

I apologize that I cannot attend tonight's meeting as I am supervising our girls' soccer game against Centennial and we expect 300+ spectators.

I wanted to share my immediate thoughts regarding the proposed 1900/1500 split enrollment for the two high schools:

- One of our goals is equity for all students in Unit 4.
 - By establishing an enrollment discrepancy of 400+ kids at Centennial, the playing field will be tilted in their favor...once again.
 - Centennial has already benefitted from higher enrollment and on-campus athletic and marching band facilities.
 - This year at CHS 781 individual students registered for a sport. We have 210 marching band students. We had 48 students on our archery team. We have 24 students on our bass fishing team and over 100 more students that participate in our drama and choir programs.
 - Nearly 90% of our students are involved in some extracurricular activity at CHS.
 - I imagine the same is true at Centennial.
 - The proposed discrepancy in enrollment would provide Centennial with at least 360 more students participating in activities and athletics
 - Centennial would have a minimum of 260 more student-athletes than Central
 - The 400+ more students at Centennial would provide them with a competitive advantage at three different levels:
 - Cross-town Competitions
 - Big 12 Conference Competition
 - State Series Competition
 - While we would be competing in the same town, conference and the same class(es) at the state level, Centennial would have an edge because they will have at least 260 more student-athletes competing for their teams.
- If the goal is to continue to create an unbalanced playing field that continues to favor Centennial, then this 1900/1500 split will help to accomplish that goal.
- If the goal is to finally provide Central with equal opportunities for our kids, families and the community then a 1700/1700 split is most desirable

As the Athletic Director at Champaign Central High School I am strongly in support of the 1700/1700 split.

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