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**Topic** Sports Report

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**Sport** Winter Wrestling

**Positive Developments and Highlights** There are currently 131 member schools sponsoring wrestling (as of 11/9) which is an increase of six programs from a year ago.

**Championship Update/Review** During the 2021-22 season, the Board selected Central HS (Regions 1-4) and Ryle (Regions 5-8) as hosts for the 2022-23 State Wrestling 1st Rounds. Following that decision, Central's then-Athletic Director, Samantha Pitts, asked to be removed as the 2023 host due to facility renovations.

A request was sent to the membership in October for applications to fill the vacancy created by Central's withdrawal. Despite conversations with a handful of schools, Atherton was the only school in regions 1-4 to submit an application to host the event. It is, therefore, my recommendation that Atherton is awarded the 1st Round event for 2023.

**Officials Update/Review**

There are 76 licensed wrestling officials as of November 9th, which is down from 86 officials a year ago. Concerns have been expressed to this office that the low number of officials could create coverage problems when girls' wrestling is sanctioned.