Sadie Halstead Middle School

We Believe & You Belong

6th-12th Grade Newport Families,

Yesterday afternoon, November 18, 2026, the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) provided the WIAA's required implementation of Initiative 638, a measure which limits participation in girls' interscholastic athletics/sports to biological females. Click here for WIAA's Nov. 18 Update

The purpose of this letter is to ensure you are receiving the same information and updates that we do from WIAA and any other state agencies.

WIAA's letter stated they are "actively working to ensure alignment with the new law ahead of its December 3 effective date." And that "WIAA's priority is to provide member schools with updated guidance." This being said, when we receive further guidance on requirements for following state law, we will update our student-athletes' families as soon as possible.

While school districts and medical professionals just received this information yesterday, both entities have many logistical details to work out as we implement these new requirements. As a school district, we are in the process of communicating with Newport Hospital & Health Services (NHHS) as to how patients' families and medical providers will work together to implement this new requirement. WIAA's website has the "Pre-Participation Biological Sex Attestation Form" which medical providers complete certifying they have "reviewed relevant medical information necessary to make this determination". Click here for WIAA's Biological Sex Attestation Form

Our immediate next step is to communicate with the families of our high school girls basketball and wrestling programs to inform and assist them in the completion of the attestation process.

Thank you,

NSD Administration