The student felt ostracized and unsafe at Jenison, and desired to grow her faith at Calvin Christian. The request was for immediate eligibility in volleyball, basketball, and track & field.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Hanover-Horton High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an incoming 11th-grade student who competed for the previous school year in football at North Adams-Jerome High School, where he lived and attended for the previous two school years. The student is on an academic support plan. The family and student desired to pursue an automotive technologies class which is not offered at the Hillsdale ISD, where he attends, but is offered at the Jackson ISD. The student transferred to the Jackson ISD and will take the class through Hanover-Horton where he will now be a student. The request was for immediate eligibility in football based upon the transfer. The ISD supported eligibility.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Highland-Milford High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 10th-grade student who participated in football at Whitmore Lake High School during his 9th-grade year while he attended Charyl Stockwell Academy, as the two schools have a cooperative agreement. The family determined that Charyl Stockwell Academy was the best place to start high school because of environmental and health factors. They have now determined the Milford is the best place for the student to continue academically and athletically. The request was for subvarsity eligibility in football.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Hillsdale High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an incoming 10th-grade student who competed in volleyball and basketball the previous year at North Adams-Jerome High School. The student transferred to Hillsdale High School to start the 2024-25 school year because of bullying that occurred at the former school and a medical issue that resulted in a plan being implemented by the former school. The request was for immediate eligibility in all sports.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Holland Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 62 (closest nonpublic school), was made on behalf of an incoming 11th-grade student who made a full and complete residential change to Michigan from South Dakota, where the student's father was a pastor. The student's father was considering a call to lead a West Michigan reformed church when he underwent surgery. The family focused on the father's recovery and determined a family-owned home in Dowagiac would be the place they temporarily settled because of the current situation. Kalamazoo Christian High School is the closest non-public school (42 miles) to Dowagiac as opposed to Holland Christian High School (55 miles), but the family is going to move into the Holland area as they have ties to the school and area. The school desired immediate athletic eligibility in tennis given the challenging situation of the family.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Hopkins High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation, specifically Interpretation #62 (closest public school to the new residence), was made on behalf of an incoming 11th-grade student who transferred to Hopkins High School after attending Colon High School. The student participated in volleyball at Colon. The student's father is incarcerated, and the mother moved out of their home in Colon to live with her in-laws in Dorr, which is in the Wayland School District. The student's aunt lives next door to the in-laws and teaches at Hopkins, where she also sends her kids to school. The family desires to have all kids go to the same school to get a fresh start and have consistency in their lives, with aunt helping the family in this transition. The former school supported the transfer. The new school asked for immediate eligibility in volleyball for the student.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Hudsonville High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation, specifically Interpretation #62 (closest public school to the new residence), was made for an incoming 11th-grade student who competed for the previous school year in soccer and track & field at Burn Hills-Ballston Lake High School in NY, where he lived with his biological mother and younger brother. The student transferred from New York to live with his biological father, stepmother and family for the start of the 2024-25 school year. The family, at the time, lived in Hudsonville and all of their own children attended there as well. The family enrolled him in Hudsonville High School but proceeded to physically move into Wyoming School District. They still plan to send all children to Hudsonville Public Schools. The request was for immediate eligibility in soccer and track at Hudsonville where the student will attend and has been accepted as a student. An otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was also included as documentation.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver with use of the Educational Transfer Form.

Hudsonville-Unity Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation, and specifically Interpretation 62 (closest nonpublic school), was made on behalf of incoming 10th and 12th-grade students who made a full and complete residential change to Coopersville from Jenison, where the two sisters attended Hudsonville High School and played JV soccer and JV tennis. The student's family determined a start in Christian schools for the entire family was important and are now sending their entire family to Unity Christian High School or its feeder schools. Covenant Christian High School is the closest non-public school to the family's new residence. The school desired immediate athletic eligibility in soccer and tennis.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Kentwood-East Kentwood High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 12th-grade student who attended CA Frost High School, a Grand Rapids Public School, where he competed in football at Union High School during the 2023-24 school year. The student is now transferring to East Kentwood High School to start the 2024-25 school year. The student had been living with a distant relative but, in January, moved in with another relative due to significant issues with his biological parents. Kentwood Public Schools deemed the student to be homeless under the McKinney-Vento Act. The student previously attended East Kentwood and has a strong connection with his new family as the primary caregivers. The request was for immediate eligibility in football for the 2024-25 school year. Supporting documentation of the student's homeless status was provided.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Kentwood-East Kentwood High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 12th-grade student who attended CA Frost High School, a Grand Rapids Public School, where he competed in football at Union High School during the 2023-24 school year. The student has transferred to East Kentwood to start the 2024-25 school year. The student had been living with an uncle in the Grand Rapids Public School District but, in December, moved in with his father in the Kentwood district for a short period of time before moving into his mother's home, also in Kentwood, in May of 2024. Kentwood Public Schools deemed the student to be homeless under the McKinney-Vento Act. The request was for immediate eligibility in football for the 2024-25 school year. Supporting documentation of the student's homeless status was provided.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Martin High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an incoming 11th-grade student who attended Centreville High School during their 9th and 10th-grade years and participated in football, wrestling, and baseball. The student is transferring to Martin High School to live with a family friend, whom he knows from playing travel baseball. The student and family determined a new start was needed because the student was removed from the Centreville baseball team. The student struggled immediately at Centreville with this decision and the family took the step to get a fresh start at Martin for his 11th-grade year. The request was for immediate eligibility in all sports for the 2024-25 school year at Martin. Documentation was included about the situation in the form of letters from the family.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Muskegon-Mona Shores High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 10th-grade student who has transferred to Mona Shores High School after attending Muskegon Catholic Central High School for his 9th-grade year. The student transferred to Mona Shores to start the 2024-25 school year after participating in two JV football games last fall for Muskegon Catholic Central. The request was for eligibility in JV football after the first two games.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver after two JV football games.

Northville High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 10th-grade student who has transferred to Northville High School after attending Cranbrook High School for her 9th-grade year. The student transferred to Northville to start the 2024-25 school year after participating in one girls tennis scrimmage for Cranbrook in the spring of 2024. The request was for eligibility in girls tennis after the first scrimmage or contest.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver after one date of competition in tennis.

Northville High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an incoming 11th-grade student who competed in football the previous year at Detroit Catholic Central High School. The student transferred to Northville High School during February of the 2023-24 school year because of incidents that took place out of the school in November. The request was for immediate eligibility in football.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Ottawa Lake-Whiteford High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 10th-grade student who transferred from Summerfield High School to Whiteford High School this summer. The student attended Summerfield and played volleyball for her 9th-grade year. The family has experienced challenging home situations that have required multiple moves over the last few years and the desire is to have stability at Whiteford, where her brother graduated last year. Whiteford asked for a waiver for immediate athletic eligibility in volleyball, and if that could not be granted, then subvarsity eligibility.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Pickford High School (Regulation I, Section 9[C]) – A request was made to waive Regulation I, Section 9(C), for two incoming 10th-grade students who transferred from Maplewood Baptist High School to Pickford High School for the start of the 2024-25 school year. The students participated in football and track during the 2023-24 school year. Pickford and Maplewood Baptist have a cooperative agreement in football and track & field, so 9(C) applies by rule as a request. Maplewood Baptist provided documentation showing written support for these students' eligibility in both the football and track cooperative programs as students at Pickford during the 2024-25 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Pontiac-Notre Dame Prep High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an incoming 10th-grade student who attended Bloomfield Hills-Marian High School during their 9th-grade year and played JV volleyball. The student transferred back to Notre Dame Prep High School, a school she attended from 2nd to 8th grade. The student and her family, because of some interpersonal interactions with a staff member and their family, who is no longer at Notre Dame Prep, decided that a fresh start was in order and chose Marian. The student struggled immediately at Marian and reached out at the semester to start back at Notre Dame Prep. Notre Dame Prep could not take mid-year transfers and the student stayed at Marian. The student's health was impacted. The request was for immediate eligibility in volleyball for the 2024 season at Notre Dame Prep. The former school has included support for this transfer. Documentation was also included from the former school's counselor and a medical doctor. New information included new details on why the family determined leaving Notre Dame Prep was in the student's best interests at the time.

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

Portage Northern High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 12th-grade student who transferred to Portage Northern High School on January 29, 2024, after attending Mattawan High School. While at Mattawan, the student participated in JV girls golf. The student experienced significant medical issues through her time in high school. As a last resort, the family determined that going to a new school was worth the chance that it may improve the student's health and well-being. Since the transfer to Portage Northern, the symptoms have lessened, and attendance and grades have improved. The new request was for subvarsity eligibility in girls golf for the 2024 fall season. Documentation from the former school was included, along with a medical letter. New information also included a rationale for the transfer and an air quality study.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Saginaw-Swan Valley High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 10th-grade student who attended Saginaw Heritage High School as a 9th-grade student, where he competed in football and wrestling during the 2023-24 school year. The student has now transferred to Swan Valley Public Schools with his younger brother. The student's father and sons were evicted from two different households and deemed to be homeless under the McKinney-Vento Act by Saginaw Township Schools. The grandparents became the primary caregivers in January of 2024. The grandparents live in the Swan Valley District and desired to have the student attend there. The request was for immediate eligibility in football and wrestling at Swan Valley for the 2024-25 school year. Supporting documentation of the student's homeless status was provided.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Spring Lake High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation, specifically Interpretation #74a, was made on behalf of an incoming 9th-grade student who practiced on August 12th at Grand Haven High School in football and has now transferred to Spring Lake High School. The student lives in Spring Lake but has always attended Grand Haven. The family felt a new start heading into his 9th-grade year would be appropriate, away from students who have known him for years. A timeline was given with practice, and the former school indicated they supported the transfer.

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

Spring Lake High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an incoming 10th-grade student who participated in football and lacrosse at Grand Rapids-West Catholic High School during his 9th-grade year. The family applied for school of choice through a lottery but was not selected before his 9th-grade year, but his younger sister was selected. The family then used it again, and the student was chosen by lottery this summer to attend Spring Lake High School, where the family desired to have the student go all along. The request was for immediate eligibility in football and lacrosse. If that couldn't be granted, then eligibility in football after four games and three games in lacrosse, which are the number of games that the student played in those sports at West Catholic last school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver after four football games and three lacrosse games.

St. Clair Shores-Lake Shore High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of an incoming 11th-grade student transferring from Madison Heights High School. The student attended Lake Shore High School previously, where he played football, before transferring to Madison Heights in January of 2024 because his grandmother, who is his guardian, was the victim of domestic violence. While at Madison Heights he did not participate in athletics. The student is returning to Lake Shore, where he wants to play football. The individual in the situation has moved out of state, so the threat of violence against the family is no longer there. Documents of support included police reports and a letter.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Tecumseh High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 10th-grade student who transferred from Adrian High School to Tecumseh High School to start the 2024-25 school year. The student attended Adrian and competed in volleyball, swim & dive, gymnastics and softball for her 9th-grade year. While at Adrian, the student encountered two investigations, including one that she was directly involved in. This led to the student being questioned about her role in the process. In the end, a fresh start was needed, and the student transferred to Tecumseh to start anew. Tecumseh asked for immediate athletic eligibility in all sports. Documentation included letters of support.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Three Rivers High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an incoming 12th-grade student who attended Constantine High School for his 9th-11th-grade years and competed in football, basketball, and track & field. The student transferred to Three Rivers High School during the summer of 2024 as he lives in Three Rivers. The student's mother was a staff member at Constantine and no longer works there. New information provided states that the student has attended counseling sessions for treatment since March and experienced issues with staff and students while at Constantine. The continued request was for immediate eligibility in football, basketball, and track.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Waterford Kettering High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an incoming 10th-grade student who competed in volleyball the previous year at Oakland Christian High School. The student transferred to Kettering High School to start the 2024-25 school year because of documented cases of bullying that occurred at the former school. The former school supported the transfer as the student needed a fresh start and a school setting for her health challenges. The new school asked for immediate subvarsity eligibility in volleyball.

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

Waterford Mott High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 11th-grade student at Mott High School. The student transferred from Orchard Lake-St. Mary's Prep High School for the start of the second semester of the 2023-24 school year. The student participated in JV baseball and football while at St. Mary's Prep on a limited basis because of injury. The student's parents have gone through a separation. In March of 2024, the Executive Committee granted eligibility after six games in baseball and three games in football. The student sat for six games in baseball and played this past spring for Mott. The new request asked for immediate eligibility in football based on letters of support and details of issues the student has had at St. Mary's Prep, given health challenges he experienced.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Wayland Union 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 back to his home district of Wayland after attending Grand Rapids Catholic Central High School for his 9th and 10th-grade years. The student and family have always lived in Wayland, and the decision to attend Catholic Central for his freshman year only came about after the family's home was broken into while the family was on vacation. The student endured ridicule related to the incident from classmates. The student desired to come back to Wayland, his home district, now that time has passed, relationships have healed, and the students have matured. The school requested athletic eligibility in all sports.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

West Bloomfield High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 10th-grade student who transferred from North Farmington High School to start the 2024-25 school year. The student was accepted as a school of choice student in the West Bloomfield STEAM program and attended North Farmington last year, where he competed in football. The request was for immediate subvarsity eligibility in football.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Whitehall High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 10th-grade student who transferred to Whitehall High School from Muskegon-Reeths-Puffer High School to start the 2024-25 school year. The student attended Reeths-Puffer as a 9th-grader and played JV football and wrestling. During a summer football team camp, the student experienced issues as well as social media harassment by former teammates. This caused the family to enroll him at Whitehall High School as he could not continue to attend Reeths-Puffer. Supporting information included documentation of the social media issues as well as images of the physical suffering the student went through. The former school supported the transfer. The school request was for immediate eligibility in subvarsity football and wrestling.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for subvarsity football and wrestling.

Wyoming High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 10th-grade student who participated in football and competed in track & field at Godwin Heights High School while a student at a specialized school, where he was assigned by Wyoming Public Schools. The Godwin Heights specialized program closed at the end of the 2023-24 school year. The student has been living in the Wyoming Public Schools attendance area and desired to transfer back to Wyoming High School to go to school and compete in athletics. The school requested immediate athletic eligibility in football and track & field for the student.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Wyoming-The Potter's House High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation, and specifically Interpretation 62 (closest non-public school), was made on behalf of an incoming 10th-grade student who transferred to The Potter's House High School from Grand Rapids-South Christian High School for the start of the 2024-25 school year. The student struggled at South Christian and required medical intervention, where it was concluded that a new school environment was important for the student's health. The school requested immediate subvarsity eligibility in soccer on behalf of the student. The former school submitted support for the transfer.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Byron Center High School (Regulation II, Section 11[H]) – Pursuant to Interpretation 240, a request to waive the four-player rule was made on behalf of the Byron Center High School head boys and girls swim & dive coach, also employed by Byron Center Pool. The coach is also the head coach for the Byron Center Club swim team that operates out of the Byron Center pool. It is a requirement of the job with the pool to coach the resident club team. This request was previously granted for the school.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

DeWitt High School (Regulation II, Section 11[H]) – Pursuant to Interpretation 240, a request to waive the four-player rule for the 2024-25 school year was made on behalf of the girls head and asst. swim coaches who have recently been hired by the DeWitt Community Education Department. The community education program, along with the Mid-Michigan Aquatics Swim Club, conducts club sessions and swim lessons and administers lifeguarding throughout the year. The program is open to all participants in DeWitt and surrounding communities and includes approximately 200 participants ages 5-18, of which approximately 20 are students in grades 7-12 from DeWitt. Other participants are students from a variety of other school districts in the Lansing area. A request was approved for this program since the 2021-22 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Dundee High School (Regulation II, Section 11[H]) – Pursuant to Interpretation 240, a request to waive the four-player rule was made on behalf of the Dundee head boys and girls swim and dive coach, also employed by Tecumseh Public Schools. The coach is also the head coach for the Tecumseh Club swim team that operates out of the Tecumseh pool. It is a requirement of the job with the pool to coach the resident club team and supervise all competitive programs that use the facility. This request was previously granted for the 2023-24 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Niles High School (Regulation II, Section 11[C]) – A request to waive the scrimmage rule was made on behalf of a Niles High School cross country and swim team member. The student is in a cooperative swim program with Buchanan High School and also competes in cross country for Niles. Because of the swim practice time at Buchanan, she can't get back to Niles to practice cross country. The student desires to practice with Buchanan's cross country team when it doesn't fit to get back to Niles. The student will compete for Niles in competitions and practices when she can based upon this proposed arrangement. Both schools and both coaches have agreed to this plan and the student has worked out with team members at Buchanan throughout the summer.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Novi Middle School (Regulation IV, Section 10[B]) – A request to allow this school to begin middle school fall sports practice seven days earlier than allowed by the regulation on Monday, Aug. 19, 2024. Practice is permitted on the 14th Monday before Thanksgiving (Aug. 26, 2024). The early start date would allow the league to practice for a full seven days prior to their first contests and many schools in their league start August 19th. This request has been granted to other MHSAA leagues for an early start.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Grandville and Wyoming-Tri-Unity Christian Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys and girls swimming & diving (7th & 8th grades combined) between these schools. Grandville will be the primary school.

Lansing-Dwight Rich of the Arts, Lansing-Lewton and Lansing-Mt Hope Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in volleyball (7th grade, 8th grade, 6th & 7th grades combined, 7th & 8th grades combined, and 6th, 7th & 8th grades combined) between these schools. Dwight Rich will be the primary school.

Lansing-Dwight Rich of the Arts, Lansing-Lewton and Lansing-Mt Hope Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in football (7th grade, 8th grade, and 7th & 8th grades combined) between these schools. Dwight Rich will be the primary school.

Lansing-Gardner International Magnet, Lansing-Attwood, Lansing-North and Lansing-Wexford Montessori Academy Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in football (7th grade, 8th grade, and 7th & 8th grades combined) between these schools. Gardner International will be the primary school.

Lansing-Gardner International Magnet and Lansing-Attwood Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in volleyball (7th grade, 8th grade, 6th & 7th grades combined, 7th & 8th grades combined, and 6th, 7th & 8th grades combined) between these schools. Gardner will be the primary school.

Lansing-Pattengill Biotechnical Magnet, Lansing-Post Oak International Academy and Lansing-Sheridan Road Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in football (7th grade, 8th grade, and 7th & 8th grades combined) between these schools. Pattengill will be the primary school.

Lansing-Pattengill Biotechnical Magnet, Lansing-Post Oak International Academy and Lansing-Sheridan Road Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in volleyball (7th grade, 8th grade, 6th & 7th grades combined, 7th & 8th grades combined, and 6th, 7th & 8th grades combined) between these schools. Pattengill will be the primary school.

Lansing-Wexford Montessori Academy and Lansing-North Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in volleyball (7th grade, 8th grade, 6th & 7th grades combined, 7th & 8th grades combined, and 6th, 7th & 8th grades combined) between these schools. Wexford Montessori will be the primary school.

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

Athens-Factoryville Christian High School is a private Christian school. It is operated by Factoryville Bible Church. The school is 48 years old and is in the same building that has been renovated over the years. The school focuses on providing students with a small Christian and faith-based learning environment. The enrollment is approximately 75 students in grades K-12, with 22 students in the 9-12 grade level. The school currently sponsors boys and girls soccer, boys and girls volleyball, boys and girls basketball, and boys golf. The school competes against other small faith-based schools in the Crossroads Athletic Conference, some of which are MHSAA members. MHSAA staff conducted an on-site visit on August 9, 2024. An Athletic Department Code of Conduct and Handbook was submitted. A signed 2024-25 Membership Resolution and Preliminary Classification Form were received on July 30, 2024. The school will be eligible for MHSAA tournaments for the 2025-26 school year. Under the regulations, a new member school may immediately participate in approved cooperative programs once the Executive Committee approves membership. The Athletic Director has attended the new AD Inservice on August 14th at the MHSAA.

Flint-Cultural Center Academy High School is a public charter school. It is associated with the Flint Institute for the Arts, Flint Institute of Music, Flint Public Library, and Flint Repertory Theatre, among other cultural groups in the Greater Flint area. The school has been in operation since 2019, but just added a high school for grade 9, where there are currently 43 9th-graders attending. The school focuses on providing students with a science and arts-based learning focus with an immersive learning experience. The school plans to add a grade a year to become a fully comprehensive high school in the next three years at the 9-12 grade level. The school currently sponsors cooperative programs in JV football with Flint Powers Catholic and intends to add volleyball and boys and girls basketball. MHSAA staff conducted an on-site visit on August 15, 2024. An Athletic Department Code of Conduct and Handbook was submitted. A signed 2024-25 Membership Resolution and Preliminary Classification Form were also received. The school will be eligible for MHSAA tournaments for the 2025-26 school year. Under the regulations, a new member school may immediately participate in approved cooperative programs once the Executive Committee approves membership. The Athletic Director will attend the new AD In-service at the MHSAA this fall.

Approved International Student Programs (AISP) – Exception 4 of Regulation I, Section 9(A) allows immediate eligibility for one academic year for an otherwise eligible international student on either a J-1 or F-1 visa who is placed in a residence in a public high school district or school service area through an MHSAA Approved International Student Program. Pursuant to Interpretation 83, the Executive Committee will review the CSIET J-1 and F-1 inbound student programs as well as all member-school-operated international student programs and determine that the following are MHSAA approved for the 2024-25 school year, in addition to those which were approved in June:

- Midland-Calvary Baptist High School – Maximum of **five (5)** international students (total of J-1 and F-1 visa students) allowed to participate on varsity level interscholastic teams during the **2024-25** academic year.
- Holland Christian High School – Maximum of **seven (7)** international students (total of J-1 and F-1 visa students) allowed to participate on varsity level interscholastic teams during the **2024-25** academic year.

MHSAA Committees – The Executive Committee approved appointments to MHSAA committees that meet prior to Jan. 1, 2025.

Next Meetings – Thursday, September 5 at 9 a.m. – Virtual; Thursday, October 3 at 9 a.m. – Virtual; Wednesday, November 6 at 9 a.m. – Virtual; Thursday, December 5 at 3 p.m. in East Lansing (Representative Council meets the next day); Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at 9 a.m. – Virtual; Thursday, February 13, 2025 at 9 a.m. – Virtual; Thursday, March 20, 2025 at 9 a.m. Virtual.