

## CIML Realignment

**Purpose:** There have been long-standing equity issues within the CIML classification of conferences. The suburban, wealthy districts have dominated the conferences, causing a declining population of coaches and athletes wanting to participate. The win-loss records of the non-suburban schools were studied and found to be true. The ultimate goal of athletics and activities is to encourage and grow participation, so this trend has been concerning to district leaders, principals, and athletic directors. With Waukee NW's addition to the CIML Conference for the 2021-22 school year, the athletic directors and principals of the 19 schools in the conference voted to move to two divisions. One division would be a ten-team division and the other a nine-team division. This proposal would still not ensure "like competition" as cross-over scheduling would still have to happen between the two conferences as presented to satisfy the scheduling requirements by the IHSA and IGHSAA. By separating into a new independent "Big Ten" conference, we increase the likelihood of playing those teams within that conference on a regular basis in all sports offerings. Please note the IHSA regulates our football schedule entirely. We would have some instances in some schedules that minimal cross-over scheduling would still happen with the DSM suburban schools and other schools across the state of Iowa.

### Other Considerations:

#### Proposed Big Ten Conference

Ames  
Fort Dodge  
Mason City  
Marshalltown  
Ottumwa  
Des Moines Roosevelt  
Des Moines Hoover  
Des Moines North  
Des Moines East  
Des Moines Lincoln

#### Remaining CIML Conference

Ankeny  
Ankeny Centennial  
Johnston  
Urbandale  
Waukee  
Waukee NW  
West Des Moines Valley  
Dowling Catholic  
Southeast Polk

### **Enrollments**

#### Group of 8/9

Waukee - 2,267

West Des Moines Valley - 2,192

Johnston - 1,763

Southeast Polk - 1,605

Ankeny - 1,334

Ankeny Centennial - 1,321

Dowling Catholic - 1,071

Urbandale - 986

#### Group of 10

Des Moines Lincoln - 1,776

Des Moines Roosevelt - 1,566

Des Moines East - 1,560

Marshalltown - 1,135

**Ames - 1,046**

Des Moines North - 1,031

Ottumwa - 955

Fort Dodge - 844

Mason City - 816

Des Moines Hoover - 783

### **Ames Records vs. Group of 8/9 - Suburban Schools (2015-2021)**

<b>Sport</b>	<b>Record</b>	<b>Sport</b>	<b>Record</b>	<b>Sport</b>	<b>Record</b>
Boys Basketball	34-32	Baseball	14-73	Boys Golf	16-10
Girls Basketball	17-53	Softball	8-71	Girls Golf	10-20
Boys Soccer	14-13	Volleyball	4-50	Football	0-10
Girls Soccer	12-12	Wrestling	0-26		

Date	Activity	Person Responsible	Notes/Links
Feb. 23	AD Meeting with Coaches	AD	14 Current Head Coaches voted 14-0 to move to the Big 10 Conference.
March 3	AD Meeting with Executive Board of Booster Club	AD	Met with Booster Executive Board and others, with consensus to move forward with the Big 10 proposal.
March 1	AD Communicates with Student-athletes	AD	In general, student-athletes were favorable to the proposed Big 10. As student-athletes felt they could be challenged by a stronger opponent a few times each season, agreement was reached that the AD could integrate a limited number of games vs the nine conference.
Feb. 24	AMS AD Spencer Esslinger	AD	Discussion on impact with AMS schedules. No major concerns from AD Esslinger.
Feb. 16	Big 10 Superintendent's Meeting	Supt.	<p>Superintendents met to determine if all Big 10 districts agree to move forward with notification of intent to leave the CIML.</p> <p>Result of Meeting: All superintendents are in support and moving forward.</p>
Feb. 22	Inform Board	Supt.	Supt. Risner informed the Board of Directors at the Regular Meeting.
Feb. 25	Big 10 Superintendent's Planning Meeting	Supt.	<p>Superintendents met to discuss the following items (<i>meeting results in italics</i>):</p> <p><b>Communication Process &amp; Timeline Update</b>  <i>School #1: Superintendent making the decision after consulting with principals and ADs. He will inform the board, but no other action.</i></p>

			<p><i>Other Schools: Consulted with AD, Principals, some with Booster Clubs. Superintendents are informing their boards at the 1st March meeting with a resolution at the 2nd March Meeting.</i></p> <p><i>Ames: Superintendent apprised the Board at a meeting on Feb. 22. AD has met with coaches, who voted unanimously to move to the Big 10. The AD will be meeting with Booster Club and other alumni/stakeholders during the first week of March. The AD will present to the Board at the 1st March meeting, and the Superintendent will bring the resolution to the 2nd March meeting.</i></p> <p><b>Branding</b>  <i>Big 10 districts will share the cost.</i></p> <p><b>Bylaws</b>  <i>Retired AD, Tom Kinseth, will work with AD's to create Conference Bylaws.</i></p> <p><b>The Inaugural Big 10 Seasons</b>  <i>ACSD must notify the CIML one year in advance of departing the League. The Big 10 Conference would become active during the 2022-23 school year.</i></p>
Mar. 8	AD Presentation	AD	AD Johnston will provide a presentation as a discussion item to provide the Board the opportunity to ask questions.
Mar. 22	Resolution to Board	Supt.	Supt. Risner will bring the Resolution to the Board for ACSD's departure from the CIML and adoption of the Big 10.

Apr. 1	Notify the CIML	Supt.	The Big 10 Superintendents will draft a joint letter.
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