MEMORANDUM

DATE: Monday, April 14, 2025

TO: Texas FFA Chapters
Texas FFA Advisors

FROM: Jennifer Jackson, Executive Director

RE: Consideration of Delegate Allocation Restructuring

Potential Amendments to the Texas FFA Constitution

As part of our ongoing efforts to ensure effective governance and representation within the Texas FFA Association, we are notifying you of a potential future proposal to restructure the current delegate allocation system.

Under the current structure, the Texas FFA Constitution assigns **one delegate per 50 FFA members** per chapter. With a growing membership base, this has allocated **4,227 total delegates** across the state. However, attendance data indicates that significantly fewer delegates are present during the business sessions of the state convention. This discrepancy impacts the efficiency and effectiveness of the delegate process and places spatial and logistical constraints on the convention, particularly on the convention floor where both delegate and general session seating must be accommodated.

As the organization continues to grow, especially with the potential for increased membership through full affiliation models currently being explored at the national level, evaluating more sustainable approaches to delegate allocation is necessary.

We are currently exploring **three potential models** for consideration:

1. **Revised Ratio Model:**
   Amend the current constitutional language to change the ratio from 1 delegate per 50 members to 1 delegate per 125.
2. **Chapter Delegate Cap Model:**
   Establish a maximum number of delegates per chapter (e.g., a cap of 10 or 12 delegates per chapter), regardless of membership size.
3. **Statewide Cap with Proportional Distribution:**
   Establish a fixed number of total state delegates to be equitably distributed by percentage across all chapters based on membership.

Each model maintains chapter representation while addressing operational challenges associated with the current delegate structure. The intent of these proposed changes is not to reduce member voices, but to ensure that all voices are effectively represented in a manageable, equitable, and sustainable manner at the state, area, and district levels.

This memo is intended solely to inform chapters and advisors that delegate allocation restructuring is under consideration and may become a formal proposal in the coming years. With potential increases in membership, possibly exceeding **265,000 members** statewide, such a structural review is necessary.

We encourage chapters and advisors to discuss these considerations locally over the next several months and to begin identifying potential impacts, questions, and alternative suggestions. Your feedback is vital to shaping a solution that best serves the interests of all Texas FFA members.

If you have input or questions regarding this topic, please share them with the Texas FFA Association through your Area Coordinator or by contacting our office directly. Additionally, you may share feedback with your Area Officers to share during the State Leadership Conference, which will be held in May 2025.