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TO: District Superintendents
FROM: Gil Lemmon, Commissioner
DATE: March 31, 2009
SUBJECT: **APPLICATION FOR MULTI-SCHOOL TEAM STATUS FOR 2009-10**

It is again that time of the year for schools/districts to consider submission of either a renewal of a current multi-school agreement, or submission of a new application for the 2009-2010 school year. Multi-school agreements may only be considered between a non-CIF member school and a CIF member school. A non-CIF member school must have a California County-District-School Code (CDS Code) as a prerequisite to applying for multi-school status.

For the 2009-2010 school year the renewal process has been streamlined so that the application only needs to be signed by the principals of the non-CIF member school and the CIF member school, and the NCS Commissioner. For renewal applications only there is no need to secure the signatures of the Presidents of the Boards of Education, or designees, or the President of the League. New applications must secure all requested signatures for consideration of approval of the application. Multi-school applications must be submitted to the North Coast Section by Friday, May 29, 2009. New applications must include the completed application and a check for the dues of the students who attend the non-CIF member school. A separate renewal or new application is required for each NCS member school seeking multi-school team status with a non-CIF school or program.

When submitting your multi-school application, please make sure it is typed and includes all requested signatures.

New Applications:

1. Forward completed application to the NCS Office by May 29, 2009.
2. Include a check for the total dues of the students who attend the non-CIF member school.
3. Secure all requested signatures:
 - a. Principals of both the non-CIF member school and CIF member school
 - b. Presidents of the Boards of Education or designees for the non-CIF member school and CIF member school
 - c. President of the League

Renewal Applications:

1. Forward completed application to the NCS Office by May 29, 2009.
2. Secure all requested signatures:
 - a. Principals of both the non-CIF member school and CIF member school

Please note the requirements for applying for multi-school team status listed on the back of the application. (CIF Bylaw 303)

Encl. Copy of the New Application
Copy of the Renewal Application

Cc: Principal

MULTI-SCHOOL TEAM

- A. CIF member schools may allow only students currently enrolled, in grades 9-12, in their school, to participate in any CIF competition (see Bylaw 203).
- B. Any non-CIF member school that wishes to have its students participate in CIF competition must apply for multi-school status through a CIF member school prior to October 1 of the current school year. A non-CIF member school must have a California County-District-School Code (CDS Code) as a prerequisite to applying for multi-school status.
- C. Any CIF member school that wishes to allow participation on its team(s) by students, who are currently enrolled in non-CIF member schools or programs which do not offer any interscholastic athletic programs [such programs or schools would include, but not be limited to, alternative schools (defined in Education Code 58500), junior high schools, necessary small schools and charter schools], may request approval to do so under the following conditions:
 1. The administrative responsibility for all students involved in athletics shall rest with the principal of the CIF member school for which the student(s) is competing. Such responsibility shall include:
 - a. Verification that residential eligibility of the student(s) is limited to the public school in whose attendance area his/her parents, legal guardians, or caregivers reside; or where the student most recently established his/her residential eligibility or a private school; AND
 - b. Verification that students participating in the athletic program meet all the CIF member school scholastic eligibility requirements; AND
 - c. The regular grading period of the CIF member school shall be used to determine the scholastic eligibility of all students; AND
 - d. Determination that students participating in the athletic program meet all other eligibility requirements of the CIF, its Section, its league and the CIF member school; AND
 - e. Determination that private schools and charter schools entering a multi-school agreement with a public school or public school district meet the additional requirements set forth in E.-F. below.
 2. For the purposes of determining dues, legal and liability assessments, realignment issues and State CIF and Section divisional placement, the enrollment figures for non-CIF member school/program students residing in the CIF member school's attendance area must be included in the CIF member school's enrollment using the CBEDS enrollment figures.
 3. The application process must start with the principal of the CIF member school. Written certification that all the conditions listed above will be met, as well as approval, must be obtained from the following:
 - a. CIF member school principal; AND
 - b. CIF member school governing board(s); AND
 - c. Non-CIF member school or program administrator in charge; AND
 - d. Non-CIF member school governing board (if applicable)
 4. Additional approvals must be obtained, in the following order, from:
 - a. The CIF member school's League; AND
 - b. The CIF member school's Section; AND
 - c. The State CIF Executive Committee
 5. Appeals Procedure (Applies only to 4 above)
 - a. If the CIF member school is unable to obtain written approval from the appropriate league, then it may appeal for approval, in writing, to its Section, but only after exhausting any and all appeals procedures established by the respective league.
 - b. If the CIF member school and its league are unable to obtain written approval from the appropriate Section, they may appeal for approval, in writing, to the CIF Executive Committee, but only after exhausting any and all appeals procedures established by the respective Section.
 6. Renewal applications, including all signatures in 3 and 4 above, for multi-school teams under this bylaw must be filed annually prior to the ensuing school year.
- D. **Small Learning Communities, Small Schools, Alternative Schools, and Charter Schools Housed on a Member School's Campus**
 1. Students in small learning communities, small schools, alternative schools or charter schools housed on an existing member school's campus are eligible at the member school upon their initial enrollment in the ninth grade. Small learning communities, small schools, alternative schools and charter schools housed on an existing member school's campus are not required to apply for multi-school status through the member school.
 2. Students transferring into small learning communities, small schools, alternative schools or charter schools housed on an existing member school's campus after their initial enrollment in the ninth grade are subject to Bylaw 207.
 3. Sections are empowered to waive the transfer rule upon request by a school district establishing a new magnet program, small learning community, small school, alternative school or charter school housed on a member school's campus for the first year only; thereafter, all transfer rules apply.
 4. If a small learning community, small school, alternative school or charter school is housed on an existing member school's campus, its students are not eligible to participate for any CIF member school other than the member school on whose campus the small learning community, small school, alternative school or charter school is housed.
- E. **Private and Charter Schools Partnering With CIF Member Public Schools Housed on a Separate Campus**

Where a private school or a charter school enters into a multi-school agreement with a public school that is housed on a separate campus or with a public school district, only those students who live within the boundaries of the public school district may participate in athletics at the member school or at a member school within the district. A student attending such a private school or charter school must participate for the member school in whose attendance area his/her parent(s)/legal guardian(s)/caregiver reside or the school in the district where the student most recently established residential eligibility prior to attending the private or charter school entering the multi-school agreement.
- F. **CIF Member School with Multiple Campuses**

Teams representing a high school must be composed of students under the direct supervision of one principal and attending class on one campus. Where one school has multiple campuses, a student must participate for the team on whose campus he/she is housed unless the school petitions to be allowed to participate as a single school with multiple campuses under the supervision of one principal. These petitions must be filed prior to October 1 of the current school year.

Definitions

School Within a School

This type of school (often times referred to as Academies with a particular academic focus) operating under the umbrella of a comprehensive high school, but has no autonomy in terms of academic accountability.

Small Learning Communities

These schools have their own complete accountability in terms of having their own CDS code, API scores and their own CAHSEE pass rate.

G. **Continuation Schools**

Continuation schools may not apply for multi-school team status as provided for under this provision. For continuation school eligibility, refer to Bylaw 212.