

To: Mike Moyer, Executive Director, National Wrestling Coaches Association - Heads up- Important presentation in Billings May 5-6. Can you attend to help us explain this topic? Please let us know.

Dear MWA, USAW-MT & AAU Montana:

Harry Truman said "The only thing new in the world is the history you do not know"

Three of you (Lanny Bryant, Dave Bennetts, Dan Elser) heard the advice from Jack Clark, Executive Director, US Wrestling Foundation that was given Feb 26th to the Cooperative States Structure (CSS) in person & electronically during the Palo Alto meeting. See attached.

I was not aware of the MWA and apologize for not following your customs through my ignorance. The CSS is pleased with the work of the four or five Montana leaders who hosted our Japanese partners this January. We ask that this quartet continue their work by meeting with the JHWA to develop a written protocol for a future high school girls cultural exchange.

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Simple answer: **We can't do it by ourselves.** Oregon has been devastated by the loss of 80% of its collegiate wrestling programs. We have to think bigger in terms of college conferences, in particular the Big Sky Conference (Montana, Montana State, **Portland State**, Eastern Washington, Idaho State, Idaho, Sacramento State, Northern Arizona, etc).

We believe that the high school girls programs will help bring back the boys programs because they cause our sport to become gender neutral. Title IX requires equal opportunity, not numbers.

We need help with our multi-state Boys Cultural Exchange program with Japan that was created in 1962.

We invite the MWA and its member USA Wrestling & AAU Montana to consider populating the Board & Steering Committee of RCW-MT with a view of joining the CSS. There is strength in numbers. You're also invited to attend our next meeting in Yakima on October 27th at the Red Lion hotel. Any questions/suggestions?

Yours in Wrestling.