WHEREAS, the Quakertown Community School District is a member of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association, heretofore identified as the PIAA, and is committed to making policy decisions that enable the school district to provide quality and equitable academic, athletic, and extra-curricular programs and services to the school-age children of our community; and

WHEREAS, the PIAA was formed in Pittsburgh on December 29, 1913, by a group of Public High School (districts defined by geographic boundary) Principals who wanted to eliminate abuses, establish uniform rules, and place interscholastic athletics in the overall context of secondary education.; and

WHEREAS, Act 219 (1972) amended the public school code and demanded that private (non-boundary) schools shall be permitted, if otherwise qualified, to be members of the PIAA; and

WHEREAS, non-boundary schools now include brick and mortar charter schools who comprise 40 of the PIAA’s 765 high school membership as of 2016-2017; and

WHEREAS, in the past seven years, 73.3% of boys basketball champions have been non-boundary schools; during the same time frame, 60% of girls basketball champions and 56% of high school football champions have similarly come from non-boundary schools.

WHEREAS, the transfer rules and “Success Formula” passed by the PIAA, on Wednesday, July 18, 2018 without a third reading WILL NOT effectively address the competitive imbalance issue but WILL add unnecessary and burdensome restrictions and record-keeping for all member schools.

WHEREAS, the athletic playing field is not level, non-geographical boundary schools should not be competing against traditional PUBLIC schools in section, district, or state championships; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Quakertown Community School District Board of Education joins school districts around the state in calling for PIAA classification reform including: regular season structure that may be comprised of competition between traditional PUBLIC and non-boundary schools, postseason competition should be exclusive. Traditional PUBLIC schools should compete against other traditional PUBLIC schools. Non-boundary schools should compete against non-boundary schools. The state can divide the non-boundary schools into two divisions. The largest non-boundary schools play 6A. The smaller non-boundary schools play 5A. The state can divide traditional PUBLIC schools by 4. The largest schools will play 4A, the next largest 3A, then 2A, and the smallest schools 1A.

Adopted by the Governing Board of the Quakertown Community School Board on October 25, 2018, by a vote of ________ Yes and ________ No votes, with ________ abstaining and ________ absent.

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Secretary, QCSD Board of Directors                                 President, QCSD Board of Directors