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Lafayette County School District

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Lafayette Closes Chapter on Oxford Rivalry to Focus on Evolving Athletic Goals

Oxford, MS - After considerable research and consultations, the Lafayette County School District (LCSD) Administration made a decision not to schedule Oxford (athletic teams) starting with the 2026-2027 school year. After fulfilling future scheduling commitments, we will consider scheduling options more consistent with our classification and goals.

Out of respect for a long-standing tradition and sports rivalry, this decision was not made lightly. After conducting substantial research, we look to the future of our sports program, as LCSD remains grounded in the premise of being anchored in the success of our athletes, both on and off the field. In consultation with former coaches, community members, and state agencies, LCSD determined that new scheduling options are in the best interest of the development of Lafayette athletes.

Our athletics teams are well-coached and have substantial success within our classification and region. We want to remain successful by pouring into the development of our athletes with the best resources available, not only to continue our winning traditions but also to compete in a sports environment that is continually evolving.

The LCSD administration informed the LCSD School Board Trustees of this decision on Wednesday, October 1st, at the regularly scheduled monthly meeting. Oxford Superintendent Bradley Roberson was informed via a phone call that same evening by our administration. LCSD coaches were informed of the decision on Thursday, October 2nd.

We acknowledge the end of an era and thank Oxford Schools for generations of good fun and rivalry during The Crosstown Classic. For many years, families and friends picked sides and passionately cheered on the teams. We believe that passion will remain as we all continue to cheer on all of our athletes. As we move forward, we wish our former rivals the best in competition in their pursuit of success in their division.