

A PROPOSAL TO HOST THE 2022 WFCA STATE TOURNAMENT IN EAU CLAIRE, WISCONSIN

Date: April 1-2, 2022

Location: Eau Claire North and Memorial High Schools

Rationale: The 2020 State Tournament was to be held in Eau Claire but was moved to a virtual format due to the coronavirus pandemic. Assuming that it would be safe to do so, we would like to host the “in person” state tournament in 2022.

- Part of our proposal for hosting in 2020 was to have the state tournament hosted by a school in Western Wisconsin as schools on the Western side of the state have been traveling to the southeastern side of the state for the last 30+ years and to vary the location geographically.
- The ground plan for hosting is already in place and would continue the idea of rotating the location of the state tournament on a “cycle” that was mentioned at the Spring Membership meeting in 2018.

Tournament Details:

- **State Congress:** The State Congress Tournament will be hosted Friday, April 1, 2022.
 - Rounds will take place in Downtown Eau Claire locations that are centrally located. (Options in 2020 were the LE Phillips Library meeting rooms, EC City Hall board room, and ECASD Business Office Meeting Rooms)
 - The centralized downtown location is close to several food options for students during the day.
- **State Forensics:** The State Forensics Tournament will be hosted Saturday, April 2, 2022
 - Preliminary rounds will take place at North and Memorial High Schools. Final Rounds will take place at North High School. Awards will take place in the North Auditorium if attendance is below 1000 or in the North Doghouse if the attendance is above 1000.
 - All schools would meet at North in the morning prior to the tournament and shuttle buses would be provided to transport students from North to Memorial in the morning and after preliminary rounds. It is about a 10 minute bus ride between the schools.
 - ECASD Food & Nutrition would be contacted for food service for lunch (to provide a relatively low-cost option for a meal—*approx. \$5*) and student organizations would run separate concession stands during the day for snack items.
- **Lodging:** In 2020, Visit Eau Claire put together a list of hotels for schools with group rates. We plan on contacting them again to put together a list for 2022. We could research looking at a specific hotel and finding a group block rate to find lower cost options.
 - If a team would need assistance in finding low cost alternatives, we could work with them on an as needed basis to come up with options

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