



MEMORANDUM

To: School Districts and Member Schools of the UHSAA
From: Evan K. Excell, Executive Director UHSAA
Date: December 3, 2007
Re: UHSAA Realignment

At the November 15 meeting of the UHSAA Board of Trustees, the realignment for the years 2009-13 began. Chairperson Steve Laing met with the BOT (which comprises the alignment committee), reviewed the results of the surveys that had been returned, and set some parameters, determinants, assumptions and expectations for the process, which will be completed in June 2008.

It was determined that:

- 1) Voting procedures would include a simple majority vote to pass realignment motions. The only exception would be in moving a school from the classification of its established enrollment, would require a two-thirds majority vote.
- 2) The UHSAA would remain in a five-classification system.
- 3) The soft numbers (these may change with the proposals) for classifications will be:
 - 1A: Under 150
 - 2A: 150-399
 - 3A: 400-999
 - 4A: 1000-1499
 - 5A: 1500 and above
- 4) Enrollment counts furnished to the Utah State Office of Education after October 1, 2007 will be considered in the alignment process. These counts are for grades 10-12 only and do not include special education students (self-contained) or home and hospital students.

5) Extenuating circumstances will be considered, such as:

- A) Isolated geography (travel and safety)
- B) School make-up
- C) Mobility of student body
- D) Projected enrollments
- E) Competitiveness
- F) Rivalries

In order to assign schools with above considerations, the core-zone philosophy, used in the preceding alignment process, may be utilized.

6) BOT members are committed to an alignment, which is good for the student (travel, time out of school, etc.), and good for the Association (region assignments). They feel an obligation to be accountable to all, and will consider issues from appropriate schools, districts and regions. The Board realizes, of course, that not all will be totally satisfied.

7) The timeline for the alignment is as follows:

Nov. 15	First meeting
Dec.-Jan. 11	Suggestions from constituents
Jan. 24	BOT meeting- first draft
March	Hearings from schools, districts, etc.
March 27	BOT meeting- second draft
Apr. or May	Hearings from schools, districts, etc.
June 10	BOT meeting- final alignment announced

8) The alignment will be for a four-year (2009-13) period (a motion to consider realignment every two years was defeated). There will be no consideration for mid-alignment adjustments, unless catastrophic changes in enrollment occur and/or new member schools emerge.

The UHSAA will post progress of the re-alignment process on the website: uhsaa.org (look on the home page for "Realignment")

Chairman Laing and the BOT invite input as to suggestions and proposals. Please download the form on the website to initiate such input, then have the form signed by a member school principal, district superintendent or region chair before sending a copy to the UHSAA office. Input will not be received without such signature and only accepted as hard copy to the UHSAA office. Any such documents will be accepted until Friday, January 11, 2008.