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Key School

Loyola Blakefield

McDonogh School

Mount Saint Joseph High School

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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Saint Frances Academy

Saint John's Catholic Prep

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Saint Paul's School

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Saints Peter & Paul High School

Severn School

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The MIAA leadership group, to include the Executive Director, Board of Governors and officers from the Executive Committee met in late June to discuss the developments in "A" conference football. This past spring several "A" conference schools announced their intentions not to play scheduled contests with St. Frances Academy due to the significant competitive disparity that has developed by virtue of the number, grade level, and ability of recent transfer students to the school and expressed concerns by member schools regarding player safety. Once St. Frances was made aware of these decisions by league opponents the St. Frances varsity football program began seeking games outside of the MIAA. In doing so the St Frances coaching staff declared they would play an independent schedule for 2018.

With the decision not to play, formally expressed by Mt. St. Joseph High School and Calvert Hall High School, and McDonogh School's declaration that they too would forego playing St. Frances in 2018, as well as decisions by Gilman School and Archbishop Spalding High School that they would not play their scheduled games in order to provide St. Frances an opportunity to assemble an independent schedule, a quandary developed as to how league policies, regulations and specific concerns regarding constitutional directives should be interpreted and implemented.

Through discussions concerning all of the intricacies involved, the leadership determined that several main concerns needed immediate attention.

- In light of the timing of the notifications given to St. Frances and the sequence of events, St. Frances will be declared "A" conference champions due to the decisions by all "A" conference opponents not to play scheduled contests.
- There will be no playoffs or championship game to culminate the 2018 "A" conference football season.

- No official standings will be kept for those teams competing in the “A” conference during the 2018 season.
- With the ability of St Frances to put together an independent schedule, the other schools in the “A” conference will be permitted to fill that game slot with other opponents.
- A discussion and review of all MIAA rules specific to recruitment, transfers, and eligibility will continue to take place moving forward.
- The JV schedule will be played as submitted by the league, to include St. Frances.

This has been a difficult and delicate situation for the MIAA and its member schools to endure. With no previous history of such actions, the leadership has at all times tried to make decisions that are justified, appropriate under the circumstance, and transparent, and will continue to do so. While this scenario has been specific to “A” conference football schools, maintaining the integrity and reputation of the MIAA and all of its twenty-nine member schools remains a top priority for this association.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lee Dove', written in a cursive style.

Lee Dove, CAA
Executive Director
MIAA Board of Governors