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## **SUMMIT QUESTIONNAIRE**

2. Please list any strategies you are **considering for the upcoming school year.**

### **St. Stephens**

- St. Stephens will be moving to a four day school week next year. We are trying to move most of our high school events to Friday/Saturday, which would eliminate lost school time.  
Jackson Hole
- Even though we are moving to 4A we are not adding full sophomore teams in addition to freshman/JV/Varsity so that we do not increase travel.
- We will look for even more schools in ID to play.
- We will combine more busses than we have in the past.
- We have joined the WHSAA board of directors to look at travel with a closer lens.

### **Lyman**

- Our Freshman Basketball has been on a different schedule as JV and Varsity. They would travel separate and have games during the weekday. We are going to play all three teams on the same night.
- On close Basketball trips we put boys and girls on the same bus to travel together.
- In Wrestling, we are looking for day trip tournaments, instead of overnight tournaments. For example, we will go to Bear Lake, ID instead of Shoshoni. Shoshoni requires us to stay overnight, because of the early start and distance. Bear Lake we can travel and compete all in one day without an overnight stay.
- We are hosting our own basketball tournament in the Bridger Valley so that teams close to Lyman and Mt. View don't have to travel so far the first weekend to compete.
- Cheer will ride with the competing teams anywhere we go if there are extra seats on the bus. They use to take own bus to football, basketball, volleyball, wrestling, etc...

### **Meeteetse**

- Carpooling when available.
  - Our FFA has coordinated with Cody FFA to travel together to events.
- JH Football travels with High School Football.
  - Whenever possible: JH and HS volleyball teams travel together.

### **Sundance**

- We have moved start times for local games played during the week to a 4:30 or 5:00 start time depending upon who we are playing, so that teams can leave after school.
- We are playing more quads with our JH teams so that we have less travel and loss of school time.
- We have eliminated half of our play-in games for regional volleyball and basketball tournaments, and have put restrictions on whether the other play-in games will be played.
- We have talked about looking into eliminating regional tournaments and going back to district tournaments.

### **South**

- I am looking at the possibility of either attending or scheduling as many Saturday contests as possible. This would have a significant impact on days out of school for our students.
- I also wanted to see why we host three day regional and state events when these could easily be cut down to two day events.

### **Big Horn**

- We need to look in the future at more regionalized scheduling to see if we can reduce travel time and overnight stays.
- Consider decreasing the number of tournament we attend.

### **DECA**

- We could change our fall conference to a one day event (8 am – 7 pm). Many chapters would still come in early or stay over a night due to distances to travel. We were planning to discuss options at WACTE which is when our decisions are formally made. This conference is June 13-16 in Powell.

### **Cokeville**

- The strategy of focusing on consistency is our main area of concern. Scheduling with non 4-day schools, compromises our valued seat time.

### **Dubois**

- We have approved an alternative calendar that targets the high impact days for the district. It is very similar to a 4-day week however, on the Fridays that we don't have contests or the contests are at home, we still have school. It will improve our instructional time by about 30% at the high school level and 20% at the middle school level.

### **Upton**

- We have adopted an early out on Fridays to avoid loss of instruction time.
- We are also adopting a schedule that provides flexible learning times so when students are gone, they are not missing instruction in many subjects at the HS level.
- We will consider what events are critical and look at if attendance at those events is critical to student learning.
- We will look to provide additional training to all of our teachers/staff so that they can safely and effectively transport students in suburbans when appropriate.
- We will, as always, look for ways to combine teams on vehicles when possible.

### **Kaycee**

- We are looking closer at what we can do with scheduling activities outside of sports such as FFA and Student Council. These sometimes are still taking time away from school. Most of these events, however, are not scheduled by us.

### **Laramie**

- Getting trams at events 1 hour ahead of game times.
- Play tennis and golf matches before the 1<sup>st</sup> day of school. Play 2 tennis matches on same day with Casper, Green River, Rock Springs.

### **Burlington**

- We are trying to have all of our games on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. We feel like the students and parents are running/going too much when they have games on Monday, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.
- We are going to try to play as many games as possible on Saturday, followed by Friday (we have early release) and then use Thursdays as a last resort.

### **Pinedale**

- Support a reclassification of 4A to include 16 teams to allow for more regionalized activity scheduling and travel.
- Support all strategies that minimize lost instructional time to activity travel.
- Support increased local control of scheduling, especially football.
- Work to increase the transparency of WHSAA board meetings and regional meetings, including the election of officers and votes on proposals.
- Increase the number of school board members and superintendents on the WHSAA executive council.
- Improve lead time for release of WHSAA proposals so that school boards can give input to the WHSAA representatives and the WHSAA executive council.

### **Riverside**

- We would like to see some additional consideration to out-of-school time for WHSAA Activities. For instance, the activities of FFA, FCCLA, FBLA all have numerous seasonal and culminating events during the school week. Additionally, some attention to WHSAA calendar competition as it pertains to the extended length of the speech and debate season.

### **Mountain View**

- Limiting the overall number of field trips taken by all groups K-8.
- Lowering the number of football players who travel for overnight trips. This may allow the football team to travel on one bus, and will definitely limit overnight expenditures.
- Requiring boys and girls to travel on a single bus to basketball games that are relatively close and are hosted in the same town. Due to safety concerns specific to getting a bus on the road before dark, we may send a boys and girls bus on overnight trips or where the game schedules may be quite different (like the Flaming Gorge Tournament).

### **Glenrock**

- If destination is the same – boys and girls will be riding on the same bus to games.
- Limit the number of kids that go on specific activity trips. VB and BB have to limit their Regional teams to 12 players – we will make that same restriction to our activities (FCCLA, FBLA, Drama)
- Teams will not be traveling to an event the day prior due to an early start time.
- Cut all frosh/C team games – eliminates out of school time and travel time
- CCSD#2 daily bus routes to schools will be cut from the current 7 routes to running only 5 routes starting in the fall of 2016-17 school year.

### **Cody**

- We will look at sending our girls and boys on the same bus when we can. We do not want to cut programs but we will certainly have that discussion. We will look at travel rosters and not take all of the team members when it may OK to do so. The 3A West AD's are planning on presenting numerous proposals to the WHSAA on issues we think can help cut travel costs. Some of these proposals MAY include; limiting the total number of days of culminating events, eliminating the length or making adjustments to seasons, limiting the number of contests that some activities may participate in, and looking at reclassification as it pertains to regional scheduling to help reduce or eliminate long roads trips. We also would like to look at activities and the amount of lost school time that many of those programs have. Finding ways at the state level to reduce time out of school for our activities will also be a priority.

### **Greybull**

- Asking WHSAA to limit the distance for non-conference football games (we understand the conference and travel) but traveling over 300 miles for a non-conference game is poor planning.
- Do we really need regional basketball and volleyball? Based on the size of our events, we only eliminate a few teams from state.

### **Powell**

- We will continue to schedule games on Saturdays whenever possible.
- We will engage in conversations to promote more regional scheduling for our teams. This may require us to change our conference structure.
- We will evaluate and prioritize competitions to determine what, if any, contests can be dropped.

### **Evanston**

- Combining more of our groups where possible and considering contacting nearby schools that may be headed to same locations with limited participants.
- More events on Saturdays where possible.

### **Lander**

- Reduce number of contests in wrestling, debate and band.

### **Pine Bluffs**

- Develop some tighter criteria for hauling teams on one bus.

- Take a suburban instead of buses when possible. This would apply to contests and late drops. Perhaps a coach could drive.

### **H.E.M.**

- Look into more combination trips in the junior high wrestling program.
- We are looking into putting minimum numbers on when we transport students to participate in events. This would include when we combine with other schools for sports or activities.

### **Laramie County #1**

- Common departure times and travel itineraries between all high schools for out of district competitions will be determined.
- Research alternative schedules that may permit one-day instead of two-day competitions.
- Design regional event schedules that organize competitions at the higher seed's site (if the competitors/teams are from the same town or vicinity) rather than a regional location.
- Clearly discern between "qualifying" and "invitational" events and provide higher consideration to participating in "qualifying" events.

### **Johnson County #1**

- Shortened regional and state tournaments.

### **Goshen County #1**

- No culminating events should last more than 2 school days.
- Eliminate regional wrestling and go straight to state finals.
- Remove the restriction of not being able to travel more than 150 miles to out-of-state competitions. Some out of state events are closer than Wyoming contests for those who are contiguous to other states.

### **Sweetwater County #1**

- Eliminate split team travel (track distance runners to Utah and sprinters to a meet in Wyoming).
- Conversations about developing fewer classifications and regions.
- Re-evaluate four level systems (9<sup>th</sup>, Sophs, JV and Varsity)
- Lower level activities playing smaller, local schools.
- One season for golf.
- Eliminate all spirit travel for post-season play.
- Eliminate all transportation for out of season competitions.

### **ECCLA**

- We are constantly looking at possibilities for making our programs better. It is very helpful that our National Convention is during the summer, keeping students in class. We always evaluate our State Convention schedule to see if we can modify it at all, moving to the weekend, less time, different location.

### **Fremont County #6**

- Will study the possibility of advisors receiving training, drug testing, etc. to utilize a multi-purpose vehicle for small group travel.
- Will track district-wide costs saving over previous years.
- Will utilize a single bus for boys/girls team travel when numbers are appropriate.
- Move track meets back to Saturdays.
- Conference eliminated the pigtail game.
- Youth and middle school teams travel together when practical.
- Will study bus driver wages (wait time vs. drive time & maximum hours per day).
- Ask hotels to comp bus driver rooms.
- Study possibility of coaches getting CDL for summer camps that last over several days.

### **Rawlins**

- Boys and girls teams traveling together.
- Discussion between schools about Speech having a set season rather than allowing them to keep adding competitions for "freshman" prior to the season which has them starting in October.

- More schools hosting speech meets which may allow speech to be a one day meet rather than two days due to the large number of students competing at one meet because that may be the only meet that weekend.
- Can meetings or speech meets be done over the internet – SKYPE?

### **Niobrara County**

- Look at more one day tournaments (played on Saturday).
- Evaluate start times.
- Setting up buses with wifi.

### **Wheatland**

- Encourage WHSAA to support wrestling and track as 1 day regional events.
- Explore option of reducing state track to 2 days, similar to other states.
- Continue to discuss activity fees.
- Continue to find ways to be more efficient in scheduling events.

### **Thermopolis**

- We plan to monitor the amount of out of school time for next year as we move into 3A.
- We will continue to monitor the number of multiple day events for each activity.

### **Weston County #1**

- Not traveling to Big Piney – 100%.
- No Colorado Rockies Baseball Trip.
- Review bus routes yearly.

### **Midwest**

- Playing junior high volleyball and basketball games in Casper, which should cut travel.
- Going to a 4 day week which will cut loss of school time.
- Starting times of games later if possible, which will cut loss of school time.

### **Southwest Middle School AD's**

- Realigning middle school sports seasons to match more closely what the east side of the state does. If we get the changes made, it has the potential to reduce travel and lost school time for schools like Jackson and Star Valley that can play some middle school games with Idaho, and for schools like Rawlins that can play some middle schools games against the East side.
- Flipping Middle School boys and girls basketball, as well as middle school wrestling.