

UIL Alignment and the New Athletic Director
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Every two years the University Interscholastic League, which is known commonly as UIL, realigns districts for extracurricular events. Since the alignment takes place on even years, Comfort ISD has just been given a new district for 2008-2010. Every Texas high school is aligned by the number of students in grades 9 through 12. The classifications range from 1A for the smaller districts all the way to large 5A for the mega districts. Comfort remains a 2A district since our student population in 9-12 grades is more than 200 and less than 449.

Our overall competition is the entire 2A Conference; however, due to Texas being so large, the conference is broken into regions and districts. Conference 2A has 4 regions. Within those 4 regions are 32 districts and within those 32 districts are between 5 and 9 schools. Consequently, competition is fierce to make it to the playoffs, but it is that much more rewarding when we do.

Comfort ISD is in District 27 within Region 4. District 27 includes Blanco, Harper, Johnson City, SA Brooks Acad. Sci. & Eng., San Antonio Cole and Universal City Randolph.

With the new district alignment complete, the question on everyone's mind... "Who is the new athletic director?" In a previous article, I mentioned there were 124 applications at the beginning of the hiring process. As the Athletic Director/Head Football Coach interviewing committee looked through applications, six top candidates were chosen for interviews. Those candidates were interviewed and then three names were given to the superintendent. Two selected individuals and I conducted extensive research on each of the three top individuals chosen by the committee. When enough data had been obtained, the superintendent took the final name to the School Board for hire.

The new Comfort ISD Athletic Director/Head Football Coach comes to us from Smithson Valley High School. His name is Brad Lind. A biography of Coach Lind will be in next week's Superintendent's Point of View.