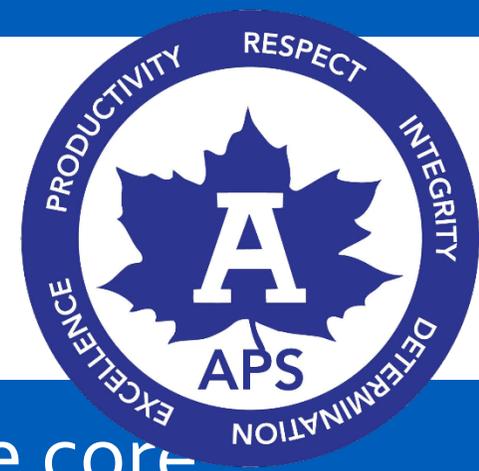


ATHLETIC CONFERENCE AFFILIATION

Andrew Mains, Athletic Director

WHERE DID THIS START FROM?



- Athletic Advisory Recommendation as one of five core action items
- Sub-committee met in Spring 2018: Not a viable place to move at that time
- Sub-committee reconvened in Fall 2019 with stronger recommendation to explore other options
- Work taking place to start/join a new conference
- Coach and community survey Fall 2019
- Current recommendation

HISTORICAL CONFERENCE AFFILIATION



- 1950 – 1960 – Twin Valley Conference
- 1961 – 1996 – South Central Conference
- 1997 – 1999 – Independent
- 2000 – Present – Southeastern Conference (SEC)

HISTORICAL CONFERENCE AFFILIATION TRIVIA



- 2000 – Present – Southeastern Conference (SEC)
- Conference Championships from 2000-2010?
- Conference Championships from 2010-Present?
- What changed?

School	Enrollment
Ann Arbor Pioneer	2250
Ann Arbor Huron	1968
Saline	1862
Monroe	1857
Ann Arbor Skyline	1671
Bedford	1468
Ypsilanti	1451
Jackson	1249
Ypsilanti Lincoln	1237
Dexter	1214
Pinckney	1053
Chelsea	847
Adrian	782
Tecumseh	744

SEC FACTS



- No other conference in Michigan with a large disparity in enrollment forcing smaller schools to play larger schools
- Adrian's Turn
- 6 of 9 schools that we currently play are in the playoffs
- Looking for competitive balance for our student athletes

SECTALK



- Current – Crossover to play schools 2-3 times larger than us
- Option 1- Eliminate Crossovers: No from SEC
- Option 2 – Crossovers based on record: No from SEC
- Option 3 – Pinckney, Chelsea, Adrian, and Tecumseh for football only: No from Adrian – not fair to our other sports

COACHES SURVEY



- 80% - Did not feel that the SEC is the right place for Adrian
- 80% - Were supportive of going independent
- 70% were willing to drive further to get out of the league.

COMMUNITY SURVEY

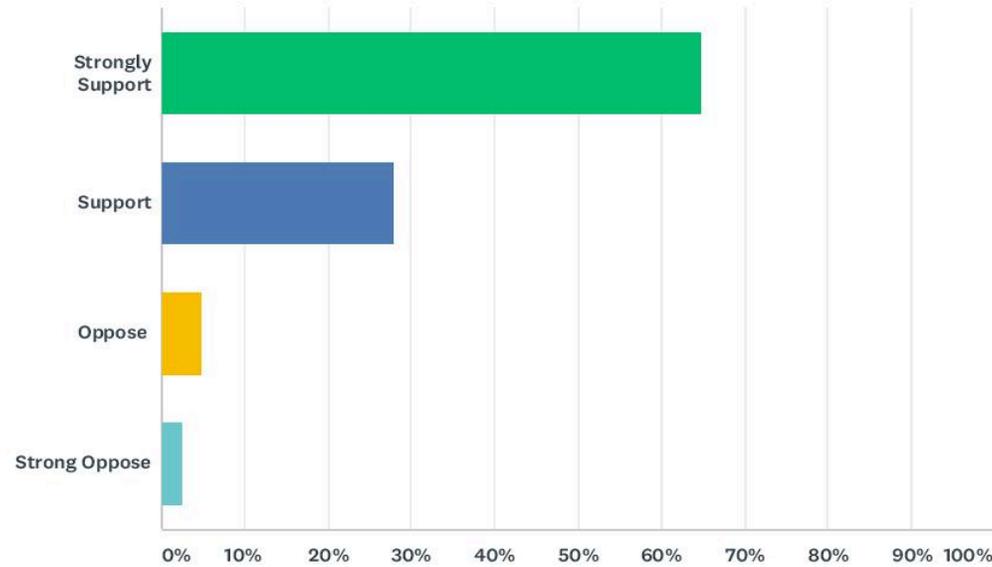


549 Responses (more than the pre-Labor Day Start survey)

- Over 50% were parents
- 11% Students
- 44% Alumni

Q4 What is your level of support for Adrian to compete against similarly sized schools in a new athletic conference?

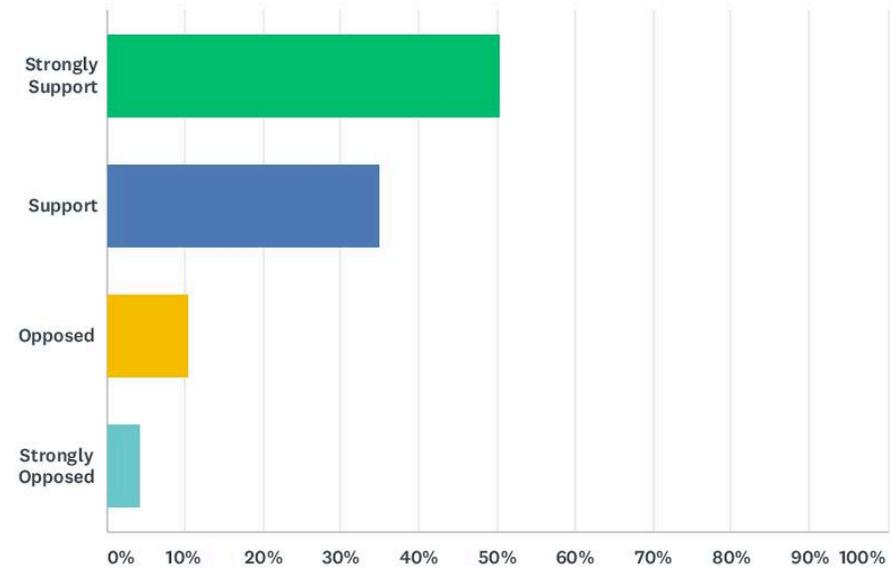
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly Support	64.85%	356
Support	27.87%	153
Oppose	4.74%	26
Strong Oppose	2.55%	14
TOTAL		549

Q5 What is your level of support for Adrian leaving the SEC?

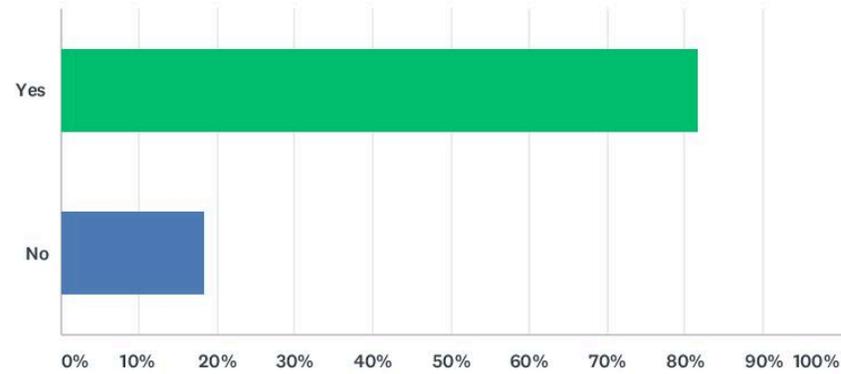
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly Support	50.46%	277
Support	34.97%	192
Opposed	10.38%	57
Strongly Opposed	4.19%	23
TOTAL		549

Q6 Would you be willing to drive further to compete against similarly sized schools? (example 45 minutes now compared to an hour and fifteen minutes). *

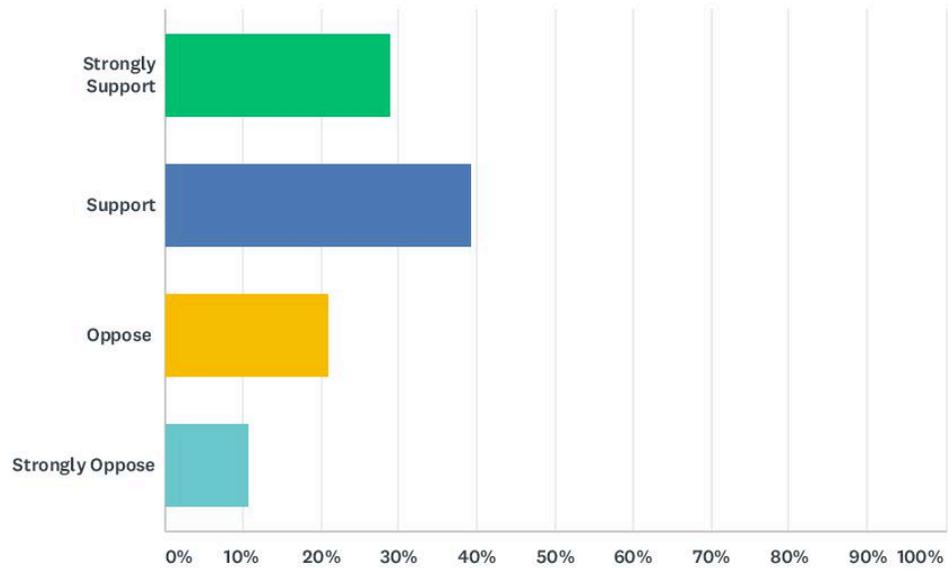
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	81.60%	448
No	18.40%	101
TOTAL		549

Q7 What is your level of support for Adrian going independent (this would mean we would not be a member of an athletic conference, but still competing against school districts and participating in districts/regionals/states held by the MHSAA) until a league could be formed or added?

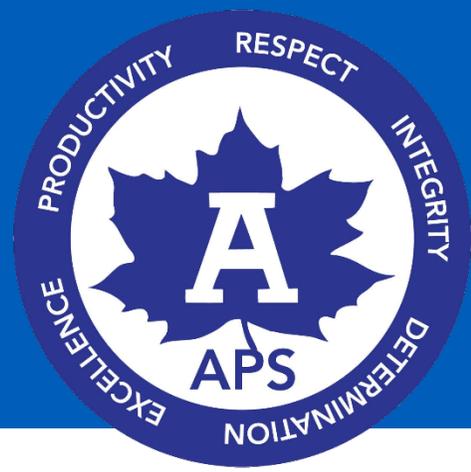
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly Support	28.96%	159
Support	39.34%	216
Oppose	20.95%	115
Strongly Oppose	10.75%	59
TOTAL		549

CONFERENCES/ASSOCIATIONS NEAR US

- **Cascades** – Addison, East Jackson, Grass Lake, Hanover-Horton, Manchester, Michigan Center, Napoleon, Vandercook Lake
- **LCAA** – Blissfield, BCC, Dundee, Erie-Mason, Hillsdale, Hudson, Ida, Onsted
- **TCC** – Adrian Madison, Britton Deerfield, Clinton, Morenci, Ottawa Lake Whiteford, Petersburg Summerfield, Sand Creek, Whitmore Lake
- **Huron League** – Airport, Flat Rock, Grosse Ile, Milan, Monroe Jefferson, MSMCC, New Boston Huron, Riverview
- **I-8** – BC Harper Creek, BC Pennfield, Coldwater, Hastings, Jackson Lumen Christi, Jackson NW, Marshall, Parma Western



WHY NOT A LENAWEE COUNTY
CONFERENCE?

School	Enrollment
Adrian	782
Tecumseh	744
Onsted	454
Madison	400
Blissfield	381
Clinton	328
Hudson	262
Sand Creek	257
Addison	240
Morenci	206
LCS	199
Britton Deerfield	188

WHAT IS THE IMPACT OF LEAVING THE SEC AT THE END OF THIS YEAR? SEC BYLAWS SECTION 4 - WITHDRAWAL



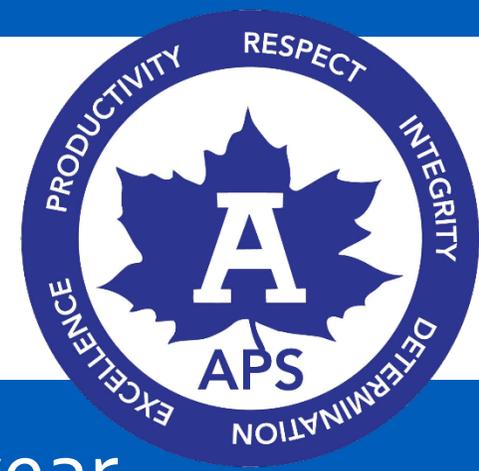
- 4.1 A member school's decision to withdraw must be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors by April 1st of the year preceding the school's last year in the Conference. (Amended September 16, 1998)
- 4.2 Readmission shall be the same procedure as governs the admittance of new members
- 4.3 After notification of withdrawal has been accepted, the school shall have no further vote

IMPACT OF LEAVING EARLY WITHOUT A FULL YEAR NOTICE:



- No MHSAA penalty for leaving early
- Worst case scenario – SEC Board of Governor's ban member schools from playing Adrian in 20-21
- Would Tecumseh continue to play Adrian? Yes
- Bigger question of would Tecumseh leave the SEC after us?
- Scheduling becomes a bigger task the longer we wait

RECOMMENDATION



- Leave the SEC at the end of the 2019-20 school year
- Make Adrian Independent
- Continue to work on starting a new conference or join a league of similarly sized schools ideally within two years or less