

# Education Committee Meeting

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## Westinghouse Football Request

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# BACKGROUND

## PIAA District 8/City League

- Comprised only of Pittsburgh Public Schools -  
Alderdice, Brashear, Carrick, Obama, Milliones,  
Science and Technology, Perry, Westinghouse

## PIAA District 7/WPIAL

- Comprised of 138 school districts in Western  
Pennsylvania.

# BACKGROUND CONTINUED

- Last 3 years Westinghouse football team averaged 23 players. (Info obtained from RTI and rosters submitted)
- 3-year average of the other schools playing football is 50 players.
- As smaller high schools have closed (Peabody, Oliver, Langley) it has reduced the number of teams Westinghouse can compete against.
- Varsity/JV contests with same players.

# PITTSBURGH WESTINGHOUSE REQUEST

- Pittsburgh Westinghouse 6-12 requests of the District 8/City League committee to become an associate member of the District 7/WPIAL in the sport of football for the 2014-2015 school year.
- Reason for the request is based on competitive imbalance and safety concerns regarding playing teams with much larger participation numbers and greater student populations

# REVIEW of PIAA DISTRICTS

- A review of PIAA District 5(Johnstown Area), 6 (Altoona Area) & 7 (WPIAL) occurred between November and January to determine feasibility.
- Results: Districts 5 & 6 were not interested in adding a school in football. Travel was a major concern.
- WPIAL/District 7 is most feasible alternative given the proximity of Westinghouse to other schools in WPIAL.

# WPIAL Schools – Class A or AA

Classifications based on number of boys in grades 9-11.

<b>Class A Schools in WPIAL – 28</b>	<b>Class AA Schools in WPIAL - 35</b>
Clairton – 16 miles – 39 minutes	South Fayette – 21.4 miles – 40 minutes
North Catholic – 15 miles – 32 minutes	Seton LaSalle - 10.6 miles – 29 minutes
Beth Center – 46.2 miles – 1 hr. 16 min.	South Allegheny – 15.9 miles - 34 min.
Monessen – 47 miles – 1 hr. 5 min.	McGuffey – 44.5 miles – 59 minutes
Brentwood – 10.6 miles – 27 minutes	Aliquippa – 33.7 miles – 46 minutes
Imani Christian – 2.16 miles – 7 minutes	Ellwood City - 44.9 miles – 1 hr. 1 minute
Serra Catholic – 15.2 miles – 31 minutes	Washington – 38.2 miles – 53 minutes
Mapletown – 74.6 miles – 1 hr. 34 min.	Brownsville – 45.1 miles – 1 hr. 13 min.
Frazier – 46 miles – 59 minutes	Sto-Rox – 15.3 miles – 27 minutes
Western Beaver – 46 miles – 1 hr. 1 min.	Our Lady of Sacred Heart–22 mi. - 38 min.
Union – 61.4 miles – 1 hr. 19 min.	East Allegheny – 10.9 miles – 23 minutes
Rochester – 35.5 miles – 55 minutes	Summit Academy – 35.1 miles – 49 min.

# RECOMMENDATION

District 8 approve Pittsburgh Westinghouse 6-12 request for associate membership to the WPIAL/District 7 for the 2014-2015 school year in the sport of football.

# RATIONALE

Approval allows for Pittsburgh Westinghouse 6-12 to play in their appropriate enrollment classification for the size of their school and competition level.

# REMAINING SCHOOLS IN CITY LEAGUE

- Remaining schools compete in City League playing each opponent twice for a total of 8 games of league play plus 1 game available for non-league competition. (Endorsed by High School Principals)
- Current format is for each school to play each other once and then secure 3 additional non league contests. Travel for these contests include trips to Ohio, West Virginia and Maryland.

# TIMELINE

**June 2013** – School Board of Pittsburgh Public Schools update – Education Committee meeting.

**June 2013** – PIAA district 8 committee votes on Westinghouse request.

**June 2013** – If approved a letter from District 8 to the WPIAL requesting inclusion in the sport of football occur for the 2014-2015 school year on behalf of Westinghouse.

**July 2013** – WPIAL/District 7 votes to approve/not approve request.

**February 2014** – If WPIAL approves, Westinghouse receives a schedule for next 2 years and is eligible for post season play.