

## **November 16, 2023, OHSAA Appeals**

The OHSAA Appeals Panel met with appellants on November 16, 2023, virtually through Microsoft Teams. Appeals Panel members were Mr. Phil Ackerman, superintendent of Switzerland of Ohio Local Schools; Dr. John Richard, former superintendent of Perry Local Schools; and Mr. Michael Gallina, superintendent of North Canton City Schools. Mr. Ackerman served as the appeals hearing officer.

Also in attendance for all or portions of the appeals: Steve Craig, OHSAA legal counsel; Bob Goldring, OHSAA director of communications and special projects; Kristin Ronai, OHSAA director of compliance; Ronald Sayers, OHSAA manager of membership and compliance; Alexis Holderman, OHSAA membership and compliance administrative assistance; and Preston Miller, OHSAA compliance staffer.

### **A. Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship, an 11<sup>th</sup>-Grade Student, North Olmsted High School (Northeast District)**

An 11<sup>th</sup> grade student at North Olmsted High School did not pass five one-credit courses or the equivalent during the first grading period of the 2023-24 school year. The Executive Director's Office ruled that the student was ineligible for interscholastic athletics for the second grading period of the 2023-24 school year in accordance with Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship.

The student's parents, Lisa and Chris Wengstrom; Brett Koch, North Olmsted Athletic Administrator; and Kiera Calloway, North Olmsted School Counselor, appealed the ruling so that the student could be fully eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at North Olmsted High School.

There was a motion to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 3-0.