

Memo

To: Board of Trustees
From: Rob Sauer, Superintendent
Date: October 3, 2017
Re: Superintendent's Board Report

Mountain Home Move to 3A

- Matt, Casey, and I met with the Mountain Home superintendent, SRV superintendents, principals, and athletic directors, and representatives of the Idaho High School Activities Association. We discussed Mountain Home's petition to move from 4A to 3A that was recently approved by the IHSAA board. Mountain Home makes a compelling case if they are close to the classification numbers for the various classifications. The 3A classification numbers are 639-320. As it stands for a two year average, Mountain Home is at 952 and Homedale is at 352.5. That is basically a 600 student difference. That is like us petitioning down to play 1A. The IHSAA board has agreed to revisit this issue. As of today, we are not sure exactly what that appeal process will look like going forward. If the IHSAA board holds a meeting to hear the appeal we plan to attend and voice our opposition to this petition. While it might be good for Mountain Home, it is not good for the student athletes in Homedale and it's our job to protect our student athletes.

Update – The IHSAA board listened to the input from the SRV and decided to immediately revisit the issue on Wednesday, October 4th. The board voted via remote access and the outcome was 13-2 in favor of Mountain Home remaining at the 4A level for the upcoming cycle.

Public School Funding Formula

- The Public School Funding Formula Committee is continuing to meet to work on developing a new funding formula. They will meet a couple more times before this legislative session. They don't expect any major changes for this upcoming session. However, going forward they do expect to make changes that will recognize many of the changes that have taken place in education since the current funding formula was established in 1994. Student mobility will be an issue that will be addressed. They will also look at phasing in certain components to ease the burden for districts that might prove to be a hardship. They stated that they are not interested in creating winners and losers in the changes that they are considering.