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TO: CAS-CIAC Member High School Principals

FROM: Dr. Karissa Niehoff, Executive Director, CAS-CIAC Dr. Steve Wysowski, Associate Executive Director, CIAC

DATE: October 27, 2016

RE: Proposal from CIAC Boys Basketball Committee

Greetings to you all!

The CIAC Boys Basketball Committee has developed a proposal for which the CIAC is executing a thorough vetting process. We have shared the proposal with athletic directors and coaches statewide via emails, personal meetings, and informational webinars. We are at the final stage during which we ask each member high school to "vote" on the proposal. As principals are the voting members of CAS-CIAC, we are requesting that principals consult with their athletic directors and respond to me and to Steve with a "Yes" or "No" response to the following question:

"Does your school support the CIAC Boys Basketball Committee proposal regarding the new format for establishing tournament divisions?"

The proposal is:

A One Year Trial:

The boys' basketball committee has adopted a format for team divisional placement that includes the review of divisions by a basketball placement review committee. Placement in divisions is initially based on a school's boy enrollment from the previous year, power points (determined by the sum of the wins by defeated opponents) and tournament history. The placement review committee will also consider other factors beyond those mentioned above to determine divisional placement. That committee will analyze the initial placements and then determine whether significant disparities exist for individual teams.

Schools will be placed in Division I, II, III, or IV prior to the start of the season. It is hoped that by late June, a list will be published and placed on the CIAC website. Placement cannot be appealed; it will be reviewed and adjusted as appropriate each year according to the same schedule.

Schools have the option to apply to Division I only. No adjustments will be made to the other divisions.

Please email your response to <u>kniehoff@casciac.org</u> and <u>swysowski@casciac.org</u> by the end of the day on Tuesday, November 1st.

Thank-you for your participation!