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New PIAA Statewide Cross Country and Track & Field Interpreter Announced

MECHANICSBURG, PA: The Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) is pleased to announce the selection of James R. Ellingsworth, Shippensburg, PA as its new Statewide Interpreter in the sports of Cross Country and Track & Field. Ellingsworth assumes these duties immediately which were as the result of the recent retirement of Jack Hedlund, Kane, PA who had served with distinction in this capacity for two decades.

Ellingsworth is no stranger to PIAA and its Cross Country and Track & Field events. He has been a registered official since 1983 and has served as the rules interpreter for the Central Penn Chapter of Officials on multiple occasions. Ellingsworth has also served several PIAA districts in a variety of different capacities and is well versed in both sports.

As an administrator Ellingsworth served for many years as the athletic director at Big Spring High School (Cumberland County) where he also coached a variety of sports. In addition, Ellingsworth also served as the District 3 Chairman and Vice-Chairman for a decade prior to retirement.

Ellingsworth will serve as an extension of PIAA offices for the sports of cross country and track & field and is considered the authority in both sports in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Further information regarding PIAA activities may be found at www.piaa.org

ABOUT PIAA: Beginning in Pittsburgh, on December 29, 1913, PIAA was given the privilege of serving its member schools and registered officials by establishing policies and adopting contest rules that emphasize the educational values of interscholastic athletics, promote safe and sportsmanlike competition and provide uniform standards for all interscholastic levels of competition.