



## LHC vs RRC School Board Presentation

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### General Information

| Little Hawkey Conference |            |              |               |        | Raccoon River Conference   |            |              |               |       |
|--------------------------|------------|--------------|---------------|--------|--|------------|--------------|---------------|-------|
| School                   | 24-25 BEDS | 2019-20 BEDS | 5 Year Change | (FRL)  | School   | 24-25 BEDS | 2019-20 BEDS | 5 Year Change | (FRL) |
| Ames                     | 1106       | 1026         | 80            | 34%    | Bondurant-Farrar   | 610        | 436          | 174           | 20%   |
| Indianola                | 878        | 849          | 29            | 30.50% | Carlisle   | 561        | 464          | 97            | 23%   |
| Norwalk                  | 789        | 641          | 148           | 19.60% | Boone  | 549        | 471          | 78            | 31%   |
| DCG                      | 779        | 641          | 108           | 18.90% | ADM  | 523        | 391          | 132           | 19%   |
| Newton                   | 638        | 651          | -13           | 54.30% | North Polk   | 487        | 357          | 130           | 10%   |
| Oskaloosa                | 464        | 476          | -12           | 45.30% | Ballard  | 432        | 403          | 29            | 15%   |
| DMC                      | 321        | 229          | 92            |        | Winterset  | 411        | 397          | 14            | 28%   |
| Pella Christian          | 213        | 196          | 17            |        | Gilbert  | 390        | 366          | 24            | 6%    |
| Pella                    | 599        | 520          | 79            | 17.50% | BEDS - Official student count for grades 10-12 that IHSAA/IGHSAU use |            |              |               |       |

### Transportation / Distance

| RRC   | ADM  | Ballard   | Bondurant | Boone   | Carlisle  | Gilbert | North Polk | Winterset | Total |
|-------|------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|------------|-----------|-------|
| Pella | 71.6 | 66.5      | 45        | 90.3    | 42.9      | 82      | 61.2       | 68.7      | 528   |
| LHC   | DCG  | Indianola | Newton    | Norwalk | Oskaloosa | PC      | DMC        | Ames      | Total |
| Pella | 62   | 42        | 29        | 55      | 17        | 1       | 58         | 77        | 341   |

## Classifications

### LHC

|                 | Football | Volleyball | Cross Country (W) | Cross Country (M) | Wrestling | Basketball (W) | Basketball (M) | Bowling (W) | Bowling (M) | Track (W) | Track (M) | Soccer (W) | Soccer (M) | Tennis (W) | Tennis (M) | Golf (W) | Golf (M) | Softball | Baseball |
|-----------------|----------|------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------|----------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Ames            | 5A       | 5A         | 4A                | 4A                | 3A        | 5A             | 4A             | 3A          | 3A          | 4A        | 4A        | 3A         | 4A         | 2A         | 2A         | 4A       | 4A       | 5A       | 4A       |
| DCG             | 5A       | 4A         | 4A                | 4A                | 3A        | 4A             | 4A             |             |             | 4A        | 4A        | 2A         | 3A         | 2A         | 2A         | 4A       | 4A       | 4A       | 4A       |
| DMC             | 3A       | 3A         | 3A                | 3A                |           | 3A             | 3A             |             |             | 3A        | 3A        | 1A         | 2A         |            |            | 3A       | 3A       | 3A       | 3A       |
| Indianola       | 5A       | 5A         | 4A                | 4A                | 3A        | 4A             | 4A             |             |             | 4A        | 4A        | 2A         | 3A         | 2A         | 2A         | 4A       | 4A       | 5A       | 4A       |
| Newton          | 4A       | 4A         | 3A                | 3A                | 3A        | 4A             | 3A             | 2A          | 2A          | 3A        | 3A        | 2A         | 3A         | 1A         | 1A         | 3A       | 3A       | 4A       | 3A       |
| Norwalk         | 5A       | 4A         | 4A                | 4A                | 3A        | 4A             | 4A             | 2A          | 2A          | 4A        | 4A        | 2A         | 3A         | 2A         | 2A         | 4A       | 4A       | 4A       | 4A       |
| Oskaloosa       | 4A       | 4A         | 3A                | 3A                | 3A        | 4A             | 3A             | 2A          | 2A          | 3A        | 3A        | 2A         | 3A         | 1A         | 1A         | 3A       | 3A       | 4A       | 3A       |
| Pella Christian | 2A       | 2A         | 2A                | 2A                |           | 2A             | 2A             | 1A          | 1A          | 2A        | 2A        | 1A         | 1A         | 1A         | 1A         |          | 3A       | 2A       | 2A       |
| Pella           | 4A       | 4A         | 3A                | 3A                | 3A        | 4A             | 3A             | 2A          | 2A          | 3A        | 3A        | 2A         | 3A         | 1A         | 1A         | 3A       | 3A       | 4A       | 3A       |

### RRC

|                  | Football | Volleyball | Cross Country (W) | Cross Country (M) | Wrestling | Basketball (W) | Basketball (M) | Bowling (W) | Bowling (M) | Track (W) | Track (M) | Soccer (W) | Soccer (M) | Tennis (W) | Tennis (M) | Golf (W) | Golf (M) | Softball | Baseball |
|------------------|----------|------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------|----------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| ADM              | 4A       | 4A         | 3A                | 3A                | 3A        | 4A             | 3A             | 2A          | 2A          | 3A        | 3A        | 2A         | 3A         |            |            | 3A       | 3A       | 4A       | 3A       |
| Ballard          | 4A       | 4A         | 3A                | 3A                | 2A        | 4A             | 3A             | 2A          | 2A          | 3A        | 3A        | 2A         | 2A         | 1A         | 1A         | 3A       | 3A       | 4A       | 3A       |
| Bondurant-Farrar | 4A       | 4A         | 3A                | 3A                | 3A        | 4A             | 3A             | 1A          | 1A          | 3A        | 3A        | 2A         | 3A         |            |            | 3A       | 3A       | 4A       | 3A       |
| Boone            | 4A       | 4A         | 3A                | 3A                | 3A        | 4A             | 3A             |             |             | 3A        | 3A        | 2A         | 3A         | 1A         | 1A         |          | 3A       | 4A       | 3A       |
| Carlisle         | 4A       | 4A         | 3A                | 3A                | 3A        | 4A             | 3A             |             |             | 3A        | 3A        | 2A         | 2A         |            |            | 3A       | 3A       | 4A       | 3A       |
| Gilbert          | 4A       | 4A         | 3A                | 3A                | 2A        | 3A             | 3A             | 1A          | 1A          | 3A        | 3A        | 1A         | 2A         |            |            | 3A       | 3A       | 4A       | 3A       |
| North Polk       | 4A       | 4A         | 3A                | 3A                | 2A        | 4A             | 3A             |             |             | 3A        | 3A        | 2A         | 3A         | 1A         | 1A         | 3A       | 3A       | 4A       | 3A       |
| Winterset        | 3A       | 4A         | 3A                | 3A                | 2A        | 4A             | 3A             |             |             | 3A        | 3A        | 2A         | 3A         |            |            | 3A       | 3A       | 4A       | 3A       |
| Pella            | 4A       | 4A         | 3A                | 3A                | 3A        | 4A             | 3A             | 2A          | 2A          | 3A        | 3A        | 2A         | 3A         | 1A         | 1A         | 3A       | 3A       | 4A       | 3A       |

### Example of Flexibility in Potential Scheduling

| Example of RRC Flexibility |              |            |     |                |            |
|----------------------------|--------------|------------|-----|----------------|------------|
| Ex:                        | 26-27 BBall  | Miles      | Ex: | 27-28 BBall    | Miles      |
|                            | @ Nor        | 55         |     | @ Ballard      | 66         |
|                            | @ Ames       | 77         |     | @ NP           | 61         |
|                            | @ DMC        | 58         |     | @ Gilbert      | 82         |
|                            | @ Osky       | 17         |     | @ BF           | 45         |
|                            | @ PC         | 1          |     | @ Carlisle     | 43         |
|                            | @ Indi       | 42         |     | @ Winterset    | 69         |
|                            | @ New        | 29         |     | @ Boone        | 90         |
|                            | @ DCG        | 62         |     | @ ADM          | 71         |
|                            | @ MP         | 93         |     | @ PC           | 1          |
|                            | @ Keokuk     | 104        |     | @ Osky/Ind/Nor | 42         |
|                            | @ DM North   | 40         |     | @ Knox         | 12         |
|                            |              |            |     |                |            |
|                            | <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>578</b> |     | <b>Total</b>   | <b>582</b> |

### Fine Arts Offerings

| RRC              | Vocal | Instrumental | Speech | Art |  | LHC             | Vocal | Instrumental | Speech | Art |
|------------------|-------|--------------|--------|-----|--|-----------------|-------|--------------|--------|-----|
| ADM              | X     | X            | X      | X   |  | Ames            | X     | X            | X      | X   |
| Ballard          | X     | X            | X      | X   |  | DCG             | X     | X            | X      | X   |
| Bondurant-Farrar | X     | X            | X      | X   |  | DMC             | X     | X            | X      | X   |
| Boone            | X     | X            | X      | X   |  | Indianola       | X     | X            | X      | X   |
| Carlisle         | X     | X            | X      | X   |  | Newton          | X     | X            | X      | X   |
| Gilbert          | X     | X            | X      | X   |  | Norwalk         | X     | X            | X      | X   |
| North Polk       | X     | X            | X      | X   |  | Oskaloosa       | X     | X            | X      | X   |
| Winterset        | X     | X            | X      | X   |  | Pella Christian | X     | X            | X      | X   |
| Pella            | X     | X            | X      | X   |  | Pella           | X     | X            | X      | X   |

**Middle School:**

**† RRC/LHC Middle School Comparison**

| <b>RRC</b>              | <b>7th<br/>Volleyball</b> | <b>8th Volleyball</b> | <b>7th Football</b> | <b>8th Football</b> | <b>7th GBB</b> | <b>8th GBB</b> | <b>7th BBB</b> | <b>8th BBB</b> | <b>Wrestling<br/>Boys</b> | <b>Wrestling<br/>Girls</b> |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>ADM</b>              | 34 A-D                    | 34 A-D                | 29 AB               | 37 AB               | 16 AB          | 11 AB          | 25 A-D         | 44 A-E         | 28                        | 8                          |
| <b>Ballard</b>          | 36 A-D                    | 22 A-D                | 25 AB               | 32 AB               | 23 A-C         | 11 AB          | 24 A-C         | 29 A-C         | 25                        | 8                          |
| <b>Boone</b>            | 35 A-D                    | 42 A-E                | 26 AB               | 21 AB               | 12 AB          | 21 AB          | 34 A-D         | 33 A-D         | 23                        | 4                          |
| <b>Bondurant-Farrar</b> | 49 A-E                    | 38 A-D                | 54 AB(c)            | 39 AB               | 22 AB          | 11 AB          | 40 A-D         | 26 A-C         | 25                        | 13                         |
| <b>Carlisle</b>         | 37 A-D                    | 32 A-D                | 32 AB               | 29 AB               | 12 AB          | 15 AB          | 23 A-C         | 28 A-C         | 22                        | 11                         |
| <b>Gilbert</b>          | 41 A-E                    | 40 A-E                | 29 AB               | 31 AB               | 27 ABC         | 15 AB          | 33 A-D         | 45 A-D         | 36                        | 21                         |
| <b>North Polk</b>       | 35 A-D                    | 22 A-D                | 45 AB(c)            | 45 AB(c)            | 24 ABC         | 19 AB          | 41 A-D         | 43 A-E         | 25                        | 12                         |
| <b>Winterset</b>        | 18 A-C                    | 28 A-D                | 23 AB               | 27 AB               | 14 AB          | 16 AB          | 24 A-C         | 37 A-D         | 16                        | 12                         |
|                         |                           |                       |                     |                     |                |                |                |                |                           |                            |
| <b>LHC</b>              | <b>7th<br/>Volleyball</b> | <b>8th Volleyball</b> | <b>7th Football</b> | <b>8th Football</b> | <b>7th GBB</b> | <b>8th GBB</b> | <b>7th BBB</b> | <b>8th BBB</b> | <b>Wrestling<br/>Boys</b> | <b>Wrestling<br/>Girls</b> |
| <b>DCG</b>              | 68 A-F                    | 48 A-F                | 53 A-C              | 48 AB               | 29 A-C         | 12 AB          | 57 A-F         | 51 A-F         | 45                        | 12                         |
| <b>Indianola</b>        | 43 A-E                    | 61 A-F                | 45 AB               | 32 AB               | 20 A-C         | 20 A-C         | 52 A-F         | 46 A-E         | 54                        | 30                         |
| <b>Newton</b>           | 31 A-D                    | 29 A-D                | 41 AB               | 45 AB               | 14 AB          | 10 AB          | 30 A-C         | 25 A-C         | 40                        | 15                         |
| <b>Norwalk</b>          | 48 A-E                    | 49 A-E                | 42 AB               | 48 AB               | 20 A-C         | 13 AB          | 53 A-F         | 41 A-D         | 45                        | 17                         |
| <b>Oskaloosa</b>        | 29 A-D                    | 28 A-D                | 16 A                | 28 A + 2Q           | 12 AB          | 13 AB          | 24 A-C         | 22 A-C         | 26                        | 8                          |
| <b>Pella</b>            | 48 A-E                    | 45 A-E                | 48 AB               | 44 AB               | 20 A-C         | 24 A-C         | 45 A-E         | 43 A-E         | 33                        | 15                         |
| <b>Pella Christian</b>  | 24 A-C                    | 13 AB                 | 25 A                | 13 A                | 12 AB          | 15 AB          | 12 AB          | 15 AB          | x                         | x                          |
| <b>Ames</b>             | 55 A-F                    | 50 A-F                | 50 AB               | 42 AB               | 30 A-D         | 22 A-C         | 55 A-F         | 53 A-F         | 50                        | 25                         |
| <b>DMC</b>              | 26 A-C                    | 28 A-C                | 26 AB               | 27 AB               | 16 AB          | 14 AB          | 25 A-C         | 23 A-C         | x                         | x                          |

## HS Head Coach Feedback

| COACH  | RRC/LHC/Indifferent | RRC vs LHC FEEDBACK  |
|--------|---------------------|--|
| HC #1  | RRC                 | Better long term stability of the conference, excellent competition and similar size schools. This will be the best 3A Boys and 4A girls conference in the state. The LHC has been great for us but the RRC invitation provides an opportunity that would be very difficult to turn down.  |
| HC #2  | RRC                 | Overall competition level will be better. Long term viability of the conference is better.   |
| HC #3  | Indifferent         | Not every RRC school offers our sport but all of the schools that do are already on our schedule because they are traditionally competitive. Biggest downside is that the LHC has a conference tournament while the RRC does not but that can be made up through other scheduling measures, of which we would have more flexibility since we would have less conference obligations.   |
| HC #4  | RRC                 | The RRC offers long term stability with schools that match our size and competitive profile. There is a tradition of excellence that will be a positive to our students' activities experience.  |
| HC #5  | Indifferent         | The RRC will allow us to compete against community schools our size/class, especially as we consider future projected enrollments. The LHC for our sport is more competitive at the top, hopefully we can still schedule them for non-conference games.  |
| HC #6  | RRC                 | RRC has greater competitive balance with schools of a similar size.  |
| HC #7  | RRC                 | Long term stability of the conf is more certain then the LHC. Long term health of our programs will be better in the RRC vs LHC as the teams in RRC will continue to be around the same size as we are vs the LHC that will have 4-5 schools over then next 5-10 years that will be almost double or more our size.  |
| HC #8  | Indifferent         | Both conferences compete at high levels. There are perks of staying in the LHC, but it doesn't outweigh some benefits we'd see in the RRC.   |
| HC #9  | Indifferent         | I am ok to go with what the majority would like. If I had to choose I would lean toward the RRC for what seemingly would be better competition night in, night out across all activities - especially moving forward.  |
| HC #10 | RRC                 | To increase the meaning of a Conference Championship competing against schools within our own classification who we will face again at the State level in the postseason.  |
| HC #11 | RRC                 | I think the RRC offers much better long term stability compared to the LHC and contains schools comparable to our size. The LHC has provided us great competition, but the league has become very top heavy whereas the RRC will offer more consistent competition from top to bottom. I agree that the RRC will be the premier conference in the state for 3A boys and 4A girls activities.   |
| HC #12 | RRC                 | Overall I'm pretty indifferent with a slight lean towards RRC due to stability. With where things are right now in our sport, RRC is a fairly lateral move with more stability and more travel. Adding Ames to LHC actually helped strengthen the conference in our sport quite a bit. I don't think the highs are quite as high in RRC, but the lows aren't as low either, and we can (hopefully) keep some of the LHC highs as a part of our non-con schedule.   |
| HC #13 | RRC                 | Changing from the LHC to the RRC for specifically volleyball purposes may or may not be beneficial depending upon how many schools end up in either conference. The main thing that matters for volleyball is how many dates are locked in for the conference schedule. The LHC just went to 8 conference dates which isn't beneficial to our schedule. I really like who we get to play against in the LHC, but I can always schedule those teams for non-conference quads or tournaments. The RRC has pretty good competition so we wouldn't be taking too big of a step down. What I feel is most important about the transition to the RRC is the stability of the conference. The RRC has had very little movement traditionally, and I believe it is much more stable than the LHC. Additionally, I believe the RRC fits Pella a little better in regards to BEDS, socioeconomic numbers, and growth rates. I know the travel is a little further than the LHC, but that can balance out based upon how they format the conference schedule. |
| HC #14 | Indifferent         | I do like the stability of the RRC over the LHC. We currently only have 4 schools in the LHC that we compete against in spring golf which frees up our schedule tremendously. A BIG draw back to the RRC will be if we have to schedule 8 different individual meets instead of 4. This would dramatically change our schedule from where we are now. It would potentially only allow us to go to 2 tournaments outside of our own 2 that we host. Could potentially be a step backwards for us.   |
| HC #15 | RRC                 | Overall, I think joining the RRC will offer more stability compared to the LHC. I also appreciate that joining the RRC would allow for more freedom when it comes to non-conference games. That also allows for a little bit more freedom for our student-athletes. I do worry about the developmental programs, but most RRC schools do offer, but we are going to have to look for more opportunities for our JV2 & MS levels. Overall, both conferences offer great competition and we can't go wrong with staying or going. In the long run, it might be more beneficial to join the RRC due to the stability factor and constantly playing schools of a high quality.   |
| HC #16 | Indifferent         | I see positives with both conferences. Schools will be more comparable to our size in the RRC. Yet I appreciate the closer proximity of the LHC. Looks like the RRC has the format of using dual/triangulars for golf with the conference tournament. This is something we are used to as well from the past. We would be able to keep some of our traditional invites as well.  |