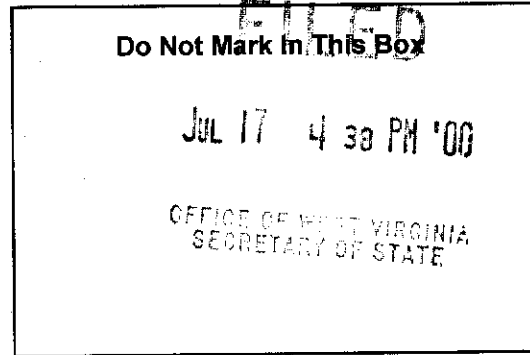


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Form #5



NOTICE OF AGENCY ADOPTION OF A PROCEDURAL OR INTERPRETIVE RULE
OR A LEGISLATIVE RULE EXEMPT FROM LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

AGENCY: West Virginia Board of Education SSAC TITLE NUMBER: ~~126~~ 127

CITE AUTHORITY: W.Va. Constitution, Article XII, §2, W.Va. Code §18-2-25

RULE TYPE: PROCEDURAL _____ INTERPRETIVE _____

EXEMPT LEGISLATIVE RULE X

CITE STATUTE(S) GRANTING EXEMPTION FROM LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

W.Va. Code §§29A-3B-1, et seq.; W.Va. Board of Education

v. Hechler, 180 W.Va. 451; 376 S.E.2d 839 (1988). WV Code 29-1-1-3(B)

AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING RULE: YES XX NO _____

IF YES, SERIES NUMBER OF RULE BEING AMENDED: 5

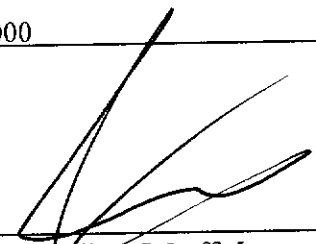
TITLE OF RULE BEING AMENDED: WV Secondary School Activities Commission §127-5-1

Series 5: Band Activities

IF NO, SERIES NUMBER OF NEW RULE BEING PROPOSED: _____

TITLE OF RULE BEING PROPOSED: _____

THE ABOVE RULE IS HEREBY ADOPTED AND FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE. THE
EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RULE IS September 15, 2000



William J. Luff, Jr.
Associate State Superintendent

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OFFICE OF WEST VIRGINIA
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TITLE 127
LEGISLATIVE RULES
WEST VIRGINIA SECONDARY SCHOOL ACTIVITIES COMMISSION
SERIES 5
BAND ACTIVITIES

§127-5-1 General.

1.1 Scope - These rules and regulations govern band activities.

1.2 Authority - WV Code §18-2-5

1.3 Filing Date -

1.4 Effective Date - July 1, 1987

§127-5-2 Enrollment and Membership - Band.

2.1 All members of a member school band must be enrolled in that school. Rule 127-5-2.3 and 127-5-2.4 will be the only exceptions.

2.2 Majorettes, Flag Corps, Drill Teams, etc. are considered an integral part of the band and shall be adjudicated and governed accordingly. Any performance by a majorette, member of a flag corps or drill team, without the band, shall not be considered a band activity.

2.3 Instrumental music students in seventh and eighth grades of feeder elementary schools or any grade of a feeder junior high school who receive their instruction from the band director of the senior high band in which said students will eventually enroll and which feeder school does not have a band of its own shall be eligible to participate in the band directed by their instructor.

2.4 Ninth grade instrumental music students, in feeder school grades 7 through 9, are eligible to participate in the marching

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band program of the high school in which they will eventually enroll if the feeder school does not afford students the opportunity to participate in a marching band and they are otherwise eligible.

2.5 Participants in secondary school interscholastic band activities shall be eligible only for the number of years in which they are enrolled and attending a secondary school as an undergraduate.

2.6 In middle schools, students who are enrolled in grades five through eight will be eligible to participate in all band activities.

§127-5-3 Scholarship - Band.

3.1 A student is required to do passing work in the equivalent of at least 20 periods (four subjects with full credit toward graduation) per week. Failure to earn passing marks in four full credit subjects during a semester shall render a student ineligible for the following semester.

(a) Two of those four full credit subjects must be in English-Language Arts, Social Studies, Mathematics or Science, and may or may not be in the same area.

(b) If a student has completed all state, county and school requirements, he may select four full credits from any area of the curriculum offered by the school.

(c) If a student is taking a multiple period subject, such as vocational courses for a full morning or afternoon, it may be counted as more than one subject. The number of subjects counted will be equal to the units of full credits given; however, part (a) above must also be met.

Note: Full credit is defined as one-half credit for a semester or 4050 minutes as taken from the West Virginia Department of Education, "Graduation Requirements for West Virginia Public Schools: Adolescent Education (Grades 9-12) (March 1982)."

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3.2 Schools providing for planned programs of independent learning during the regular school term may not wish to require all students to attend classes for 4050 minutes during a semester. In such instances, full credit may be awarded for satisfactory performance provided that it meets standards established by the county and West Virginia Department of Education.

3.3 Full credit may be awarded for subjects in addition to those offered by the school as well as experimental programs developed by the school itself provided that it meets standards established by the county and West Virginia Department of Education. Such credit must be earned during the regular school term.

3.4 In order for a withdrawn student or expelled student to regain eligibility, he must complete one semester of school work.

3.5 Scholastic deficiencies cannot be made up after the last day of the semester, except in a case where a student whose final examinations and course credit is delayed due to illness which can be verified by a physician.

3.6 In all cases, the official school transcript will be used to determine a student's eligibility and will be regarded as final.

3.7 A student promoted to the seventh grade for the first time is considered to have satisfied scholastic requirements and is permitted to participate during the first semester of his initial enrollment in that grade, provided he is otherwise eligible.

§127-5-4 Festivals - Band.

4.1 The Board of Appeals shall divide the state into regions for the purpose of band festivals and shall have the authority to place bands in those regions. They shall also determine the time, place and management of these events.

4.2 All bands participating in those festivals shall be composed of students that meet the qualification standards set forth in these rules.

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4.3 The Board of Appeals shall appoint coordinators for the festivals. One of their responsibilities will be to contract adjudicators for the festivals. The Commission office may be asked to assist, if necessary.

4.4 First year programs will not be required to participate in the regional festival.

§127-5-5 Sanctioning - Band.

5.1 On or before September 1 of each school year, the Board of Appeals shall submit to each member school of this Commission a list of approved school sponsored and nonschool sponsored contests and activities in which bands of member schools may participate during the ensuing year.

5.2 Additions to this list may be made after September 1 of each school year provided that the request for approval is filed with the Commission office at least thirty (30) days prior to the activity.

5.3 In order to qualify for approved participation in activities outside the home county and counties contiguous to the home county (including out-of-state), bands of member schools must have participated in the most recently conducted regional band festival.

5.4 A school band shall not be absent from school more than five (5) days each year for the purpose of participating in band activities.

5.5 The regulations above apply only during the regular school term.

§127-5-6 Awards - Band.

6.1 Only a member school or a nonschool organization sponsoring an activity approved by this Commission may give the following awards to a student or band: medal, trophy, cup,

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certificate, ribbon, plaque, unattached letter, unattached chevron or similar award.

6.2 A student may accept as an individual or member of a school band the above specified awards in the following situations:

- (a) from a member school for participation
- (b) in a sanctioned event
- (c) in a non-sanctioned event during the summer.

6.3 A student may not receive the following awards from any source:

- (a) Wearing apparel - sweaters, jackets, etc.
- (b) Equipment - radio, television, etc.
- (c) Music instruments, batons, etc.
- (d) Money - (Scholarship to institutions of higher learning are exempted).

6.4 Bands of member schools may accept prizes and/or gratuities for participation in sanctioned events during the school term and in non-sanctioned events during the summer.

6.5 Purchase of an item mentioned in **Section 127-5-6.3 (a-d)** whereby a portion is donated by a school, booster club, auxiliary agency, or any other group or organization is prohibited.

6.6 Nothing in this Awards Rule shall be interpreted to affect the recognition of scholarship or scholastic achievement.

6.7 Any student who accepts an award in any band activity, other than those approved in these rules, shall be ineligible to participate in any band activity for 365 days.

§127-5-7 Classification of Schools - Band.

7.1 There shall be three classes of schools for bands: Class AAA, Class AA, Class A. The Board of Appeals is authorized to determine the size of enrollment in each class.

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7.2 Classification shall be determined every two years in the even numbered year and, when established, shall remain in effect for two school terms. Classification shall be based on the second month's enrollment of the previous odd numbered year.

7.3 Enrollment standard for schools will be the active enrollment of the total number of students in grades 10, 11 and 12.

7.4 Member junior high schools and middle schools will not be given a classification.

FISCAL NOTE WORKSHEET

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HD NO. _____ DRAFT NO. _____ BILL NO. _____ RESOLUTION NO. _____

SUBJECT WV Secondary School Activities

Commission FUND _____

SOURCE OF REVENUE: GENERAL FUND _____ SPECIAL _____ OTHER _____
(SPECIFY) _____

COST ESTIMATE BASED ON: AN ORIGINAL ESTIMATE _____ BUDGET BILL _____ OTHER _____
(SPECIFY) _____

INCOME ESTIMATE BASED ON: AN ORIGINAL ESTIMATE _____ BUDGET BILL _____ OTHER _____
(SPECIFY) _____

SHOW OVER-ALL EFFECT IN ITEMS 1 AND 2, AND GIVE EXPLANATION OF BREAKDOWN BY FISCAL YEAR INCLUDING LONG RANGE EFFECT IN ITEM 3.

EFFECT OF PROPOSAL	ANNUAL		FISCAL YEAR		
	INCREASE	DECREASE	CURRENT	NEXT	THEREAFTER
1. ESTIMATED TOTAL					
COST	\$16,000	\$	\$60,000	\$76,000	\$
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$(1) 10,000	\$	\$(1) 60,000	\$(1) 70,000	
CURRENT EXPENSES					
REPAIRS/ALTERATIONS					
EQUIPMENT	(3) 2,000		(3) 0	(3) 2,000	
OTHER					
2. ESTIMATED TOTAL REVENUES	\$0	\$	\$0	\$0	\$

3. EXPLANATION OF ABOVE ESTIMATES (INCLUDING LONG-RANGE EFFECT):

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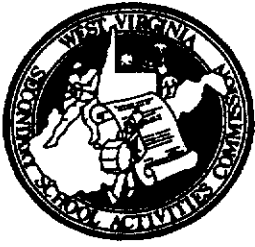
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The issuance of additional Courtesy and Identification Cards would impact the number of paid admissions at WVSSAC tournament contests. That would result in an estimated \$2,000.00 annual decrease in revenue.

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WV Secondary School Activities Commission
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July 13, 2000



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Judy Cooper, Director Administrative Law Division
Secretary of State
Building 1, Suite 157-K
1900 Kanawha Blvd. East
Charleston, WV 25305

Dear Ms. Cooper:

On July 13, 2000, the State Board of Education approved the enclosed changes in the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission (WVSSAC) Rules and Regulations Handbook. These have been distributed for comment and are now being submitted to your office to be filed. I hope everything is in order.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mike Hayden
Executive Secretary

MH/rk
Enclosure
✓Cc: John Ray

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF EDUCATION**

POLICY NUMBER AND TITLE: Policy _____
West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission
Proposed Changes in Rules and Regulations

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ENDS: May 26, 2000 **ADOPTED:** July 13, 2000

BACKGROUND

The majority of public and most private schools in West Virginia belong to the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission. Each year, the principals of member schools submit revisions to the rules and regulations. The submitted proposals are presented and voted upon at the annual Board of Control meeting. Any approved changes are then submitted to the West Virginia State Board of Education for their review and approval.

PURPOSE

These amendments are brought forth to keep the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission current and updated on changes, trends and problems in the band and athletic programs.

These proposals were distributed for public comment in April and May. The West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission will present to the Board the comments received for your review at the June meeting.

The West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission staff, Constitution and Bylaws Committee, and Board of Control respectfully request that the proposed rule changes to the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission Rules and Regulations Handbook be approved.

CONTENT

Eleven proposals are being submitted to the State Board by the Secondary School Activities Commission. Each rule change is presented with the whole rule being included. This will help the State Board members understand the significance of the rule change.

The following is a brief summary of the effect of each proposal:

1. Allows sixth grade students to participate in all middle school interscholastic sport teams except football. (Vote: Yes-70 No-25)
2. Allows the WVSSAC to issue Complimentary Courtesy and Identification Cards to the principal and vice-principal of vocational schools which instruct member school students. (Vote: Yes-79 No-22)
3. Allows the WVSSAC to issue Complimentary Courtesy and Identification Cards to retired athletic directors with at least 20 years as a coach, athletic director, or combination of coaching and athletic director experience. (Vote: Yes-93 No-1)
4. Allows 31 baseball games if participating in a tournament with a minimum of four

participating teams. (Vote: Yes-76 No-23)

5. Changes the beginning of the junior high/middle school cheer season to be consistent with other junior high/middle school fall sports. (Vote: Yes-94 No-2)
6. Allows 19 soccer matches if participating in a conference tournament. (Vote: Yes-54 No-38)
7. Establishes rules for junior high/middle school swim teams. (Vote: Yes-64 No-13)
8. Changes the end of the high school volleyball season. (Vote: Yes-102 No-0)
9. Changes the end of the junior high/middle school volleyball season. (Vote: Yes-94 No 0)
10. Allows ninth grade instrumental music students from feeder schools to participate in the marching band program if the feeder school does not offer a marching band program. (Vote: Yes-53 No-35)
11. Changes WVSSAC office notification procedures for appeal cases. (Vote: Yes-104 No-0)

IMPACT

Instruction

None

Leadership

None

Financial

One proposal would result in an increased expense of \$10,000.00. Two other proposals would collectively result in decrease of revenue of \$6,000.00. Specific amount of increase for these proposals are explained on the Fiscal Note Worksheet.

Administrative

Athletic directors/principals will need to be aware of the changes in order to administer their school programs in accordance with the current rules. There is no major change that would impact administration negatively or cause extra administrative work at the school level.

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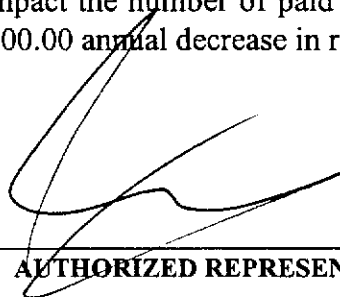
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<p>Proposal 1 Continued</p>	<p>Particia S. White 812 Park Ave. Charleston, WV 25302 (304-6123)</p> <p>Lisa Perkins 640 Cross Lanes Dr. #8 Nitro, WV 25143 304-776-9303</p> <p>Toni Withrow 812 Park Ave. Charleston, WV 25302 (304-348-6123)</p> <p>Kenny Wright, A.D. Ritchie County High 107 School Road Ellenboro, WV 26346 304-869-3527</p> <p>Terri Martin, Athletic Coordinator St. Francis School 375 Birch St. Morgantown, WV 26505 304-598-3777</p> <p>Suncrest Middle School Jim Napolillo, Asst. Prin. 360 Baldwin St. Morgantown, WV 26505</p>	<p>I support this proposal for several reasons. First, the students are already competing in recreational or instructional leagues. Secondly, a primary goal of middle school philosophy is inclusion of all students. Third, to deny these students the right to participate is somewhat discriminatory.</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>All 6th Grader's should be allowed to participate in "ALL" Sports.</p> <p>Right now, for instance, we have a 7th grade and 8th grade basketball . Does this mean that now we will have three teams in both boys and girls basketball. A 6th, 7th and 8th grade, three different teams?</p> <p>I think the 6th graders should be allowed to participate in all middle school sports except football.</p> <p>I am writing in support of sixth grade participating in sports especially if they are a part of the Middle School. Being an Assistant Principal in two Middle Schools in Monongalia County, I feel this issue is very important and should be considered especially since it has already passed the SSAC. Trying to mold the sixth through eighth graders together to make an all around middle school is hard especially when you tell the sixth graders and their parents you can't play sports due to State regulations. Again, I'm expressing my total support and would like to see this bill passed so that our sixth graders in the school year 2000-2001 can play.</p>
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Proposal 1
Continued

Walton Elementary School
Rt. 1, Box 1C
Walton, WV 25286
304-548-6334

Sixth grade students should be allowed to participate in all middle school interscholastic sports for the following reasons:

1. With the creation of the large number of middle schools in our state, we need to allow 6th graders to participate in order to develop a sense of belonging and instill school pride. As of now 6th graders feel alienated from the school since they can't participate in athletic activities. A basic human need is the need to belong, and as of now, 6th graders are not having this need fulfilled.

2. Sixth grade students want to participate in athletics, or at least be given the opportunity to try out. I recently informed our 6th graders of this possibility, and I was overwhelmed with the positive response. You could just see the excitement in their eyes. It really is a shame to deny them this opportunity. This is especially true for schools in rural areas where there are few activities for students to enjoy.

3. Allowing sixth grade students to participate is a great investment in their lives. Student greatly benefit physically, emotionally, and socially from being involved in athletics. Money should never be a factor in this decision. The greatest drug prevention program we can do is to get kids involved in activities they enjoy. Athletics develops pride, discipline, and character. Sixth graders need to develop these early.

4. Sixth grade students have the ability to participate in sports. They can compete in volleyball, basketball, wrestling, track, and cheerleading. There is no difference in a 6th grader competing with an 8th grader than a 7th grader competing with a 9th grader, which is what we allowed with a 7-9 configuration.

5. Sixth graders are already competing in outside leagues where available. Many of these are disorganized and disregard the physical and emotional needs of kids. It would be much better to get them in a organized school program where they can be governed by SSAC rules and regulations.

Ohio County Schools
2203 National Road
Wheeling, WV 26003
304-243-0300

The primary responsibility for all sixth grade children should be academics and the appropriate study habits to achieve maximum skills and knowledge. Appropriate health and physical education activities to include intramural should be sufficient to wet their participatory appetites.

<p>Proposal 1 Continued</p>	<p>Glen Karlen, Supt. Randolph County Schools 40 11th Street Elkins, WV 26241 304-636-9150</p> <p>Bridgeport Middle School 413 Johnson Ave. Bridgeport, WV 26330 304-842-6251</p> <p>Wellsburg Middle 1447 Main St. Wellsburg, WV 26070 304-737-2922</p> <p>Braxton County Middle School 100 Carter Braxton Dr. Sutton, WV 26601 304-765-2644</p> <p>Gore Middle School Ed Propst, Prin. Rt. 3 Box 43-B 304-624-3260</p> <p>Byron Kinnard, A.D. South Harrison Middle R.R. 1 Box 58-B Lost Creek, WV 26385 304-745-5582</p> <p>Mike Hays, AD Mannington Middle 113 Clarksburg, WV 26582 304-986-1050</p> <p>Roane County High School 702 Charleston Road Spencer, WV 25276 304-927-6420</p>	<p>I oppose this proposal - sixth grade students need to mature before they start competition at a school level.</p> <p><u>DISAGREE !</u></p> <p>Cannot handle additional students at 7th grade level. This proposal would cause less participation in our school. Not needed.</p> <p>Do not agree with this proposal. Due to the fact that all 7th graders are grade (2.0) eligible. I find it difficult to believe schools cannot field teams due to a lack of participants. Also, even though basketball is considered a contact sport ... it is a contact sport. Majority of normal physical growth and development does not justify a 6th grader competing with an 8th grader. For instance a 70 lb 6th grader being taught to face up and take a charge from a 170 lb 8th grader could be disastrous.</p> <p>I am in favor of the proposal to allow sixth grade students to participate in interscholastic sports except football</p> <p>Would like to see 6th graders play middle school football. We are a small school. There are 6th grade students that are to big to play pop warner football. Head coaches would make sure those students would be protected.</p> <p>We are very much in favor of this proposal despite the added expense. We have felt ever since the inception of the "middle school" concept that these younger athletes have been ignored and this certainly a step to correct this.</p> <p>Good Idea - Agree</p>
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Proposal 1
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Sherrard Jr. High School
Michael Buck, Prin.
1000 Fairmont Pike
Wheeling, WV 26003
304-233-3331

Opposed - I hope that you remember me from the Logan Co. on-site we worked together from South Charleston. I also hope that you will remember my dedication to the philosophy of Middle Level/Junior High education.

I was in attendance at the Board of Control meeting of the WVSSAC in Pipestem the first of this month. I was present at the conversation on the Proposal 2 that asked for a vote on 6th graders being regulated by WVSSAC rules. I spoke in opposition to the proposal then and repeat it to you while this proposal is on public comment.

From my research on Middle Level Education, attendance to state and national Middle Level conferences, and instruction from those I consider experts, my position remains one that advocates 5-6 graders should not participate in activities regulated by formal supervision of the WVSSAC, The 7th and 8th graders should not also, but they were involved before the data on middle schools was available. The vote at the Board of Controls indicated support (70-25) but consider that most of the voters were Senior High administrators what are not affected. Please check with Dr. Ron Chillerss and Dr. Mike Cunningham at the WV Graduate Studies program and Charles Cottrell, Principal at South Middle School in Morgantown for supportive advice. These gentlemen were strong advocates of the middle school philosophy as I was earning my certified endorsement in Middle Level Education. They should advocate that socially, emotionally, physically, and educationally the 5-6 graders would be better served with an intramural program that allows unlimited participation without sanctions from the WVSSAC. Please understand that I strongly support the principles of the WVSSAC and have for over 20 years! I also have been around long enough to see school systems be confounded by the involvement of the 7 -8th graders in the structure of the organization that was the result of public pressure to force their kids to grow up too soon. Now the WVSSAC is the bad guy on matters of eligibility and participation that leads to social and emotional distress on this age group. Let the community organizations continue provide unlimited activities for this age group.

After all, the State Board voted this proposal down last time and I hope they do it again for the sake of all the potential athletes that would be denied an opportunity to develop in a restricted school program. If the denying greater participation plus it would establish the WVSSAC again as the bad guy denying participation.

Proposal 1
Continued

Clarence Woodworth
Winfield Middle School
3280 Winfield Rd.
Winfield, WV 25213
304-586-3072

John G. Hudson, Prin.
Sherman Jr. High
PO Box AA
Seth, WV 25181
304-837-3694

Thomas D. Kidd, Prin.
John Adams Jr. High
2002 Presidential Drive
Charleston, WV 25314
304-348-6592

Gary L. Price, Prin.
Barrackville School
P.O. Box 150
Barrackville, WV 26559
304-367-2128

Note: Identical Comments
From the following;
Elkins Middle School
308 Robert E. Lee Avenue
Elkins, WV 26241
David Roth
Willard Madlor
Paul Gowers
Jim Purnell
Steve Collett
Jimmy Triplett
Robert Smith

Against proposal for following Reasons: 1. Coaches I talked to said kids would get more playing time on Midget League. 2. Kids not physically, emotionally ready 3. Would just play on JV, so what is the point- 4. To make meaningful would to establish a 6th grade team where would require another coach- can't hardly get coaches now-

Agree - Excellent - long overdue. Sixth graders can compete with and against eighth graders as can seventh graders compete with ninth graders. Excluding football is in the best interest of students, however.

This would be great for middle schools to allow an additional 1/3 of the student population to participate if they choose. This would not increase teams and allow professional supervision of students. This has become a parent, staff and student expectation this is acceptable in the learning process SUPPORT !!

I strongly support allowing sixth grade students to participate on the middle school athletic teams with the exception of football as note in the proposal. At Barrackville School, this would offer sixth grade students the option of two new sports by participating in cross country in the Fall and track in the Spring. These sports are currently not available to these student until seventh grade. Presently sixth grade students who want to participate in athletics must choose either soccer or Pop Warner football in the Fall or Little League baseball in the Spring.

School and staff are totally against this proposal.

<p>Proposal 1 Continued</p>	<p>Williamson Middle School 801 Alderson St. Williamson, WV 25661 304-235-3430</p> <p>Our Lady of Fatima 535 Norway Ave. Huntington, WV 25705 304-523-2861</p> <p>Glade Elementary School J.D. Holbrook Webster County</p> <p>Jim Van Gilder Cheat Lake Middle School Route 7, Box 153 Morgantown, WV 26505</p> <p>Allen Messinger, Prin. Hurricane Middle School 518 Midland Trail Hurricane, WV 25526 304-562-9271</p>	<p>Sixth graders need to be allowed to participate in middle school sports. This should include football as well due to the fact of participation as a school wide program.</p> <p>This is a good proposal - we are for it. It's about time sixth grade isn't left out.</p> <p>I am in support of the WVSSAC proposal to allow sixth graders participate in interscholastic activities, except for football. I appreciate your support in this issue. Thanks!</p> <p>I am writing this letter in response to your request for input on the adoption of the sixth grade into the SSAC. I am very opposed for the following reasons: 1. It could mean longer practice schedules 2. Lack of facilities for more teams 3. The assumption that sixth graders can compete with eight graders is absolutely incorrect just as seventh graders can not compete with ninth graders. 4. In one breadth we talk of inclusion of sixth graders and in the net breadth we talk of excluding them from football. In my opinion we include all or we exclude all. 5. More salaries for more coaches a burden on county BOE's 6. Trying to find more coaches which is a problem at present will be even harder with an addition of another team.</p> <p>I would like to let you and the state board know that I am opposed to Proposal One concerning sixth grade student participating in school athletics. Sixth grade students are not developmentally ready to participate against students in the seventh and eighth grade. Sixth grade students have a difficult time adjusting to life in a middle school setting, let alone having to balance academics with sports. This will also make a financial hardship on the schools. For a lot of us it would probably mean creating new teams at the sixth grade level. We do not have the money to begin buying new uniforms and equipment. We do not have the facilities for practice to take place. With the addition of soccer our outside facilities are a maximum usage. We only have one gym and trying to schedule the use for boys and girls at the seventh and eighth grade levels and trying to get in the games scheduled is very difficult to do.</p> <p>John, you have been at the middle school level and know what is right for this age group. I hope you will make your voice known concerning this matter and that the State Board of Education votes this proposal down.</p>
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<p>Proposal 1 Continued</p>	<p>Continued Allen Messinger, Prin. Hurricane Middle School 518 Midland Trail Hurricane, WV 25526 304-562-9271</p> <p>Larry Gillispie, Prin. Clay Co. Middle School Box 489 Clay, WV 25043 304-587-2343</p> <p>Leon Pilewisk, Prin. Robert C. Byrd H.S. One Eagle Way Clarksburg, WV 26301 304-623-2453 ext. 401</p>	<p>I have been a middle school administrator for twenty years and feel that I do understand the needs of this age group and sixth grade students are not ready for inter-scholastic competition.</p> <p>I adamantly voice my support for Proposal One because I believe it is in the best interest of children. Some of the benefits include: 1. In the middle school setting sixth graders are left out of interscholastic athletics and often feel like they are not a part of the school culture and they do not belong. 2. In rural communities the schools and churches are the primary avenue for socialization and /or athletic competition. Yet currently we ostracize one third of our student body by not allowing them to participate in athletics. 3. If sixth graders have access to recreational leagues, they do not have the protection afforded to their upperclassmen by the SSAC. More specifically, sixth graders do not have: A. Catastrophic insurance coverage; B. Trained coaches and athletic trainers; C. Practice requirements prior to their first game; D. Required physicals; E. Limitations regarding the number of games/quarters they may participate in (i.e. students might play five or more basketball games in two days); F. Limitations regarding the length of the season; G. Certified officials at all games and ; H. The other regulations designed for the safety of the students participants. 4. Recent changes in school demographics make adoption of Proposal One even more imperative. In the 1990-1991 school year West Virginia had only 57 middle schools and 83 junior highs. Whereas, we currently have 97 middle schools and only 33 junior highs. I feel the WVSSAC must extend its umbrella of protection to include these middle schools with sixth graders. Further, this change might encourage more middle schools to become members of the WVSSAC. Thank you in advance for any consideration you give to Proposal One.</p> <p>Let's quit switching to middle school configuration if we are not going to follow the principles upon which middle schools were created. Let's just go back to the junior high concept. Sixth graders are not physically, emotionality developed as 8th graders. Sixth graders can participate in community sports - some of those community athletics are better organized, structured, and supervised than some middle school programs. Transition from elementary to middle is hard enough for 6th graders and immersion in school athletic programs may be detrimental. Also, more coaches</p>
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Proposal 1
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would have to be added for all those students. Denying 6th grade participation is not discrimination, just as cutting sizes of teams to a manageable number is not discriminatory.

At Horace Mann there is not a defined intramural program in the middle school at this time. Provides students with a well organized, structured environment to create and teach the importance of a healthy mind and body. Six graders are part of the middle school so lets not discriminate these children from participating in good competitive supervised activity.

I am definitely opposed to this proposal. The situation created by permitting sixth graders to participate in interscholastic athletics is in direct conflict with the middle school philosophy of participate vs competition. In 23 years as Jr. High Principal, I have never seen a seventh grader play on our ninth grade varsity.

I strongly voice my support for Proposal One because I believe it is in the best interest for the children in the middle school. Richwood Junior High School is currently planning the transition to the middle school concept by the school 2001-2002. I feel that Proposal One would benefit middle school athletic participants especially since 6th graders are left out of interscholastic athletics. Sixth grade student are not required to have physicals, catastrophic insurance, trained coaches, or certified officials at their games. Therefore, I believe that Proposal One would be in the best interest of all student participating in athletics. I sincerely appreciate your consideration in this matter.

I think we keep pushing our kids to grow up too soon. 6th graders can compete in YMCA/community leagues where everybody gets to play. I had 4 sons and daughters that competed in Middle School sports. Waiting until the 7th grade didn't hurt them, although 3 of the 4 could have competed earlier.

I feel this program will provide a more structured program with sponsors who have expertise in coaching and provide a more controlled atmosphere in which these young people can compete.

Proposal 1
Continued

Dana Cales, Principal
Barboursville Middle
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Barboursville, WV 25504
304-733-3003

Christine N. Carder,
Principal
Tridelphia Middle
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Wheeling, WV 26003
304-243-0387

Logan Middle School
Ernestine Sutherland,
Principal
Jack Bailey, Asst. Prin.
Larry Wolford, Teacher
Johnny Queen, Asst.
Prin.

Nathan Crescenzi,
Asst. Supt.
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I don't feel 6th graders should be allowed to participate. It's a big adjustment to middle school without throwing in athletics. Besides our community has little leagues organized that they can participate in.

As principal of a 500+ student middle school I am not in favor of this proposal. If sixth graders are permitted to participate in all teams except football it will require either more teams to be developed to encourage more participation or there will be a very limited amount of sixth graders participating on 7th grade teams. At the middle school level we encourage participation, but, I sincerely feel that this will discourage student participation especially in smaller sports such as Basketball where there is limited #'s of positions available. I would strongly urge the State Board of Education to not pass this proposal.

As a large middle school, it would be very difficult to support a sports program that includes 6th graders. It would require that we hire additional coaches, arrange numerous schedules, and purchase more uniforms. We cannot afford the additional expense or the required gym time for practice and games. Since we already have two coaches for the boys' 7th and 8th grade basketball teams and two coaches for the girls' teams, our gym is continually in use. It is very difficult to schedule boys' and girls' athletic events. Additional teams would require late night games and practices that would result in absenteeism and poor grades for the students. We feel Logan County and the State has a very strong Buddy League, Little League, and Midget Football program and that the students are not denied an opportunity to play sports. We would appreciate your support in voting this proposal down.

OPPOSED - North Central WV has programs for basically all grade levels, the sixth grade students need to participate against sixth graders, not older children. Next request will involve 5th graders.

<p>Proposal 2</p>	<p>Lisa Perkins 640 Cross Lanes Dr. #8 Nitro, WV 25143 304-776-9303</p> <p>Toni Withrow 812 Park Ave. Charleston, WV 25302 (304-348-6123)</p> <p>Glen Karlen, Supt. Randolph County Schools 40 11th Street Elkins, WV 26241 304-636-9150</p> <p>Bridgeport Middle School 413 Johnson Ave. Bridgeport, WV 26330 304-842-6251</p> <p>Mike Hays, AD Mannington Middle 113 Clarksburg, WV 26582 304-986-1050</p> <p>Roane County High School 702 Charleston Road Spencer, WV 25276 304-927-6420</p> <p>Sherrard Jr. High School Michael Buck, Prin. 1000 Fairmont Pike Wheeling, WV 26003 304-233-3331</p> <p>John G. Hudson, Prin. Sherman Jr. High PO Box AA Seth, WV 25181 304-837-3694</p> <p>Thomas D. Kidd, Prin. John Adams Jr. High 2002 Presidential Drive Charleston, WV 25314 304-348-6592</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>OK</p> <p>Agree</p> <p>Agree</p> <p>Yes in agreement</p> <p>I see Pros and Cons - mostly Cons</p> <p>Support</p> <p>Although vocational schools supervise students from the participating schools; they do not have responsibilities for game preparation, attendance and crowd control. Responsibility falls on the principal. Therefore, vocational prin. and vice prin. should not be given this privilege.</p> <p>Even though passed 79-22. I did not support this because the vocational administrators do nothing to help with supervision of contest, not involved with booster groups or the budget process. They don't plan, coach or make any constructive impact on athletes - vote no.</p>
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<p>Proposal 2 Continued</p>	<p>Note: Identical Comments From the following; Elkins Middle School 308 Robert E. Lee Avenue Elkins, WV 26241 David Roth Willard Madlor Paul Gowers Jim Purnell Steve Collett Jimmy Triplett Robert Smith</p> <p>Terri Martin, Athletic Coordinator St. Francis School 375 Birch St. Morgantown, WV 26505 304-598-3777</p> <p>WELK Radio 228 Randolph Avenue Elkins, WV 26241 304-636-8800</p> <p>Wheeling Park High Eric Carder 1976 Park View Road Wheeling, WV 26003 304-243-0405</p> <p>Walton Elementary School Rt. 1, Box 1C Walton, WV 25286 304-548-6334</p> <p>Deborah Marsh, Principal Baileysville H. S. Box 497 Brenton, WV 24818</p>	<p>School and staff are totally against this proposal.</p> <p>I believe that cards should be issued to vocational school members.</p> <p>Good Idea</p> <p>Currently schools are struggling financially and these additional complimentary passes will only add to their financial woes.</p> <p>A Vocational School who has students from a local high school is an extension of that school, and that principal should be given the same courtesy as the regular high school principal.</p> <p>C & I cards should NOT be issued to principals and vice-principals of vocational schools for the following reasons: 1. Vocational schools are NOT members of the WVSSAC. 2. Vocational administrators do NOT work the long overtime hours worked by secondary administrators/ athletic directors. They DO NOT supervise athletic events, nor are they accountable in any way to WVSSAC. If we give these administrators C & I cards, we should issue them to EVERY PARENT or TEACHER who is ACTIVELY INVOLVED in the school's athletic program, they are certainly more deserving recipients. 2. Decreased in LOCAL REVENUE. It means nothing to the WVDE or the WVSSAC if gate revenue is decreased at the local level - it is very important to MEMBER SCHOOLS.</p>
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<p>Proposal 3</p>	<p>Lisa Perkins 640 Cross Lanes Dr. #8 Nitro, WV 25143 304-776-9303</p> <p>Toni Withrow 812 Park Ave. Charleston, WV 25302 (304-348-6123)</p> <p>Glen Karlen, Supt. Randolph County Schools 40 11th Street Elkins, WV 26241 304-636-9150</p> <p>Bridgeport Middle School 413 Johnson Ave. Bridgeport, WV 26330 304-842-6251</p> <p>Byron Kinnard, A.D. South Harrison Middle R.R. 1 Box 58-B Lost Creek, WV 26385 304-745-5582</p> <p>Mike Hays, AD Mannington Middle 113 Clarksburg, WV 26582 304-986-1050</p> <p>Roane County High School 702 Charleston Road Spencer, WV 25276 304-927-6420</p> <p>Sherrard Jr. High School Michael Buck, Prin. 1000 Fairmont Pike Wheeling, WV 26003 304-233-3331</p> <p>Note: Identical Comments From the following; Elkins Middle School 308 Robert E. Lee Avenue Elkins, WV 26241 David Roth Willard Madlor Paul Gowers Jim Purnell Steve Collett Jimmy Triplett Robert Smith</p> <p>Kenny Wright, A.D. Ritchie County High 107 School Road</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Agree</p> <p>OK</p> <p>Agree</p> <p>AD's should count towards the 20 years for the courtesy card</p> <p>Yes, we feel this is a special group that should definitely be recognized!</p> <p>Excellent Idea !</p> <p>Support</p> <p>OK</p> <p>A very good rule honoring folks who are very deserving.</p>
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Proposal 3
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Terri Martin, Athletic
Coordinator
St. Francis School
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Is this 20 year experience when belonging to
SSAC? I agree.

It's about time - how about broadcasters with 20
or 25 yrs. experience in athletics.

Same concern as proposal II.

If any coach or athletic director gives 20 years
of their life supporting athletics, they
certainly deserve this as a reward for the many
long hours they sacrificed.

Not unless you include principals and coaches
who had 20 years of coaching/administrative exp.

<p>Proposal 4</p>	<p>Lisa Perkins 640 Cross Lanes Dr. #8 Nitro, WV 25143 304-776-9303</p> <p>Toni Withrow 812 Park Ave. Charleston, WV 25302 (304-348-6123)</p> <p>Glen Karlen, Supt. Randolph County Schools 40 11th Street Elkins, WV 26241 304-636-9150</p> <p>Bridgeport Middle School 413 Johnson Ave. Bridgeport, WV 26330 304-842-6251</p> <p>Roane County High School 702 Charleston Road Spencer, WV 25276 304-927-6420</p> <p>Sherrard Jr. High School Michael Buck, Prin. 1000 Fairmont Pike Wheeling, WV 26003 304-233-3331</p> <p>Note: Identical Comments From the following; Elkins Middle School 308 Robert E. Lee Avenue Elkins, WV 26241 David Roth Willard Madlor Paul Gowers Jim Purnell Steve Collett Jimmy Triplett Robert Smith</p> <p>WELK Radio 228 Randolph Avenue Elkins, WV 26241 304-636-8800</p> <p>Wheeling Park High Eric Carder 1976 Park View Road Wheeling, WV 26003 304-243-0405</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Agree</p> <p>OK</p> <p>Does not pertain to us</p> <p>OK</p> <p>Support</p> <p>OK</p> <p>Fine</p> <p>Agree</p>
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Proposal 4
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Marion County Schools
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I am in favor of the proposal as it simplifies
scheduling and creates fairness.

Yes

<p>Proposal 5</p>	<p>Glen Karlen, Supt. Randolph County Schools 40 11th Street Elkins, WV 26241 304-636-9150</p> <p>Bridgeport Middle School 413 Johnson Ave. Bridgeport, WV 26330 304-842-6251</p> <p>Byron Kinnard, A.D. South Harrison Middle R.R. 1 Box 58-B Lost Creek, WV 26385 304-745-5582</p> <p>Mike Hays, AD Mannington Middle 113 Clarksburg, WV 26582 304-986-1050</p> <p>Roane County High School 702 Charleston Road Spencer, WV 25276 304-927-6420</p> <p>Sherrard Jr. High School Michael Buck, Prin. 1000 Fairmont Pike Wheeling, WV 26003 304-233-3331</p> <p>Note: Identical Comments From the following; Elkins Middle School 308 Robert E. Lee Avenue Elkins, WV 26241 David Roth Willard Madlor Paul Gowers Jim Purnell Steve Collett Jimmy Triplett Robert Smith</p> <p>Terri Martin, Athletic Coordinator St. Francis School 375 Birch St. Morgantown, WV 26505 304-598-3777</p> <p>WELK Radio 228 Randolph Avenue Elkins, WV 26241 304-636-8800</p>	<p>OK</p> <p>Agree</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Does not affect us.</p> <p>Opposed - Present schedule allow the cheering coach and team tryouts to have the whole gym without conflict for the first week of the season.</p> <p>OK</p> <p>I agree with the change for cheering season.</p> <p>Great</p>
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<p>Proposal 5 Continued</p>	<p>Wheeling Park High Eric Carder 1976 Park View Road Wheeling, WV 26003 304-243-0405</p> <p>Walton Elementary School Rt. 1, Box 1C Walton, WV 25286 304-548-6334</p> <p>Nathan Crescenzi, Asst. Supt. Marion County Schools 200 Gaston Avenue Farimont, WV 304-367-2100</p>	<p>Agree</p> <p>This rule is needed to establish consistency of the season or all sports.</p> <p>Yes</p>
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<p>Proposal 6</p>	<p>Glen Karlen, Supt. Randolph County Schools 40 11th Street Elkins, WV 26241 304-636-9150</p> <p>Bridgeport Middle School 413 Johnson Ave. Bridgeport, WV 26330 304-842-6251</p> <p>Roane County High School 702 Charleston Road Spencer, WV 25276 304-927-6420</p> <p>Sherrard Jr. High School Michael Buck, Prin. 1000 Fairmont Pike Wheeling, WV 26003 304-233-3331</p> <p>Clarence Woodworth Winfield Middle School 3280 Winfield Rd. Winfield, WV 25213 304-586-3072</p> <p>Note: Identical Comments From the following; Elkins Middle School 308 Robert E. Lee Avenue Elkins, WV 26241 David Roth Willard Madlor Paul Gowers Jim Purnell Steve Collett Jimmy Triplett Robert Smith</p> <p>Kenny Wright, A.D. Ritchie County High 107 School Road Ellenboro, WV 26346 304-869-3527</p> <p>WELK Radio 228 Randolph Avenue Elkins, WV 26241 304-636-8800</p>	<p>OK</p> <p>Not applicable</p> <p>Does not affect us.</p> <p>Support</p> <p>Against proposal- 1. We have too many Soccer matches as it is. 2. Requires more administrative supervision time.</p> <p>OK</p> <p>Too many contests.</p> <p>OK</p>
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<p>Proposal 6 Continued</p>	<p>Wheeling Park High Eric Carder 1976 Park View Road Wheeling, WV 26003 304-243-0405</p> <p>Walton Elementary School Rt. 1, Box 1C Walton, WV 25286 304-548-6334</p> <p>Nathan Crescenzi, Asst. Supt. Marion County Schools 200 Gaston Avenue Farimont, WV 304-367-2100</p>	<p>Agree</p> <p>This is a good rule as it again simplifies scheduling and fairness.</p> <p>Yes</p>
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<p>Proposal 7</p>	<p>Glen Karlen, Supt. Randolph County Schools 40 11th Street Elkins, WV 26241 304-636-9150</p> <p>Bridgeport Middle School 413 Johnson Ave. Bridgeport, WV 26330 304-842-6251</p> <p>Mike Hays, AD Mannington Middle 113 Clarksburg, WV 26582 304-986-1050</p> <p>Roane County High School 702 Charleston Road Spencer, WV 25276 304-927-6420</p> <p>Sherrard Jr. High School Michael Buck, Prin. 1000 Fairmont Pike Wheeling, WV 26003 304-233-3331</p> <p>Note: Identical Comments From the following; Elkins Middle School 308 Robert E. Lee Avenue Elkins, WV 26241 David Roth Willard Madlor Paul Gowers Jim Purnell Steve Collett Jimmy Triplett Robert Smith</p> <p>WELK Radio 228 Randolph Avenue Elkins, WV 26241 304-636-8800</p> <p>Wheeling Park High Eric Carder 1976 Park View Road Wheeling, WV 26003 304-243-0405</p> <p>Walton Elementary School Rt. 1, Box 1C Walton, WV 25286 304-548-6334</p>	<p>OK</p> <p>DISAGREE !!</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>OK</p> <p>Suport</p> <p>OK</p> <p>makes sense</p> <p>No Opinion</p>
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Proposal 7
Continued

Walton Elementary School
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This rule is necessary to establish rules for
the sport.

<p>Proposal 8</p>	<p>Glen Karlen, Supt. Randolph County Schools 40 11th Street Elkins, WV 26241 304-636-9150</p> <p>Bridgeport Middle School 413 Johnson Ave. Bridgeport, WV 26330 304-842-6251</p> <p>Byron Kinnard, A.D. South Harrison Middle R.R. 1 Box 58-B Lost Creek, WV 26385 304-745-5582</p> <p>Mike Hays, AD Mannington Middle 113 Clarksburg, WV 26582 304-986-1050</p> <p>Roane County High School 702 Charleston Road Spencer, WV 25276 304-927-6420</p> <p>Sherrard Jr. High School Michael Buck, Prin. 1000 Fairmont Pike Wheeling, WV 26003 304-233-3331</p> <p>Note: Identical Comments From the following; Elkins Middle School 308 Robert E. Lee Avenue Elkins, WV 26241 David Roth Willard Madlor Paul Gowers Jim Purnell Steve Collett Jimmy Triplett Robert Smith</p> <p>Kenny Wright, A.D. Ritchie County High 107 School Road Ellenboro, WV 26346 304-869-3527</p> <p>WELK Radio 228 Randolph Avenue Elkins, WV 26241 304-636-8800</p>	<p>OK</p> <p>Not Applicable</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Excellent</p> <p>Support</p> <p>OK</p> <p>Good rule, needed to be done.</p> <p>OK</p>
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<p>Proposal 8 Continued</p>	<p>Wheeling Park High Eric Carder 1976 Park View Road Wheeling, WV 26003 304-243-0405</p> <p>Walton Elementary School Rt. 1, Box 1C Walton, WV 25286 304-548-6334</p> <p>Nathan Crescenzi, Asst. Supt. Marion County Schools 200 Gaston Avenue Farimont, WV 304-367-2100</p>	<p>Agree</p> <p>This rule is especially good to prevent the overlap with basketball.</p> <p>Yes</p>
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<p>Proposal 9</p>	<p>Glen Karlen, Supt. Randolph County Schools 40 11th Street Elkins, WV 26241 304-636-9150</p> <p>Bridgeport Middle School 413 Johnson Ave. Bridgeport, WV 26330 304-842-6251</p> <p>Byron Kinnard, A.D. South Harrison Middle R.R. 1 Box 58-B Lost Creek, WV 26385 304-745-5582</p> <p>Mike Hays, AD Mannington Middle 113 Clarksburg, WV 26582 304-986-1050</p> <p>Roane County High School 702 Charleston Road Spencer, WV 25276 304-927-6420</p> <p>Sherrard Jr. High School Michael Buck, Prin. 1000 Fairmont Pike Wheeling, WV 26003 304-233-3331</p> <p>Note: Identical Comments From the following; Elkins Middle School 308 Robert E. Lee Avenue Elkins, WV 26241 David Roth Willard Madlor Paul Gowers Jim Purnell Steve Collett Jimmy Triplett Robert Smith</p> <p>Kenny Wright, A.D. Ritchie County High 107 School Road Ellenboro, WV 26346 304-869-3527</p> <p>WELK Radio 228 Randolph Avenue Elkins, WV 26241 304-636-880</p>	<p>OK</p> <p>Agree</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Does not affect us.</p> <p>Support</p> <p>OK</p> <p>Good rule.</p> <p>OK</p>
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Proposal 9
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Eric Carder
1976 Park View Road
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Agree

This rule makes sense simply because it makes
the season correspond with high school.

Yes

<p>Proposal 10</p>	<p>Glen Karlen, Supt. Randolph County Schools 40 11th Street Elkins, WV 26241 304-636-9150</p> <p>Bridgeport Middle School 413 Johnson Ave. Bridgeport, WV 26330 304-842-6251</p> <p>Mike Hays, AD Mannington Middle 113 Clarksburg, WV 26582 304-986-1050</p> <p>Roane County High School 702 Charleston Road Spencer, WV 25276 304-927-6420</p> <p>Sherrard Jr. High School Michael Buck, Prin. 1000 Fairmont Pike Wheeling, WV 26003 304-233-3331</p> <p>Note: Identical Comments From the following; Elkins Middle School 308 Robert E. Lee Avenue Elkins, WV 26241 David Roth Willard Madlor Paul Gowers Jim Purnell Steve Collett Jimmy Triplett Robert Smith</p> <p>Our Lady of Fatima 535 Norway Ave. Huntington, WV 25705 304-523-2861</p> <p>Kenny Wright, A.D. Ritchie County High 107 School Road Ellenboro, WV 26346 304-869-3527</p> <p>Terri Martin, Athletic Coordinator St. Francis School 375 Birch St. Morgantown, WV 26505 304-598-3777</p>	<p>OK</p> <p>Not Applicable</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Does not affect us.</p> <p>Opposed - Development of Junior High Band (marching-parade) would suffer</p> <p>OK</p> <p>This is a good proposal, but confused as to how it affects us. We don't have a band but have offered instrumental music to our 6th - 8th grades - would they be eligible for marching band at High School or middle school?</p> <p>Have never understood the difference between band members and athletes. This is another example of the inconsistency. We are not doing that in athletics, why Band?</p> <p>I agree that they should be able to participate.</p>
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<p>Proposal 10 Continued</p>	<p>WELK Radio 228 Randolph Avenue Elkins, WV 26241 304-636-8800</p> <p>Wheeling Park High Eric Carder 1976 Park View Road Wheeling, WV 26003 304-243-0405</p> <p>Walton Elementary School Rt. 1, Box 1C Walton, WV 25286 304-548-6334</p>	<p>good idea</p> <p>Agree</p> <p>This rule is good for the students. It allows them to participate in an activity they would enjoy and build their self esteem. This would also be good for the schools so they could have larger numbers in their band.</p>
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<p>Proposal 11</p>	<p>Glen Karlen, Supt. Randolph County Schools 40 11th Street Elkins, WV 26241 304-636-9150</p> <p>Bridgeport Middle School 413 Johnson Ave. Bridgeport, WV 26330 304-842-6251</p> <p>Mike Hays, AD Mannington Middle 113 Clarksburg, WV 26582 304-986-1050</p> <p>Roane County High School 702 Charleston Road Spencer, WV 25276 304-927-6420</p> <p>Sherrard Jr. High School Michael Buck, Prin. 1000 Fairmont Pike Wheeling, WV 26003 304-233-3331</p> <p>Note: Identical Comments From the following; Elkins Middle School 308 Robert E. Lee Avenue Elkins, WV 26241 David Roth Willard Madlor Paul Gowers Jim Purnell Steve Collett Jimmy Triplett Robert Smith</p> <p>Kenny Wright, A.D. Ritchie County High 107 School Road Ellenboro, WV 26346 304-869-3527</p> <p>Terri Martin, Athletic Coordinator St. Francis School 375 Birch St. Morgantown, WV 26505 304-598-3777</p> <p>WELK Radio 228 Randolph Avenue Elkins, WV 26241 304-636-8800</p>	<p>OK</p> <p>Agree</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Excellent</p> <p>Support</p> <p>OK</p> <p>Whatever will help and by the vote, a unanimous one, it looks as though this to be beneficial.</p> <p>I agree.</p> <p>Yes</p>
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Terri Martin, Athletic Coordinator
St. Francis School
375 Birch St.
Morgantown, WV 26505
304-598-3777

I think schools should be notified ASAP of the changes so we can begin preparing especially Rule #1 (Proposal).

WELK Radio
228 Randolph Avenue
Elkins, WV 26241
304-636-8800

Thanks for asking for outside input. Keep up the good work.

Walton Elementary School
Rt. 1, Box 1C
Walton, WV 25286
304-548-6334

I would just like to thank the SSAC for the opportunity to make proposals and change rules as necessary. I do feel very strongly that in all rule changes that we should always do what is in the best interest of the students and of those who give their time to help students in the game of life.

Deborah Marsh, Principal
Baileysville H. S.
Box 497
Brenton, WV 24818

If the WVDE really supports 'site based management' as it propagandizes, then they should remove themselves from the athletic area. If the WVDE believes athletics are an 'integral' part of the educational process, then they should FUND school athletic programs equally with other 'educational' programs.

TO: JOHN RAY WVDE

FROM: BOB SMITH - ELKINS MIDDLE SCHOOL

RE: ELIGIBILITY OF SIXTH GRADE STUDENTS

DATE: 4-17-00

I am writing this memo in sincere protest of the eligibility of sixth grade students in interscholastic sports in West Virginia.

I have played several sports competitively. I have played football on every level. I have coached several sports on several levels since 1976. I have coached on the interscholastic level for over twenty years in West Virginia and Ohio.

I really appreciate the wisdom shown by the WVSSAC in not allowing sixth graders to play middle school football.

Now, how about suggesting that someone step forward and show the same wisdom concerning their participation in any other sport.

Let's remember that allowing participation will only benefit a very few and only for the time being, if at all.

Allowing sixth grade students to participate will only show that West Virginia doesn't really care about skill development, we want to win and we will do anything it takes to do just that. Even if it means bringing up some "6th Grade Phenom", to help us.

If all we care about is winning, let's drop the 2.0 GPA requirement. How about raising the age limit to twenty (20) instead of 19. Let's allow athletes to play wherever they want to play, but please leave the sixth graders alone.

I am the parent of three athletes, all good enough to play when they were in the sixth grade. I am very fortunate they stayed in the sixth grade and enjoyed their last year in the youth leagues in our town.

Thank you.

Bob Smith

107 S. GATE RD

ELKINS, WV 26024

636-4161 - Home

636-9178 - Fax

rob.smith@neumedia.net

Braxton County Schools

411 N. Hill Road
Sutton, WV 26601

Paul V. Armstrong, Superintendent

(304) 765-7911
Supt. Phone

(304) 765-7152
Supt. Fax

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Policy West Virginia code Title 127, 18-2-25: West Virginia Secondary Schools Activities Commission

Individual/Organization: Paul V. Armstrong, Superintendent, Braxton County Schools

Address: 411 N. Hill Road, Sutton, WV 26601

Telephone: 304-765-7911

Comment Only on Proposal 1:

I am opposed to placing 6th graders on interscholastic teams with 7th and 8th graders. Previous to becoming superintendent of schools, I served as a principal and I also coached 5th and 6th grade boys and girls basketball. Occasionally, I would have the 7th grade students come back to scrimmage some of my 6th graders. My experience is that the majority of 6th graders are truly not ready to compete on a day-to-day basis with the physical maturity of 7th graders. Yes, there is always an exception to the rule but I cannot believe there are sufficient numbers to warrant the movement of these students into that level of competition.

Another concern I have is 'why is this necessary'? Do we have middle schools that have insufficient enrollment to field teams? Our middle school is grades 5-8 with almost 200+ per grade level. With that many students, we field two boys' teams and two girls' teams in basketball. I cannot see the harm in making the 6th graders wait one more year before entering school competition. This allows for more participation and research studies show we need to do all we can to keep students involved in school activities.

In addition, I read this policy to 'allow' participation of 6th graders but I foresee an effort forthcoming to form "sixth grade" teams at a later date. We do not have sufficient facilities to add additional teams, we have a shortage of certified coaches, and our finances are stretched as far as we can stretch them and our communities are "Fund-raised" to death.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposal.

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Secondary School Activities Commission

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changes in the policy.

Individual/Organization: ELKINS MIDDLE SCHOOL / WILLARD MAULDER

Address: 308 ROBERT E LEE AVE.
ELKINS, WV 26241

Telephone: 304-636-9176

COMMENTS

Proposal 1: SCHOOL AND STAFF ARE TOTALLY AGAINST THIS PROPOSAL.

Proposal 2: SCHOOL AND STAFF ARE TOTALLY AGAINST THIS PROPOSAL.

Proposal 3: OK

Proposal 4: OK

Proposal 5: OK

Proposal 6: OK

Proposal 7: *OK*

Proposal 8: *OK*

Proposal 9: *OK*

Proposal 10: *OK*

Proposal 11: *OK*

General Comments:

RETURN BY: May 26, 2000

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Individual/Organization: Elkins Middle School / Paul Gowers

Address: 308 ROBERT E LEE AVE.
ELKINS, WV 26241

Telephone: 304-636-9176

COMMENTS

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Proposal 3: OK

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Individual/Organization: ELKINS MIDDLE SCHOOL / Jim PIERCE

Address: 308 ROBERT E LEE AVE.
ELKINS, WV 26241

Telephone: 304-636-9176

COMMENTS

Proposal 1: SCHOOL AND STAFF ARE TOTALLY AGAINST THIS PROPOSAL.

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Proposal 3: OK

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Individual/Organization: Elkins Middle School / Robert Smith

Address: 308 ROBERT E LEE AVE.
ELKINS, WV 26241

Telephone: 304-636-9176

COMMENTS

Proposal 1: SCHOOL AND STAFF ARE TOTALLY AGAINST THIS PROPOSAL.

Proposal 2: SCHOOL AND STAFF ARE TOTALLY AGAINST THIS PROPOSAL.

Proposal 3: OK

Proposal 4: OK

Proposal 5: OK

Proposal 6: OK

Proposal 7: *OK*

Proposal 8: *OK*

Proposal 9: *OK*

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Individual/Organization: ELKINS MIDDLE SCHOOL / JIMMY TRIPLETT

Address: 308 ROBERT E LEE AVE.
ELKINS, WV 26241

Telephone: 304-636-9176

COMMENTS

Proposal 1: SCHOOL AND STAFF ARE TOTALLY AGAINST THIS PROPOSAL.

Proposal 2: SCHOOL AND STAFF ARE TOTALLY AGAINST THIS PROPOSAL.

Proposal 3: OK

Proposal 4: OK

Proposal 5: OK

Proposal 6: OK

Proposal 7: *OK*

Proposal 8: *OK*

Proposal 9: *OK*

Proposal 10: *OK*

Proposal 11: *OK*

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Individual/Organization: ELKINS MIDDLE SCHOOL / STEVE COLLETT

Address: 308 ROBERT E LEE AVE.
ELKINS, WV 26241

Telephone: 304-636-9176

COMMENTS

Proposal 1: SCHOOL AND STAFF ARE TOTALLY AGAINST THIS PROPOSAL.

Proposal 2: SCHOOL AND STAFF ARE TOTALLY AGAINST THIS PROPOSAL.

Proposal 3: OK

Proposal 4: OK

Proposal 5: OK

Proposal 6: OK

Proposal 7: *OK*

Proposal 8: *OK*

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Proposal 10: *OK*

Proposal 11: *OK*

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Directions: Please use this form to comment on the proposed changes in the policy.

Individual/Organization: Williamson Middle School

Address: 801 Alderson St.
Williamson WV 25661

Telephone: 304 235-~~0000~~ 3430

COMMENTS

Proposal 1: Sixth graders need to be
allowed to participate in middle school sports.
This should include football as well due to the
fact of participation as a school wide program

Proposal 2:

Proposal 3:

Proposal 4:

Proposal 5:

Proposal 6:

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Directions: Please use this form to comment on the proposed changes in the policy.

Individual/Organization: Our Lady of Fatima

Address: 535 Norway Ave
Huntington, WV 25705

Telephone: 304-523-2861

COMMENTS

Proposal 1:

This is a good proposal - we are for it. It's
about time sixth grade isn't left out.

Proposal 2:

Proposal 3:

Proposal 4:

Proposal 5:

Proposal 6:

John Ray

From: J.D. Holbrook [jdholbro@access.k12.wv.us]
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2000 3:07 PM
To: jbray@access.k12.wv.us
Subject: WVSSAC

John,

I am in support of the WVSSAC proposal to allow sixth graders participate in interscholastic activities, except for football. I appreciate your support in this issue. Thanks!

J.D. Holbrook
Glade Elementary School
Webster County



CHEAT LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL



Route 7, Box 153 Morgantown, West Virginia 26505

Kenneth P. Wolfe
PRINCIPAL

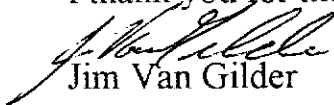
James VanGilder
ASST. PRINCIPAL

*Done
x-14-00*

I am writing this letter in response to your request for **input** on the adoption of the sixth grade into the SSAC. I am very opposed for the following reasons:

1. It could mean longer practice schedules
2. Lack of facilities for more teams
3. The assumption that sixth graders can compete with eight graders is absolutely incorrect just as seventh graders can not compete with ninth graders.
4. In one breadth we talk of inclusion of sixth graders and in the next breadth we talk of excluding them from football. In my opinion we include all or we exclude all.
5. More salaries for more coaches a burden on county BOEs
6. Trying to find more coaches which is a problem at present will be even harder with an addition of another team.

I thank you for the opportunity for input.


Jim Van Gilder

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changes in the policy.

Individual/Organization: Elkins Middle School / David Roth

Address: 308 ROBERT E LEE AVE.
ELKINS, WV 26241

Telephone: 304-636-9176

COMMENTS

Proposal 1: SCHOOL AND STAFF ARE TOTALLY AGAINST THIS PROPOSAL.

Proposal 2: SCHOOL AND STAFF ARE TOTALLY AGAINST THIS PROPOSAL.

Proposal 3: OK

Proposal 4: OK

Proposal 5: OK

Proposal 6: OK

Proposal 7: *OK*

Proposal 8: *OK*

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Proposal 10: *OK*

Proposal 11: *OK*

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changes in the policy.

Individual/Organization: Gary L. Price, Principal / Barrackville School

Address: P.O. Box 150
Barrackville, WV 26559

Telephone: 304-367-2128

COMMENTS

Proposal 1:

I strongly support allowing sixth grade students to participate on the middle
school athletic teams with the exception of football as noted in the proposal.

At Barrackville School, this would offer sixth grade students the option of two new
sports by participating in cross country in the Fall and track in the Spring. These
sports are currently not available to these students until seventh grade. Presently

sixth grade students who want to participate in athletics must choose either
Proposal 2: soccer or Pop Warner football in the Fall or Little League baseball
in the Spring.

Proposal 3:

Proposal 4:

Proposal 5:

Proposal 6:

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Directions: Please use this form to comment on the proposed
changes in the policy.

Individual/Organization: Thomas D. Kidd, Principal

Address: John Adams High School
12002 Presidential Drive, Charleston, WV 25314

Telephone: 304 348-6592

COMMENTS

Proposal 1:

Proposal 2:

① This would be great for middle schools to allow an additional
3 of the student population to participate in the school. This
would not increase teams and allow professional supervision
of students. This has become a parent, staff and student
expectation that is acceptable in the learning process.
Support!!

Proposal 3:

② Even though passed 79-22. I did not support this because
the vocational administrators do nothing to help with
supervision of content, not involved with booster
groups or the budget process. They don't plan, coach
or make any constructive impact on athletics - veto no

Proposal 4:

Proposal 5:

Proposal 6:

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Directions: Please use this form to comment on the proposed
changes in the policy.

Individual/Organization: Mike Hays A.D. Mannington Middle School

Address: 113 CLARKSBURG ST.
MANNINGTON, WV 26552

Telephone: 304-986-1050 - mahays @ access k12.wv.us

COMMENTS

Proposal 1:

We ARE VERY MUCH in favor of this proposal despite
the added expense. We have felt ever since the inception of
the "middle school" concept that these younger athletes have
been ignored AND this is certainly A STEP to correct this.

Proposal 2:

Yes in agreement

Proposal 3:

Yes, we feel this is a special group that should
definitely be recognized!

Proposal 4:

No comment

Proposal 5:

Yes

Proposal 6:

No comment

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Directions: Please use this form to comment on the proposed
changes in the policy.

Individual/Organization: John M. Hudson, Principal Sherman Jr. High

Address: PO Box AA
Leth, WV 25181

Telephone: 304-837-3694

COMMENTS

Proposal 1: Agree
Excellent - long overdue. Fifth graders can compete with
and against eighth graders as can seventh graders compete
with ninth graders. Excluding football is in the best interest
of students, however.

Proposal 2:

Although vocational schools supervise students from the participating
schools; they do not have responsibility for game preparation,
attendance and crowd control. Responsibility falls on the principal.
Therefore, only vocational prin. & vice prin. should not be given
this privilege!

Proposal 3:

Proposal 4:

Proposal 5:

Proposal 6:

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Directions: Please use this form to comment on the proposed changes in the policy.

Individual/Organization: CLARENCE WOODWORTH - WINFIELD MIDDLE SCH

Address: 3280 WINFIELD ROAD
WINFIELD, WVA 25213

Telephone: 586 - 3072

COMMENTS

Proposal 1:
AGAINST PROPOSAL FOR FOLLOWING REASONS: 1. COACHES I TALKED TO SAID KIDS WOULD GET MORE PLAYING TIME ON MIDGET LEAGUE.
2. KIDS NOT PHYSICALLY, ~~MENTALLY~~ EMOTIONALLY READY
3. WOULD JUST PLAY ON TV, SO WHAT IS THE POINT -
4. TO MAKE MEANINGFUL WOULD TO ESTABLISH A 6TH GRADE TEAM WHICH WOULD REQUIRE ANOTHER COACH - CAN'T HARDLY GET

Proposal 2: COACHES NOW -

Proposal 3:

Proposal 4:

Proposal 5:

Proposal 6:
AGAINST PROPOSAL — ① WE HAVE TOO MANY SOCCER MATCHES AS IT IS.

② REQUIRES MORE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPERVISION TIME.

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Policy West Virginia Code Title 127, § 18-2-25: West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission

Directions: Please use this form to comment on the proposed changes in the policy.

Individual/Organization: Greta Keighty / Girls' Tennis / Stonewall

Address: 812 Park Avenue
Charleston, WV 25302

Telephone: 348-6123 (school number)

COMMENTS

Proposal 1: I am in favor of sixth graders participating in sports. The middle level child has a need at this age to belong. If seventh and eighth graders are allowed to play sports, then so should the sixth level. Most students are already involved in community sports anyway, if so inclined. Please allow all sixth graders to have the same privilege.

Proposal 3:

Proposal 4:

Proposal 5:

Proposal 6:

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Directions: Please use this form to comment on the proposed
changes in the policy.

Individual/Organization: Patricia S White / Stonewall Jackson Jr

Address: 812 Park Ave
Chas WV 25302

Telephone: 348-6123

COMMENTS

Proposal 1:

I support this proposal for several reasons. First,
the students are already competing in recreational or
instructional leagues. Secondly, a primary goal of middle
school philosophy is inclusion of all students. Third, to
deny these students the right to participate is somewhat
discriminatory.

Proposal 2:

Proposal 3:

Proposal 4:

Proposal 5:

Proposal 6:

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Directions: Please use this form to comment on the proposed
changes in the policy.

Individual/Organization: Lisa Perkins (Assistant Girls Basketball Coach - Stonewall)
Address: 640 Cross Keys Dr #8
Marshall WV 25743
Telephone: 307 (776-9303)

COMMENTS

Proposal 1:
Yes - 70

Proposal 2:
Yes - 79

Proposal 3:
Yes - 93

Proposal 4:
Yes 76

Proposal 5:

Proposal 6:

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Directions: Please use this form to comment on the proposed
changes in the policy.

Individual/Organization: Volleyball TONI WITHROW

Address: 812 Park Avenue
Char. W. 25302

Telephone: 348-6173

COMMENTS

Proposal 1:
All 6th Graders should be allowed to participate
in "ALL" sports.

Proposal 2:
OK

Proposal 3:
Agree

Proposal 4:
Agree

Proposal 5:

Proposal 6:

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Individual/Organization: Glen Harlem, Superintendent Randolph co.

Address: 40 11th Street
EIKINS, WV 26241

Telephone: (304) 636-9150

COMMENTS

Proposal 1:

I oppose this proposal - sixth grade
students need to mature before they start competition.
at a school level

Proposal 2:

Agree

Proposal 3:

OK

Proposal 4:

OK

Proposal 5:

OK

Proposal 6:

OK

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changes in the policy.

Individual/Organization: Bridgeport Middle School

Address: 413 Johnson Ave
Bridgeport WV 26330

Telephone: 304-842-6251

COMMENTS

Proposal 1: DISAGREE!

Proposal 2: Agree

Proposal 3: Agree

Proposal 4: Does not pertain to MS.

Proposal 5: Agree

Proposal 6: Not applicable

PUBLIC RESPONSE

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Secondary School Activities Commission

Directions: Please use this form to comment on the proposed
changes in the policy.

Individual/Organization: Wellsburg Middle

Address: 1447 Main St. Wellsburg, W. Va. 26070

Telephone: 304-737-3922

COMMENTS

Proposal 1: Cannot handle additional
students at this grade level. This
proposal would cause less participation
in our school. Not needed.

Proposal 2:

Proposal 3:

Proposal 4:

Proposal 5:

Proposal 6:

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Directions: Please use this form to comment on the proposed
changes in the policy.

Individual/Organization: Braxton County Middle School

Address: 100 Carter Braxton Dr.
Sutton, WV 26601

Telephone: 304-765-2644

COMMENTS

Proposal 1:

Do not agree with this proposal. Due to the fact
that all 7th graders are grade (20) eligible, I find
it difficult to believe schools cannot field teams due
to a lack of participants. Also, even though basketball
is not considered a contact sport... it is a contact
sport. Majority of normal physical growth and development
Proposal 2: does not justify a 6th grader competing w/
an 8th grader. For instance, a 70lb 6th grader
being taught to face up and "take" a charge
from a 170lb 8th grader could be disasterous.

Proposal 3:

Proposal 4:

Proposal 5:

Proposal 6:

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Directions: Please use this form to comment on the proposed
changes in the policy.

Individual/Organization: Gore Middle School / Ed Prost / Principal

Address: Rt 3 Box 43-B

Telephone: 624-3260

COMMENTS

Proposal 1: John, I am in favor of the proposal
to allow sixth grade students to participate in interscholastic
sports except football

Proposal 2:

Proposal 3:

Proposal 4:

Proposal 5:

Proposal 6:

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Directions: Please use this form to comment on the proposed changes in the policy.

Individual/Organization: Byron Kinard A.O. South Harrison Middle

Address: R.R. 1 Box 58B
Lost Creek, WV 26385

Telephone: 304-745-5582

COMMENTS

Proposal 1:

would like to see 6th graders play middle school football
We are a small school. There are 6th graders students that
are to big to play for wvwaer football. Good coaches would make sure
those students would be protected

Proposal 2:

Proposal 3:

AD's should count towards the 20 years for the Courtesy card.

Proposal 4:

Proposal 5:

Yes

Proposal 6:

PUBLIC RESPONSE
1999-2000

Per
4-17-00

Policy West Virginia Code Title 127, § 18-2-25: West Virginia
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Directions: Please use this form to comment on the proposed
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Individual/Organization: MIKE HAYS A.D. MANNINGTON Middle School

Address: 113 CLARKSBURG ST.
MANNINGTON, WV 26152

Telephone: 304-986-1050 - mahays @ access.k12.wv.us

COMMENTS

Proposal 1:

We ARE VERY MUCH in favor of this proposal despite
the added expense. We have felt ever since the inception of
the "middle school" concept that these younger athletes have
been ignored AND this is certainly A step to correct this.

Proposal 2:

Yes in agreement

Proposal 3:

Yes, we feel this is a special group that should
definitely be recognized!

Proposal 4:

No comment

Proposal 5:

yes

Proposal 6:

No comment

PUBLIC RESPONSE
1999-2000

Rec.
4-17-00

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Individual/Organization: Roane Co. High School
Address: 702 Charleston Road
Spencer, WV 25276
Telephone: 304-927-6420

COMMENTS

Proposal 1:

Good Idea - Agree

Proposal 2:

I see Pros & Cons - mostly
Cons.

Proposal 3:

Excellent Idea!

Proposal 4:

OK

Proposal 5:

Does not affect us.

Proposal 6:

Does not affect us

PUBLIC RESPONSE
1999-2000

Per
A-17-a

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Individual/Organization: SHEPPARD JR. HIGH SCHOOL
MICHAEL B. BURK, PRINCIPAL
Address: 1000 FAIRMONT PIKE
WHEELING, WV 26003
Telephone: 304-233-3331

COMMENTS

Proposal 1: OPPOSED - ENCLOSED AND EMAIL SENT TO
JOHN RAY

Proposal 2: SUPPORT

Proposal 3: SUPPORT

Proposal 4: SUPPORT

Proposal 5: OPPOSED - PRESENT SCHEDULE ALLOW THE
CHEERING COACH AND TEAM TRYOUTS TO HAVE THE WHOLE
GYM WITHOUT CONFLICT FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF THE SEASON.

Proposal 6: SUPPORT

Michael B. Burk

From: Michael B. Burk <mburk@access.k12.wv.us>
To: wvssac@wvssac.org
Subject: Fw: 6th graders in WVSSAC
Date: Tuesday, April 11, 2000 12:57 PM

Please give to Jerry Trembush

From: Michael B. Burk <mburk@access.k12.wv.us>
To: jbray@access.k12.wv.us
Subject: 6th graders in WVSSAC
Date: Tuesday, April 11, 2000 12:45 PM

John,

I hope that you remember me from the Logan Co. On-site we worked together from South Charleston. I also hope that you will remember my dedication to the philosophy of Middle Level/Junior High education.

I was in attendance at the Board of Control meeting of the WVSSAC in Pipestem the first of this month. I was present at the conversation on the Proposal 2 that asked for a vote on 6th graders being regulated by WVSSAC rules. I spoke in opposition to the proposal then and repeat it to you while this proposal is on public comment.

From my research on Middle Level Education, attendance to state and national Middle Level conferences, and instruction from those I consider experts, my position remains one that advocates 5-6 graders should not participate in activities regulated by formal supervision of the WVSSAC.

The 7th and 8th graders should not also, but they were involved before the data on middle schools was available. The vote at the Board of Controls indicated support (70-25) but consider that most of the voters were Senior High administrators what are not affected.

Please check with Dr. Ron Chillerss and Dr. Mike Cunningham at the WV Graduate Studies program and Charles Cotrill, Principal at South Middle School in Morgantown for supportive advice. These gentlemen were strong advocates of the middle school philosophy as I was earning my certified endorsement in Middle Level Education. They should advocate that socially, emotionally, physically, and educationally the 5-6th graders would be better served with an intramural program that allows unlimited participation without sanctions from the WVSSAC.

Please understand that I strongly support the principles of the WVSSAC and have for over 20 years! I also have been around long enough to see school systems be confounded by the involvement of the 7-8th graders in the structure of the organization that was the result of public pressure to force their kids to grow up too soon. Now the WVSSAC is the bad guy on matters of eligibility and participation that leads to social and emotional distress on this age group. Let the community organizations continue to provide unlimited activities for this age group.

After all, the State Board voted this proposal down last time and I hope they do it again for the sake of all the potential athletes that would be denied an opportunity to develop in a restricted school program. If the school has a program for them, all the local sandlot teams would disappear denying greater participation plus it would establish the WVSSAC again as the bad guy denying participation.

Michael B. Burk (Mick)

Principal

Sherrard Junior High School

1000 Fairmont Pike

Wheeling, WV 26003

Rec
4-17-00

PUBLIC RESPONSE

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Directions: Please use this form to comment on the proposed
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Individual/Organization: OHIO COUNTY SCHOOLS

Address: 2203 NATIONAL ROAD
WHEELING WV 26003

Telephone: 1-304-243-0300

COMMENTS

Proposal 1:

THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL SIXTH GRADE CHILDREN
SHOULD BE ACADEMICS AND THE APPROPRIATE STUDY HABITS TO ACHIEVE
MAXIMUM SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE. APPROPRIATE HEALTH AND PHYSICAL
EDUCATION ACTIVITIES TO INCLUDE INTRAMURALS SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO
MEET THEIR PARTICIPATORY APPETITES.

Proposal 2:

NO COMMENT

Proposal 3:

NO COMMENT

Proposal 4:

NO COMMENT

Proposal 5:

NO COMMENT

Proposal 6:

NO COMMENT



Hurricane Middle School

April 12, 2000

Rec. 4-14-00

E. Allen Messinger, Principal
Richard Grim, Assistant Principal
Lexie Damous, Assistant Principal
Barbara Haynes, Counselor
Patricia Barber, Counselor
Diana Sutherland, Secretary
Carol Thornton, Secretary
Jane Koenig, Secretary

Mr. John Ray, Coordinator
West Virginia Department of Education
Building 6, Room 309
1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East
Charleston, WV 25305-0330

Dear John:

I received a copy of the proposal for changes being recommend by the WVSSAC.

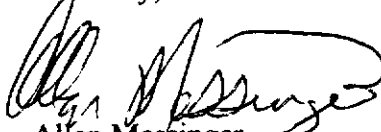
I would like to let you and the state board know that I am opposed to Proposal One concerning sixth grade student participating in school athletics. Sixth grade students are not developmentally ready to participate against students in the seventh and eighth grade. Sixth grade students have a difficult time just adjusting to life in a middle school setting, let alone having to balance academics with sports.

This will also make a financial hardship on the schools. For a lot of us it would probably mean creating new teams at the sixth grade level. We do not have the money to begin buying new uniforms and equipment. We do not have the facilities for practice to take place. With the addition of soccer our outside facilities are at a maximum usage. We only have one gym and trying to schedule the use for boys and girls at the seventh and eighth grade levels and trying to get in the games scheduled is very difficult to do.

John, you have been at the middle school level and know what is right for this age group. I hope you will make your voice known concerning this matter and that the State Board of Education votes this proposal down.

I have been a middle school administrator for twenty years and feel that I do understand the needs of this age group and sixth grade students are not ready for inter-scholastic competition.

Sincerely,


Allen Messinger

Rec.
4-17-00

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Individual/Organization: Larry Gillespie / Clay Middle

Address: Box 489 Clay, WV 25043

Telephone: (304) 587-2343 / 2759

COMMENTS

Proposal 1: See attached form

Proposal 2:

Proposal 3:

Proposal 4:

Proposal 5:

Proposal 6:

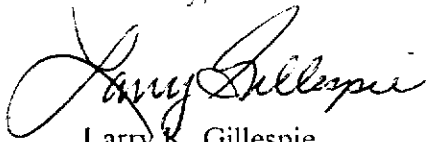
Comment Proposal One (127-2-3)

I adamantly voice my support for Proposal One because I believe it is in the best interest of children. Some of the benefits include:

1. In the middle school setting sixth graders are left out of interscholastic athletics and often feel like they are not a part of the school culture and they do not belong.
2. In rural communities the schools and churches are the primary avenue for socialization and/or athletic competition. Yet currently we ostracize one third of our student body by not allowing them to participate in athletics.
3. If sixth graders have access to recreational leagues, they do not have the protection afforded to their upperclassmen by the SSAC. More specifically, sixth graders do not have:
 - A. Catastrophic insurance coverage;
 - B. Trained coaches and athletic trainers;
 - C. Practice requirements prior to their first game;
 - D. Required physicals;
 - E. Limitations regarding the number of games/quarters they may participate in (i.e. students might play in five or more basketball games in two days);
 - F. Limitations regarding the length of the season;
 - G. Certified officials at all games and;
 - H. The other regulations designed for the safety of the students participants.
4. Recent changes in school demographics make adoption of Proposal One even more imperative. In the 1990-1991 school year West Virginia had only 57 middle schools and 83 junior highs. Whereas, we currently have 97 middle schools and only 33 junior highs. I feel the WVSSAC must extend its umbrella of protection to include these middle schools with sixth graders. Further, this change might encourage more middle schools to become members of the WVSSAC.

Thank you in advance for any consideration you give to Proposal One.

Sincerely,



Larry R. Gillespie
Principal
Clay County Middle School

PUBLIC RESPONSE

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Individual/Organization: Kerry Wright, A.D. Ritchie Co High

Address: 107 School Road
Ellersboro, WV 26346

Telephone: 304-869-3527

COMMENTS

Proposal 1: Right now, for instance, we have a
7th grade and an 8th grade basketball team
Does this mean that now we will have three
teams in both boys and girls basketball? 6th,
7th and 8th grades, three different teams?

Proposal 2:
No comment

Proposal 3: A very good rule honoring folks who
are very deserving.

Proposal 4:
No Comment

Proposal 5:

Proposal 6: Too many contests.

PUBLIC RESPONSE

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changes in the policy.

Individual/Organization: Terri Martin - athletic coordinator - St. Francis School

Address: 375 Birch St
Martinsburg WV 26105

Telephone: 304-598-3777

COMMENTS

Proposal 1:

I think the 6th graders should be allowed to participate in
all middle school sports except for football.

Proposal 2:

I believe that cards should be issued to vocational
school members.

Proposal 3:

Is this 20 year experience when belonging to SSAC?

I agree.

Proposal 4:

N/A

Proposal 5:

I agree w/ the change for cheering session

Proposal 6:

N/A

SUNCREST MIDDLE SCHOOL

**360 Baldwin St.
Morgantown, West Virginia 26505**

William R. Ryan, Principal

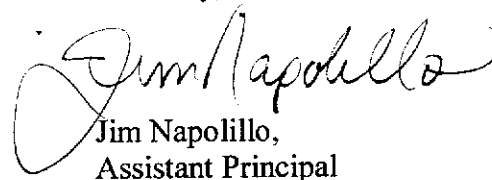
Jim Napolillo, Asst. Principal

April 13, 2000

Dear Mr. Ray,

I am writing this letter in support of sixth grade participating in sports especially if they are a part of the Middle School. Being an Assistant Principal in two Middle Schools in Monongalia County, I feel this issue is very important and should be considered especially since it has already passed the SSAC. Trying to mold the sixth through eight graders together to make an all around middle school is hard especially when you tell the sixth graders and their parents you can't play sports due to State regulations. Again, I'm expressing my total support and would like to see this bill passed so that our sixth graders in the school year 2000-2001 can play.

Sincerely,



Jim Napolillo,
Assistant Principal

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Individual/Organization: Leon Pilevish, Principal
Robert C. Byrd HS

Address: One Eagle Way
Clarksburg, WV 26301

Telephone: (304) 623-2453 X401

COMMENTS

Proposal 1:

Let's quit switching to middle school configuration if we are not going to follow the principles upon which middle schools were created. Let's just go back to the junior high concept. 5th graders are not physically, emotionally developed as 8th graders. 5th graders can participate in community sports - some of those community athletics are better organized, structured, & supervised than some middle school programs. Transition from elementary to middle is hard enough for 6th graders & immersion in school athletic programs may be detrimental. Also, more coaches would have to be added for all these students. Denying 6th grade participation is not discriminatory just as cutting sizes of teams to a manageable number is not discriminatory.

Proposal 3:

Proposal 4:

Proposal 5:

Proposal 6:

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Individual/Organization: Leith Hartman

Address: 1530 Alpha Road
Charleston, W.Va. 25304

Telephone: 304-925-4403

COMMENTS

Proposal 1:

① At Horace Mann there is not a defined intramural program in the middle school at this time. ② Provides students with a well organized, structured environment to create and teach the importance of a healthy mind and body. ③ Six graders are part of the middle school so lets not discriminate these children from participating in good competitive supervised activity.

Proposal 2:

Proposal 3:

Proposal 4:

Proposal 5:

Proposal 6:

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Individual/Organization: William R. Ryan

Address: 360 Baldwin St.
Morgantown, WV 26505

Telephone: 291-9335

COMMENTS

Proposal 1:

I am definitely opposed to this proposal. The situation created by permitting
sixth graders to participate in interscholastic athletics is in direct conflict
with the middle school philosophy of participate vs competition. In 23 years
as Jr. High Prinicipal, I have never seen a seventh grader play on our ninth
grade varsity.

Proposal 2:

William R. Ryan
Principal
Sanger Middle

Proposal 3:

Proposal 4:

Proposal 5:

Proposal 6:

RJHS

RICHWOOD JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

2 VALLEY AVENUE

RICHWOOD, WV 26261

Phone: 304-846-2638

Fax No.: 304-846-2639

*C.C. Lester
Principal*

*F.R. Amick
Ass't Principal*

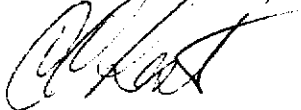
*Barbara Taylor
Counselor*

Comment Proposal One (127-2-3)

I strongly voice my support for Proposal One because I believe it is in the best interest for the children in the middle school. Richwood Junior High School is currently planning the transition to the middle school concept by the school term 2001-2002. I feel that Proposal One would benefit middle school athletic participants especially since 6th graders are left out of interscholastic athletics. Sixth grade student are not required to have physicals, catastrophic insurance, trained coaches, or certified officials at their games. Therefore, I believe that Proposal One would be in the best interest of all student participating in athletics.

I sincerely appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Yours in education,



C. C. Lester
Principal

CCL:jfs

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Individual/Organization: WELK Radio

Address: 228 Randolph Ave
Elkins, WV 26241

Telephone: 304-636-8745 (H) BUSINESS (304) 636-8800

COMMENTS

Proposal 1:

I think we keep pushing our kids to grow up too soon.
6th graders can compete in YMCA/Community leagues where
everybody gets to play. I had 4 sons + daughters that competed
in Middle School sports. Waiting until the 7th grade didn't hurt them,
although 3 of the 4 could have competed earlier.

Proposal 2:

good idea

Proposal 3:

its about time - how about broadcasters with 20 or 25 yrs
experience in athletics

Proposal 4:

fine

Proposal 5:

great

Proposal 6:

OK

PUBLIC RESPONSE

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changes in the policy.

Individual/Organization: Eric Carder, Wheeling Park High School

Address: 1976 Park View Road
Wheeling, WV 26003

Telephone: (304) 243-0405

COMMENTS

Proposal 1:

I feel this program will provide a more structured program with sponsors who
have expertise in coaching and provide a more controlled atmosphere in which
these young people can compete.

Proposal 2:

Currently schools are struggling financially and these additional complimentary
passes will only add to their financial woes.

Proposal 3:

Same concern as proposal II.

Proposal 4:

Agree

Proposal 5:

Agree

Proposal 6:

Agree

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Individual/Organization: Dana F. CALES, Principal
Address: Barboursville Middle School
1400 Central Ave.
Barboursville, WV 25504
Telephone: (304) 733-3003

COMMENTS

Proposal 1:

I don't feel 6th graders should be allowed to participate.
It's a big adjustment to middle school without
throwing in athletics. Besides our community has
little leagues organized that they can participate
in.

Proposal 2:

I don't have any comment on
proposal 2-8

Proposal 3:

Proposal 4:

Proposal 5:

Proposal 6:

PUBLIC RESPONSE

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Directions: Please use this form to comment on the proposed
changes in the policy.

Individual/Organization: Christine N. Carder, Principal Triadelphia
Middle School
Address: 1636 National Road, Wheeling, WV 26003

Telephone: 304-243-0387

COMMENTS

Proposal 1:

As principal of a 500+ student middle school I am not in favor of
this proposal. If sixth graders are permitted to participate in
all teams except football it will require either more teams to be
developed to encourage more participation or there will be a very
limited amount of sixth graders participating on 7th grade teams.
At the middle school level we encourage participation, but I sincerely
~~Proposal 2~~: feel that this will discourage student participation especiall
in smaller sports such as Basketball where there is limited #'s of
positions available. I would strongly urge the State Board of
Education to not pass this proposal.

Proposal 3:

Proposal 4:

Proposal 5:

Proposal 6:

**Public Response
1999-2000**

**Policy West Virginia Code Title 127, & 18-2-25: West Virginia
Secondary School activities Commission**

**Directions: Please use this form to comment on the proposed
changes in the policy.**

Individual/Organization Walton Elementary/Middle School
Address: School Drive, Rt. 1, Box 1C, Walton, WV 25286

Telephone: 304-548-6334

COMMENTS

Proposal 1:

Sixth grade students should be allowed to participate in all middle school interscholastic sports for the following reasons:

1. With the creation of the large number of middle schools in our state, we need to allow 6th graders to participate in order to develop a sense of belonging and instill school pride. As of now 6th graders feel alienated from the school since they can't participate in athletic activities. A basic human need is the need to belong, and as of now, 6th graders are not having this need fulfilled.

2. Sixth grade students want to participate in athletics, or at least be given the opportunity to try out. I recently informed our 6th graders of this possibility, and I was overwhelmed with the positive response. You could just see the excitement in their eyes. It really is a shame to deny them this opportunity. This is especially true for schools in rural areas where there are few activities for students to enjoy.

3. Allowing sixth grade students to participate is a great investment in their lives. Student greatly benefit physically, emotionally, and socially from being involved in athletics. Money should never be a factor in this decision. The greatest drug prevention program we can do is to get kids involved in activities they enjoy. Athletics develops pride, discipline, and character. Sixth graders need to develop these early.

4. Sixth grade students have the ability to participate in sports. They can compete in volleyball, basketball, wrestling, track, and cheerleading. There is no difference in a 6th grader competing with an 8th grader than a 7th grader competing with a 9th grader, which is what we allowed with a 7-9 configuration.

5. Sixth graders are already competing in outside leagues where available. Many of these are disorganized and disregard the physical and emotional needs of kids. It would be much better to get them in an organized school program where they can be governed by SSAC rules and regulations.

Proposal 2:

A Vocational School who has students from a local high school is an extension of that school and that principal should be given the same courtesy as the regular high school principal.

Proposal 3:

If any coach or athletic director gives 20 years of their life supporting athletics, they certainly deserve this as a reward for the many long hours they sacrificed.

Proposal 4:

I am in favor of the proposal as it simplifies scheduling and creates fairness.

Proposal 5:

This rule is needed to establish consistency of the season or all sports.

Proposal 6:

This is a good rule as it again simplifies scheduling and creates fairness.

Proposal 7:

This rule is necessary to establish rules for the sport.

Proposal 8:

This rule is especially good to prevent the overlap with basketball.

Proposal 9:

This rule makes sense simply because it makes the season correspond with high school.

Proposal 10:

This rule is good for the students. It allows them to participate in an activity they would enjoy and build their self esteem. This would also be good for the schools so they could have larger numbers in their band.

Proposal 11:

This is a good proposal in that it establishes consistent procedures.

General Comments:

I would just like to thank the SSAC for the opportunity to make proposals and change rules as necessary. I do feel very strongly that in all rule changes that we should always do what is in the best interest of the students and of those who give their time to help students in the game of life.

LOGAN MIDDLE SCHOOL

Ernestine Sutherland
Principal
14 Wildcat Way
Logan, WV 25601

Telephone: (304) 752-1804 Fax: (304) 752-0207

May 15, 2000

Mr. John Ray
WV State Department of Education
Building 6, Room 309
1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East
Charleston, WV 25305-0330

Dear Mr. Ray:

We encourage you and others to **disapprove** the SSAC proposal that states:

Proposal # 1

Amend 127-2-3 Enrollment and Team Membership

3.4 *Students enrolled in the following grades in member schools will be eligible for junior high/middle school participation:*

Middle School

6, 7, 8 (3-year or 4-year school)

Sixth grade students will be eligible to participate in all middle school interscholastic sport teams except football.

As a large middle school, it would be very difficult to support a sports program that includes 6th graders. The maturity level of a 6th grader is inadequate to compete with 7th and 8th graders. It would require that we hire additional coaches, arrange numerous schedules, and purchase more uniforms. We cannot afford the additional expense or the required gym time for practice and games. Since we already have two coaches for the boys' 7th and 8th grade basketball teams and two coaches for the girls' teams, our gym is continually in use. It is very difficult to schedule boys' and girls' athletic events. Additional teams would require late night games and practices that would result in absenteeism and poor grades for the students.

We feel Logan County and the State has a very strong Buddy League, Little League, and Midget Football program and that the students are not denied an opportunity to play sports. We would appreciate your support in voting this proposal down.

Sincerely,



Johnny Queen
Vice Principal

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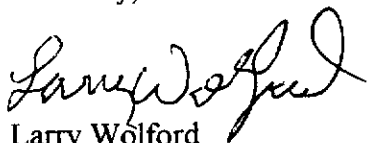
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Sincerely,



Larry Wolford
Teacher

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Jack E. Bailey
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Dear Mr. Ray:

We encourage you and others to **disapprove** the SSAC proposal that states:

Proposal # 1

Amend 127-2-3 Enrollment and Team Membership

3.4 *Students enrolled in the following grades in member schools will be eligible for junior high/middle school participation:*

Middle School

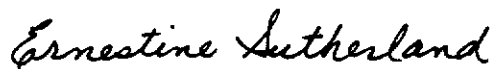
6, 7, 8 (3-year or 4-year school)

Sixth grade students will be eligible to participate in all middle school interscholastic sport teams except football.

As a large middle school, it would be very difficult to support a sports program that includes 6th graders. The maturity level of a 6th grader is inadequate to compete with 7th and 8th graders. It would require that we hire additional coaches, arrange numerous schedules, and purchase more uniforms. We cannot afford the additional expense or the required gym time for practice and games. Since we already have two coaches for the boys' 7th and 8th grade basketball teams and two coaches for the girls' teams, our gym is continually in use. It is very difficult to schedule boys' and girls' athletic events. Additional teams would require late night games and practices that would result in absenteeism and poor grades for the students.

We feel Logan County and the State has a very strong Buddy League, Little League, and Midget Football program and that the students are not denied an opportunity to play sports. We would appreciate your support in voting this proposal down.

Sincerely,



Ernestine Sutherland
Principal

Public Response

1999-2000

Policy West Virginia Code Title 127, 18-2-15: West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission

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Proposal 2 - (Allows the WVSSAC to issue Complimentary Courtesy and Identification Card to the principal and vice - principal of vocational school which instruct member school students.

Comments:

C & I cards should NOT be issued to principals and vice-principals of vocational schools for the following reasons:

1. Vocational schools are NOT members of the WVSSAC.
2. Vocational administrators do NOT work the long overtime hours worked by secondary administrators / athletic directors. They DO NOT supervise any athletic events, nor are they accountable in any way to WVSSAC. If we give these administrators C& I cards, we should issue them to EVERY PARENT or TEACHER who is ACTIVELY INVOLVED in the school's athletic program, they are certainly more deserving recipients.
2. Decrease in LOCAL REVENUE. It means nothing to the WVDE or the WVSSAC if gate revenue is decreased at the local level - it is very important to MEMBER SCHOOLS.

Additional Comment:

If the WVDE really supports 'site based management' as it propagandizes, then they should remove themselves from the athletic area. If the WVDE believes athletics are an 'integral' part of the educational process, then they should FUND school athletic programs equally with other 'educational' programs.

Rec'd
5-23-00

PUBLIC RESPONSE

1999-2000

Policy West Virginia Code Title 127, § 18-2-25: West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission

Directions: Please use this form to comment on the proposed changes in the policy.

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COMMENTS

Proposal 1:

OPPOSED - NORTH CENTRAL WV HAS PROGRAMS FOR
BASICALLY ALL GRADE LEVELS. THE SIXTH GRADE STUDENTS
NEED TO PARTICIPATE AGAINST SIXTH GRADERS NOT OLDER
CHILDREN. NEXT REVISED WILL INVOLVE 5th GRADERS

Proposal 2:

Proposal 3:

NO UNLESS YOU INCLUDE PRINCIPALS AND COACHES
WHO HAD 20 YEARS OF COACHING/ADMINISTRATIVE EXP.

Proposal 4:

YES

Proposal 5:

YES

Proposal 6:

YES

Proposal 7:

Proposal 8:

YES

Proposal 9:

YES

Proposal 10:

Proposal 11:

General Comments:

RETURN BY: May 26, 2000

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