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Memo to the OISRAN Board from the Executive Director

RE: Eligibility Decision regarding students enrolled at two charter schools

It has been brought to my attention that a student who is enrolled at **Oregon Family School** wants to be on a Nordic ski team this season. The Oregon Family School is a virtual charter school (no brick-and-mortar site), and students receive diplomas from this school. The address for the school is in Crane, Oregon.

I am also aware that a student who is enrolled at **Baker Web Academy**, similarly, wants to be on a Nordic ski team this season. The Baker Web Academy is a charter school that has a Central Oregon regional building in Bend, Oregon, where students get tutoring and meet for field trips.

OSAA has a policy that allows a student who is enrolled at a charter school to ski for a public school, based on the address where the student resides. **OISRAN does not have this policy.** Instead, OISRAN asks a charter school to sign a School Agreement form, and a student must represent the charter school where they are enrolled.

Instead of calling a special board meeting this fall to discuss making any changes to the OISRAN policy about charter schools, **I have independently made the decision that these students, and any other student(s) who may be enrolled at Oregon Family School or Baker Web Academy for the 2022-23 ski season, are eligible to represent a public school, based on the addresses where the students reside.**

While neither has submitted a formal hardship application, I am making this decision in accordance with the discretion afforded the Executive Director in such policies. Investigation has determined that the schools strongly support this approach as do the parents and students. I also believe this decision is in line with OISRAN values and objectives. The workload the organization has been under also suggests an Executive decision would be beneficial over a comprehensive policy review at this time.

If there are objections to my decision for these students for this season, a Board meeting can be called for the purpose of appealing my decision. I am placing the OISRAN policy regarding charter schools on the agenda for discussion at the Spring Board meeting.

Respectfully,

Dave Munson