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District Chairs and Committee Members:

Well, the year is flying and the turkey is about to hit the Thanksgiving table! If any of you have visited the NFL website lately, and I hope you have, you will see that several incredible things are happening at the office. We are so excited to be actively pursuing ways to enhance the services of the NFL. You play a major role in this process. Please know that you are appreciated and your leadership within your region is invaluable. A few things before Turkey Day...

### NATIONAL MENTORING PROGRAM

I hesitate to call it a National Mentoring Program, because the mentoring is being done locally. However, NFL Programs Coordinator, Tyler Billman has organized an outstanding program to connect new coaches with mentors in each region. However, this program relies on you, the District leadership to provide us with the names of mentors in your area. Once you have done this, we will do the rest. Tyler may periodically ask you to make contact with your mentors and mentees to see how it is going, but for the most part, we got it! Please email your mentor nominations to [tyler@nflonline.org](mailto:tyler@nflonline.org) ASAP.

### JOY OF TOURNAMENTS

If you are using Joy of Tournaments software this year, you will be contacted by NFL technical support coordinator, Cherian Koshy, to make sure all is set up and ready to go. Those of you that are using JoT will not receive as much materials in your boxes from the NFL as you have previously. No cards, pink sheets, etc will be necessary. However, if for some reason, you would need these, they are available online at any point.

### SCHOOLS MOVING DISTRICTS

We have had a few concerns voiced among District Chairs that there are Districts that are actively recruiting schools to consider moving to adjacent Districts. I think it goes without saying, but I am going to say it, "Please don't do this." Each District is working hard to maintain and strengthen its numbers of schools and participants. I encourage all Districts to actively pursue schools that are not currently members of a District, but not to pursue those that already have a home. By rule, a school can petition a District to move to another District for good cause. Before moving, it must have the permission of the District it is leaving. Please

don't fall into the trap of telling a school, "Sure, if you get released, we will take you." I would much prefer that the District leadership of both Districts discussed the situation with each other or with me before answering to a school.

### PROSPECTIVE SCHOOLS

Attached, you will find a spreadsheet list of the non-member schools that have inquired about NFL school membership over the past few months. These schools are prime recruitment ground. Each of these individuals have been sent an informational packet from the NFL, but could certainly use correspondence from local leadership. We have listed the potential District that this school would most likely fall in to help you know who to contact.

### FLASH NEWS ON NFL ONLINE

We have added a new feature to the front page of [nflonline.org](http://nflonline.org). There is now a flash page feature that holds five of our most current pieces of news and information. We would like to feature as many items from around the forensics community as possible. In order to do this, we want to encourage submissions from all Districts. We are looking for tournament news, special interest stories, alumni information, and a whole lot more. For example, we would love to post District Tournament photos along with immediate qualifier results. Each write up must include an image or photo of some sort. Go to [www.nflonline.org](http://www.nflonline.org) to check out the current flash pages to get an idea of things to send that will represent your region.

### SCHOOLTUBE.COM

SchoolTube.com is a new partner of the National Forensic League. SchoolTube is the only video upload company that is sanctioned by high school principals and permitted for video uploading. The primary

reason for this is that the videos have to be approved by educators before uploading. This makes SchoolTube.com a fantastic site for educators. The NFL will be working with SchoolTube to develop a channel specifically geared toward speech and debate students. Beginning the week of November 19<sup>th</sup>, SchoolTube will be accessible through the NFL website. In week one, the NFL will feature footage from the fall Glenbrooks Tournament including final round coverage of PFD, LD, and Policy Debate.

### VOTING FOR POLICY DEBATE

The final ballot for the 2007 Policy Debate resolution is now available on the NFL website. Please encourage all chapter schools with policy debate programs to submit a vote for one of the final two topics. The ballot can be found under "Resources" and then by clicking on "Current Topics."

### UPDATED MANUALS

Updated manuals are now available online at [www.nflonline.org](http://www.nflonline.org). Changes to each manual have been bolded and underlined to allow you to find the changes more easily. If there are any questions, please contact my office at (920)748-6206.

### SCHOOL RENEWALS

All Districts should encourage schools to renew now. By renewing early, schools can utilize the resources available to students and are more likely to process memberships.

### ROSTRUM SUBMISSIONS

Please encourage your coaches to submit articles for potential publication in *Rostrum*. Submit articles to Sandy Krueger at [nlfrostrum@nflonline.org](mailto:nlfrostrum@nflonline.org).