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## **KLAA GAINS TWO NEW MEMBERS, BECOMES 16-SCHOOL LEAGUE**

NOVI, Mich., August 11, 2017 – The Kensington Lakes Activities Association’s Board of Directors announced the additions of Dearborn High School and Dearborn Fordson High School beginning in 2018-19.

On Aug. 1, association principals and athletic directors unanimously voted to extend invitations to Fordson and Dearborn. Six days later, the KLAA became a 16-school conference when Dr. Glenn Maleyko, superintendent of Dearborn Schools, accepted the offer to become the newest members.

The Dearborn rivals will join Belleville, who accepted an invitation from the KLAA last April. The three schools will remain as members of the Western Wayne Athletic Association for the upcoming 2017-18 school year before joining the KLAA Black Division.

“We are pleased and excited to welcome Dearborn and Dearborn Fordson into the association,” said Nicole Carter, KLAA president and Novi High School principal. “These are two schools with strong athletic and academic heritages that share our association’s commitment to excellence.”

The KLAA will become the third conference that Belleville, Dearborn and Fordson have been associated with at the same time since 1993. The trio has been members of the WWAA since 2009-10.

In March, KLAA administrators voted 13-1 in favor of removing Grand Blanc from the association stating geographically reasons for their decision. The addition of Belleville and the Dearborn schools will lessen the travel burden between outlying schools like Brighton, Hartland and Howell.

Divisional alignments for the upcoming school year are based on geographic locations with proximity to other league schools.

The divisions for the 2017-18 year are: Gold Division – Brighton, Grand Blanc, Hartland, Howell, Livonia Stevenson, Northville and Novi. Black Division – Canton, Livonia Churchill, Livonia Franklin, Plymouth, Plymouth Salem, Wayne Memorial and Westland John Glenn.

Beginning in 2018-19, the division alignments will be: Gold – Brighton, Canton, Hartland, Howell, Northville, Novi, Plymouth and Plymouth Salem. Black – Belleville, Dearborn, Dearborn Fordson, Livonia Churchill, Livonia Franklin, Livonia Stevenson, Wayne Memorial and Westland John Glenn.

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