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Statement From Tim McCrate, Athletic Director, and Brooke Grafe, Principal

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This spring, we sent letters to over 200 administrators at more than 70 schools -- representing seven area athletic conferences -- letting them know we had interest in their organizations and requesting an opportunity to talk with their league members this fall. That letter from May/June was posted on a local sports media outlet yesterday.

We've been talking with schools about league configurations for the past six years. It is a priority. In every league we contacted, we currently play many of the schools in the league in a variety of sports. Up to now, we have only formally applied to two leagues: the Ohio Cardinal Conference (OCC) and the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference (OVAC). Dover is currently a member of the OVAC.

The requests for meetings in the recent letters have not yet been scheduled with any of the leagues contacted, but conversations have begun and we will be following up after the school year is up and running for all districts.

As principal and athletic director, we are stewards of our school's athletic program. It is our responsibility to Dover students and our school community to cast a wide net and explore each and every option. Leagues evolve over time; by nature, they are dynamic and fluid. Some leagues we contacted, in their current configuration, are "too big" or "too small." Travel is better in some than in others. However, if conversations in leagues ever evolve into "big-small" or "east-west" or "north-south," we simply want all of our area schools to know we are interested in being part of their growth!

We have a responsibility to consider safe, fair competition; appropriate travel times; competition for all levels including freshmen and middle school students; and even opportunities such as fine arts collaboration and scholar challenges.

Because of this, Dover HS is willing to discuss league options that exclude varsity football if necessary -- we have a duty to explore every option for each and every one of our student-athletes. Being "independent" is not in the best interest of our student-athletes, school, or community. We are committed to openly and creatively looking at all options -- hopefully in an athletic league that meets the needs of both our students and those within a future league's schools.

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