



TO: CIF SOUTHERN SECTION PRINCIPALS
CIF SOUTHERN SECTION ATHLETIC DIRECTORS

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SUBJECT: CIF SOUTHERN SECTION UPDATE

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I hope all is well with you and your families. Here is the latest update.

Southern Section Council Meeting – 2021-2022 Southern Section Proposed Budget

The agenda and back-up materials for our upcoming Southern Section Council meeting on Tuesday, April 13, were distributed last week. One of the important Action Items on our agenda is the 2021-2022 Southern Section Proposed Budget. At our last Southern Section Council meeting on February 2, we presented next year's budget as a Non-Action Item. Two options were presented that day and the reasoning for doing so was in this extremely uncertain time during the present school year, it was very difficult for us to project where we would be during the next school year and we needed more time to see how things would develop in February/March. Therefore, of the two options presented, one was referred to as best-case scenario, taking into account that sports would return, revenue streams would come back such as spectators being allowed to attend contests, corporate partnership obligations and television/web rights fees would be fulfilled, member schools would pay normal membership dues/sport fees and we would be able to go forward fully staffed in 2021-2022 bringing back our furloughed employees. The other option was worst-case scenario with no sports, no revenue streams from gate receipts, corporate partners and television/web entities being given forgiveness for events not taking place, deeper expense cuts, including further staff reductions, and an additional assessment placed on member schools which would double the normal membership dues/sport fees paid in a typical year. After these two options were presented for first reading, our plan was to come back with one proposed budget as an Action Item on April 13, which would be the best-case scenario, the worst-case scenario or some other option in between those two extremes. I am pleased to report that based on the progress that has been made over the last couple of months in terms of return to play, what you will be considering is the best-case scenario. As your leagues meet and discuss this Action Item in preparation for your vote, I hope you will support our proposed budget for 2021-2022 as another step forward in the progress we have made.

Latest Transfer Numbers – The latest transfer numbers for July, 2020 through March, 2021, as well as those same months of the 2019-2020 school year, are attached to this update.

Final Thought – Thank You Officials

As sports have returned, schedules adjusted and more and more games are being played, we need to take the time to thank and appreciate the men and women who officiate our contests to ensure that they are played fairly and within the rules. As you know, we already face a shortage of officials across all sports and a global pandemic did not help that situation at all. We have fewer officials available to work and more games than ever before to cover in the same time frame. Please be sure to express your gratitude to our officials for all they do to support our student-athletes and our programs.

I hope this information is useful to you in the time ahead and if you have any questions, or I can help you in any way at all, do not hesitate to contact our office. My staff and I are ready, willing and able to assist you in any way we possibly can.

Thank you very much for your help and support, it is truly appreciated.