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## **PRESS RELEASE**

The official announcement was made today that, beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, the schools currently comprising the Monterey Bay League (MBL) and the Mission Trail Athletic League (MTAL) will participate together in a new PACIFIC COAST ATHLETIC LEAGUE (PCAL). The current 31 schools will be joined by St. Francis Salesian College Prep of Watsonville and by the new Rancho San Juan High School in Salinas to form a new league of 33 schools.

PCAL will contest all sports in divisional play with divisions based primarily on competitive strength. It is anticipated that most major sports will have four divisions named as follows: PCAL-Gabilan; PCAL-Mission; PCAL-Cypress; PCAL-Santa Lucia. If a fifth division is formed in any sport, it will be known as PCAL-Arroyo.

The divisional placement process for next year will occur this year, with announcements made at the end of each season this year for the next year's season.

PCAL League Commissioner Tim McCarthy stated: "This is exciting for the students and high school athletic programs of this entire Central Coast area. Student-athletes want to have fun and be competitive. This new league will allow all 33 schools to have their individual athletic programs placed, sport by sport, in a division that allows the best possible chance at being competitive. This is good for all."

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Please contact Tim McCarthy above for more information.