# Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association

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## BOARD OF CONTROL APPROVES CONFERENCE REALIGNMENT PROPOSAL

**STEVENS POINT, Wis.** – The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Board of Control approved first consideration of a conference realignment plan at its monthly meeting here today.

The Board approved the Executive Staff's conference realignment proposal inpacting the Eastern Valley and Wisconsin Flyways Conferences. The plan moves Omro from the Eastern Valley Conference to the Wisconsin Flyways Conference. Implementation is scheduled for the fall of 2010. The complete overview of schools in each of the conferences under the current and new alignment plan is attached.

WIAA procedures provide a 40-day window for schools to appeal today's action before the Board considers final action. Thus, schools have until May 13 to appeal the Board's initial approval. The Board will make a final determination at its May 15, 2009, meeting.

The Board also approved clarifying language on the co-op program application intended to affirm the requirement of institutional control and oversight of multi-school programs.

A lengthy discussion focused on divisional placements and the continued pursuit of options intended to address the disproportionate success of religious and independent schools in the membership's Tournament Series. The Board directed the staff to develop specific proposals to be discussed at next fall's Area Meetings.

Other deliberations included a summary of topics on the agenda of the Annual Meeting scheduled later this month, conference realignment and an introduction of receipts and expenditures anticipated in the 2009-10 budget. The Board was also viewed a video presentation on the progress of the UW-La Crosse stadium project.

The WIAA oversees interscholastic athletic programs for 503 senior high schools and 116 junior high/middle level schools in its membership. It will sponsor 25 championship tournament series in 2008-09. For more information, please contact the WIAA office at (715) 344-8580.

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# **Omro Realignment Plan**

Implementation - Fall 2010

# **Existing Configuration**

# **Proposed Configuration**

Eastern Valley - 10 teams	Enroll.	Eastern Valley - 9 teams	Enroll.
Berlin	610	Berlin	610
Clintonville	577	Clintonville	577
Fox Valley Lutheran	640	Fox Valley Lutheran	640
Freedom	516	Freedom	516
Little Chute	554	Little Chute	554
Omro	403	Ripon	541
Ripon	541	Waupaca	846
Waupaca	846	Winneconne	533
Winneconne	533	Xavier	514
Xavier	514		
		Wisconsin Flyway - 9 teams	
Wisconsin Flyway - 8 teams		Horicon	324
Horicon	324	Kettle Moraine Lutheran	435
Kettle Moraine Lutheran	435	Laconia	317
Laconia	317	Lomira	351
Lomira	351	Mayville	421
Mayville	421	North Fond du Lac	416
North Fond du Lac	416	Omro	403
Saint Mary's Springs	285	Saint Mary's Springs	285
Winnebago Lutheran Academy	y 362	Winnebago Lutheran Academy	362