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RE: Football Realignment Information and Feedback, 2015-2018

1 message

Hogg, Mike <mike.hogg@bera.kyschools.us>
To: "Tackett, Julian" <jtackett@khsaa.org>

Thu, Apr 17, 2014 at 1:55 PM

Mr. Tackett,

Good afternoon. I am writing to express my displeasure with our proposed placement in the Football Realignment. This proposal puts our closest district opponent 76 miles away and our farthest district opponent approximately 140 miles away. Given the current budget situation for all schools and districts, this proposed alignment causes us to incur a greater cost to provide our students the opportunity to play football. Our cost of travel will increase substantially and our gate will decrease as fewer fans of district rivals will make the trip to Berea. In terms of ease of travel, our assignment to District 5 makes much more sense than District 2. At least in District 5 we can travel primarily by I-75. Additionally, we have a healthy rivalry with Nicholas County HS and Paris HS as we compete together in the Bluegrass Conference. Please see the information below for specific comparisons.

Proposed District 2 Travel

Bethlehem HS: 76 miles

Campbellsville HS: 80 miles

Caverna HS: 132 miles

Ft. Knox HS: 142 Miles

TOTAL TWO-YEAR TRAVEL MILES FOR ASSIGNMENT TO DISTRICT 7: **430 Miles****Suggested District 5 Travel**

Bishop Brossart HS: 114 miles

Paris HS: 52 miles

Nicholas County HS: 68 miles

Bracken County HS: 97 Miles

TOTAL TWO-YEAR TRAVEL MILES FOR ASSIGNMENT TO DISTRICT 2: **331 Miles**

My hope and expectation is that strong consideration will be given to other options that help us minimize cost while preserving the opportunity for our students to play football and for our fans to see our kids

play. I look forward to your response and welcome further discussion.

Mike Hogg, Superintendent

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"Let us have faith that right makes might, and in that faith, let us, to the end, dare to do our duty as we understand it." - Abraham Lincoln

From: Tackett, Julian [mailto:jtackett@khsaa.org]

Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2014 4:45 PM

To: Hogg, Mike

Subject: Football Realignment Information and Feedback, 2015-2018

This is being sent to each Principal, Athletic Director and Football Coach of record with a status update on football realignment for 2015 through 2018. This is being sent via automated system, so replies to this mass notice may not be received.

After reviewing the information provided, schools are asked to provide feedback through the link at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FBAlignment2015>. This feedback must be received on or before the close of business on Monday, May 5. **NOTE: Scheduling Moratorium:** Contracts signed prior to May 12, 2014 for the 2015 playing season and beyond are not to be considered valid. Schools are to hold off scheduling until the final alignment is approved.

Throughout this school year, the Board of Control Team Sports Committee has been conducting discussions and working with staff on finalizing a draft alignment of school for the 2015 through 2018 playing seasons. The Board has authorized me to release a draft of schools divided [CLICK HERE READ THE COMPLETE INFORMATION](#)

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Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

"Change is hard because people overestimate the value of what they have and underestimate the value of what

they may gain by giving that up."

James Belasco and Ralph Stayer, *Flight of the Buffalo* (1994)

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RANDALL K. COOPER HIGH SCHOOL

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT Randy Borchers, Athletic Director

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Commissioner Julian Tackett and the KHSAA Board of Control,

Cooper High School is writing to the KHSAA and the Board of Control in regards to the 2015-2018 KHSAA Football Alignment Draft. Cooper High School requests that the Board of Control look at the 6A playoff pairings rotation and consider this proposal.

Class 6A Playoff Alignment Proposal:

We feel the new Class 6A alignment now allows for true geographic pairings for regional playoff competition more so than in years past. Therefore, we ask the KHSAA and the Board of Control to consider allowing Class 6A to be paired in the playoffs the same way the other 5 classes are paired.

We propose the following Regional alignment.

Region 1= District 1 & 2- Western Kentucky Region (8 teams)

Region 2= District 3 & 4- Louisville Region (10/8 teams with the 2^{5th} place going to N KY)

Region 3= District 5 & 6- Northern Kentucky Region (6/8 teams with the 2 Louisville teams)

Region 4= District 7 & 8- Lexington Region (8 teams)

Semi-final Round= Region 1 vs. Region 2
Region 3 vs. Region 4

If this playoff alignment is followed, it would allow the Semi-Final round to consist of 1 team from each of the 8 team regions in the 4th round.

We feel this makes sense for several reasons. It is very sound geographically. Creating geographically sound regional alignment would allow for strong rivalries to be established, it will help playoff revenue for all schools, and it will relieve travel issues that could potentially impact schools from all 8 districts. The only schools that would be forced to travel outside of their region for the first three rounds of the playoffs would be the two fifth place teams from Louisville. Eight of the ten Louisville Schools will be playing in the Louisville Region, all six of the Northern Kentucky schools would be playing in the Northern Kentucky Region, all eight of the Lexington teams would be playing in the Lexington Region, and all eight of the Western Kentucky Schools would be playing in the Western Kentucky region. The only playoff travel that would be required outside of the region would be for the semifinal round.

The other benefit from following this playoff pairing system would be that the 2 Louisville schools travelling to compete as the #4 seeded teams in northern Kentucky would not have to play a team from their district in the first three rounds of the playoffs. This is a real possibility if the northern Kentucky districts are matched up with the Louisville districts in the first round. A Louisville team could potentially play a district opponent in the first round.

We feel that this would benefit all 4 regions and would save all the schools potential travel issues and be more consistent with the other classes throughout the state which allows for rivalries to be created through the playoffs. This would eliminate the problem with rotating regional changes in Class 6A on a yearly basis. With the current alignment the only class throughout the state that changes pairings in the playoffs is 6A.

If you have any questions regarding this proposal please do not hesitate to call or email me. I appreciate your consideration of this proposal. Thanks for your time and commitment to Kentucky high school football.

Randy Borchers

Randy Borchers

Athletic Director

KHSAA:

This letter is concerning the proposed high school football redistricting for the 2015 season. My school, Henry County High School is scheduled to be aligned in the following new district: Boyle, Garrard, Henry County, Western Hills and Lexington Catholic. This proposed district creates a substantial travel issue for our school system (estimated 251 miles one-bus, one-way from home school to away schools and we always take more than one bus). We would be leaving our current district of Louisville area schools for this 2015 realignment. In terms of mileage, it makes much more sense for us to play in the realigned district that features Bardstown, Thomas Nelson, Central, Moore and Waggener. I do not know how feasible six team districts are in terms of your realignment efforts (there are other proposed six-team districts), but that would be the logical realignment on our end.

If your efforts are to maintain five-team districts, then just by having us switch places with Bardstown, putting them in the aforementioned Boyle, Garrard and Lexington Catholic district (estimated 159 miles one-bus, one-way for Bardstown from home school to away schools), the realignment process makes much more sense in terms of mileage. For Henry County to travel to the three Louisville schools would be approximately 121 miles one-bus, one-way home school to away schools.

Here is a look at an excel representation of those numbers previously mentioned:

	Boyle County	Lexington Cath.	Garrard County
Bardstown	1:17 (42 mi.)	0:59 (59 mi.)	1:08 (58 mi.)
Henry County	1:30 (69 mi.)	1:20 (63 mi.)	1:50 (81 mi.)
	Central	Moore	Waggener
Bardstown	1:09 (42 mi.)	0:55 (30 mi.)	1:09 (35 mi.)
Henry County	0:51 (39 mi.)	0:59 (47 mi.)	0:47 (35 mi.)

While there isn't always a huge disparity in the mileage, the time is noticeable due to routes we would have to take to travel Central Kentucky (whereas Bardstown would basically travel on a straight shot down the Bluegrass Parkway). Henry County, like so many other schools, is under huge budgetary constraints when it comes to athletic travel. I have let my coaches know that they should not request to schedule and hence travel any distances to Lexington and beyond (within 1 hour from school) for a sporting event. We consider games in Jefferson County a logical opportunity due to its close distance. In fact, our football team is a member of the Greater Louisville Football Association (scheduling out freshman and JV teams who play in a Louisville Area League).

I also realize that Bardstown is anticipated to be placed in a district with not only the Louisville schools mentioned, but also fellow Nelson County School, Thomas Nelson. You may be hesitant to switch these districts around and tamper with this natural in-county rivalry within the district. If this is unavoidable, then bring both schools into the proposed "District 4" and move Henry County along with Western Hills into "District 3". The overall time / mileage in a comparison between Thomas Nelson and Western Hills are very similar as you can see below:

	Boyle County	Lexington Cath.	Garrard County
Thom. Nelson	1:06 (42 mi.)	1:03 (59 mi.)	1:35 (58 mi.)
Western Hills	1:08 (40 mi.)	0:46 (28 mi.)	1:38 (54 mi.)
	Central	Moore	Waggener
Thom. Nelson	1:08 (42 mi.)	0:55 (30 mi.)	1:10 (35 mi.)
Western Hills	0:57 (52 mi.)	0:53 (49 mi.)	0:50 (45 mi.)

Thank you for your consideration in this endeavor. Our goal in athletics is to do what is best for the student-athletes. For Henry County student-athletes to have maximum opportunities through efficient management of district athletic and travel monies, the moves I have outlined would be of benefit. I look forward to your attention to the matter and your response.

Thank You

Todd Gilley



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Grant County Football Classification

1 message

Thompson, Steve <steve.thompson@grant.kyschools.us>

Wed, May 7, 2014 at 3:59 PM

To: "jtackett@khsaa.org" <jtackett@khsaa.org>

Cc: "Siple, Kevin" <kevin.siple@grant.kyschools.us>

Mr. Tackett,

After sharing your e-mail from this week with our head football coach, I request that Grant County move up to class 6A for football. We feel that doing so is in the best interests of our program. If this is not possible, then we would like to be able to participate as an independent for two years and then reevaluate where our program is.

Please let me know if you need anything else from us regarding this issue.

Steve Thompson
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Tackett, Julian <jtackett@khsaa.org>

Re: Grant County Football

1 message

Tackett, Julian <jtackett@khsaa.org>

Mon, May 5, 2014 at 8:36 PM

To: "Thompson, Steve" <steve.thompson@grant.kyschools.us>

Hi Steve,

Right now, there are two schools that have made the request to the Board of Control that schools that withdraw from play are only out 2 years. That seems fair to all involved as it addresses the contract cycle.

If you are sincerely interested in playing up, I would make that request with a letter to me and email it in within the next day or so. Otherwise, I would write a note on letterhead that simply asks for permission to be out only two years if you withdraw. You wouldn't be officially withdrawing at that point, just requesting. That way, if they happen NOT to approve the two year provision (instead of four), then we can come back to you and see what you want to do.

Hope that all makes sense. If not, give me a call at the office.

On Mon, Apr 28, 2014 at 11:24 AM, Thompson, Steve <steve.thompson@grant.kyschools.us> wrote:

Mr. Tackett,

With the redistricting of football for 2015, I wanted to see what some of our options at Grant County would be. We are a 5A school, but football is not the main sport here and probably never will be. Also, we are a rural school district. As far as the number of our students who participate in football is concerned, we are more of a 3A or even a 2A school in reality. Last year in our district we were outscored on average of 48-7. We don't anticipate being able to compete any better by having to play traditional football powers such as Highlands and Covington Catholic. I have seen the athletes that our boys have to compete against and they are just usually so much bigger and stronger than our boys, let alone much quicker. As a result we get more injuries (and players quitting) and by the end of the season we are just depleted. Our coaches here do a wonderful job, but they are just able to do so much.

I wanted to see what are options might be. Our coach has wondered if we might even be better off by playing up at 6A with the feeling we can likely compete better against the schools we have been playing against than against Highlands, Covington Catholic, and Dixie. Would it also be possible for us to play for a few years without being eligible to the playoffs while we try to build a football program here that will compete?

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Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

"It is not the critic who counts, not the one who points out how the strong man stumbled or how the doer of deeds might have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred with sweat and dust and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes up short time and time again; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, and spends himself a worthy cause; who if he wins knows the triumph of high achievement; and who, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory or defeat." — Teddy Roosevelt

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KHSAA

Attn: Board of Control

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April 10, 2014

Dear BOC Members,

Concerning the proposed new football alignment for the 2015-2018 seasons, this is a request for consideration of the following. In class 5-A, a district be composed of the 6 schools in Jefferson County that will be in the 5-A classification, Atherton, Doss, Fairdale, Fern Creek, Iroquois and Southern. This would certainly make geographical sense, but it will also put schools together that have very similar student populations.

Some background and overall view of the Louisville metro area may help with other school alignments as well. The current 5A alignment for the area has District 3, Grayson Co., Iroquois, Jeffersontown, John Hardin and North Hardin. District 4, Bullitt Central, Bullitt East, North Bullitt and Shelby County. Three teams will potentially be moving out of District 3, Jeffersontown and North Hardin to class 6A and John Hardin to 4A.

A possibility could be that Grayson County be moved into a district with the three Bullitt County Schools. That would be a shorter trip, on the WK Pkwy and I-65, for Grayson Co., than their current alignment, which has them traveling thru Bullitt County, to Iroquois and Jeffersontown. Josh Basham, the A.D. at Grayson Co. was contacted concerning this and said he would support this scenario. Another addition to that district could be Nelson County, which will be playing up to 5A, and they could take the place of Shelby County, which could move into another district, see attached.

Thanks for your consideration and hopefully this would be a viable solution and can help with your difficult task of the realignment process. Attached you will also find a draft of a possible alignment for all of Class 5A, which was developed using the existing alignment as a guide.

Mike Beard

Athletic Director,
Iroquois H.S.

Steve Shartzler

Athletic Director,
Atherton H.S.

Danny McCreedy

Athletic Director,
Doss H.S.

Ernest Smith

Athletic Director,
Fairdale H.S.

David Burns

Athletic Director,
Southern H.S.

Troy Johnson

Athletic Director,
Fern Creek H.S.

Draft Alignment of Class 5A Football

April 9, 2014

District Number

Schools

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1 | Owensboro, Apollo, Marshall County, Graves County. |
| 2 | Bowling Green, Greenwood, Barren County, Christian County. |
| 3 | Atherton, Doss, Fairdale, Fern Creek, Iroquois, Southern. |
| 4 | Bullitt Central, Bullitt East, North Bullitt, Grayson County, Nelson County. |
| 5 | Covington Catholic, Dixie Heights, Highlands, Oldham County, South Oldham. |
| 6 | Anderson County, Grant County, Montgomery County, Shelby County, Woodford County. |
| 7 | Lincoln County, Madison Southern, North Laurel, Pulaski County, South Laurel, Southwestern. |
| 8 | Harlan County, Letcher County Central, Perry County Central, Whitely County. |

KHSAA COMPETITION RULES

Governing Football

*(Adopted by the Board of Control for all play in this sport)
(Where these rules refer to the Commissioner, they shall refer to the Commissioner of the KHSAA. Sports specific duties may be appropriately delegated to a member of the Commission for the implementation of these rules. See Case Situations for specific rulings and interpretations used to administer these provisions)*

I) Assignment of Schools

A) Alignment of Teams for Postseason Play

The Kentucky High School Athletic Association shall sponsor postseason competition in football, provided that ten (10) percent of the member schools declare intentions to participate in said competition. Member schools not desiring to participate in KHSAA sponsored postseason competition shall notify the Association office prior to July 15, by the Commissioner's office. The alignment for football for the 2011 through 2014 playing seasons shall be as follows —

CLASS 1A

- District 1 - Fulton City, Fulton County, Mayfield, Russellville
- District 2 - Bethlehem, Caverna, Holy Cross (Louisville), Kentucky Country Day
- District 3 - Bracken County, Eminence, Frankfort, Paris
- District 4 - Beechwood, Bellevue, Dayton, Ludlow
- District 5 - Berea, Campbellsville, Lynn Camp, Williamsburg
- District 6 - Harlan, Hazard, Jenkins, Pineville
- District 7 - Fairview, Nicholas County, Paintsville, Raceland
- District 8 - Allen Central, Phelps, Pikeville, South Floyd

CLASS 2A

- District 1 - Ballard Memorial, Caldwell County, Crittenden County, Murray, Reidland (through 2012 season)
- District 2 - Butler County, Hancock County, McLean County, Owensboro Catholic, Todd County Central, Union County
- District 3 - Clinton County, Glasgow, Green County, Metcalfe County
- District 4 - Bardstown, Christian Academy-Louisville, DeSales, Fort Knox, Shawnee, Thomas Nelson (%), beginning 2013 season), Washington County
- District 5 - Carroll County, Gallatin County, Owen County, Trimble County, Walton-Verona
- District 6 - Bishop Brossart, Holy Cross (Covington), Lloyd Memorial, Newport, Newport Central Catholic
- District 7 - Danville, Lexington Christian, Middlesboro, Somerset
- District 8 - Betsy Layne, Leslie County, Prestonsburg, Shelby Valley

CLASS 3A

- District 1 - Fort Campbell, Heath (through 2012 season), Paducah Tilghman, Trigg County, Webster County,
- District 2 - Adair County, Edmonson County, Hart County, Monroe County, South Warren
- District 3 - Central, Elizabethtown, Henry County, Larue County
- District 4 - Bell County, Casey County, Corbin, McCreary Central, Wayne County
- District 5 - Bath County, Bourbon County, Estill County, Garrard County, Powell County, Western Hills
- District 6 - East Carter, Fleming County, Lewis County, Mason County, Russell, West Carter
- District 7 - Breathitt County, Jackson County, Knott County Central, Magoffin County, Morgan County
- District 8 - Belfry, East Ridge, Lawrence County, Pike County Central, Sheldon Clark

CLASS 4A

- District 1 - Calloway County, Hopkins County Central, Lone Oak (through 2012 season), Madisonville-North Hopkins, Owensboro
- District 2 - Allen County-Scottsville, Breckinridge County, Franklin-Simpson, Warren East
- District 3 - Atherton, Collins, North Oldham, Spencer County, Waggener, Nelson County
- District 4 - Doss, Fairdale, Moore, Valley, Western
- District 5 - Boyle County, Lexington Catholic, Marion County, Mercer County, Taylor County
- District 6 - Clay County, Knox Central, Rockcastle County, Russell County
- District 7 - Covington Catholic, Harrison County, Highlands, Holmes, Pendleton County (&, through 2012 season)

District 8 - Ashland Blazer, Boyd County, Greenup County, Johnson Central, Rowan County

CLASS 5A

- District 1 - Apollo, Christian County, Graves County, Hopkinsville, Ohio County
- District 2 - Barren County, Bowling Green, Greenwood, Logan County, Warren Central
- District 3 - Grayson County, Iroquois, Jeffersontown, John Hardin, North Hardin
- District 4 - Bullitt Central, Bullitt East, North Bullitt, Shelby County
- District 5 - Conner, Cooper, Grant County, Scott, South Oldham
- District 6 - Anderson County, East Jessamine, Franklin County, Montgomery County, West Jessamine, Woodford County
- District 7 - Lincoln County, Madison Southern, North Laurel, Pulaski County, South Laurel, Southwestern
- District 8 - Harlan County, Letcher County Central, Perry County Central, Whitley County

CLASS 6A

- District 1 - Daviess County, Henderson County, Marshall County, McCracken County (%), beginning 2013 season), Muhlenberg County (through 2012 season)
- District 2 - Central Hardin, Meade County, Muhlenberg County (beginning 2013 season)
- District 3 - Butler, Pleasure Ridge Park, Seneca, Southern
- District 4 - DuPont Manual, Male, St. Xavier, Trinity (Louisville)
- District 5 - Ballard, Eastern, Fern Creek, Oldham County
- District 6 - Boone County, Campbell County, Dixie Heights, Ryle, Simon Kenton (*)
- District 7 - Bryan Station, Henry Clay, Paul Laurence Dunbar, Scott County
- District 8 - George Rogers Clark, Lafayette, Madison Central, Tates Creek

(*) For 2011 through 2014 playing seasons, the 5th place team in District 6 of Class 6A will be bracketed as the number four (4) seed in District 2 for the purpose of making playoff pairings.

(&) - Pendleton County has withdrawn from district play for the 2013 and 2014 seasons.

(%) - McCracken County and Thomas Nelson will enter district play for the 2013 and 2014 seasons.

B) Enrollment and Criteria for Determining Classes

- 1) The basis for determining the schools to be placed in Class 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A and 6A will be the average boys enrollment, including all non-graded special education students, in grades 9-12 for the two most recent years available for the entire membership at the time of classification.
- 2) Initial classification for the 2011-2014 period is based on enrollment data verified by the Kentucky Department of Education for the two years through the enrollment of the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 school year.
- 3) The enrollment data used to determine the class boundaries shall be obtained from the Kentucky Department of Education or other verifiable sources in the case of non-public schools.
- 4) The classification shall be for a four-year period, which may be extended by the Board of Control. The alignment will be reviewed upon receipt of the 2011-2012 school year enrollment information from the Kentucky Department of Education for possible adjustment to begin with the 2013 playing season.
- 5) The schools shall be placed in enrollment ranked order (by boys four grade enrollments, after adjustment for single-sex schools).
- 6) The minimum number of teams necessary for a full bracket in the playoff system (32 teams) shall be placed in the highest class (6A) and the lowest enrollment class (1A). The remaining schools shall then be placed into approximately equal divisions in classes 2A through 5A.
- 7) The Board shall attempt to ensure that districts do not fall below four (4) teams and that travel distance is the primary determinant in both alignment decisions, and decisions involving playoff pairings.
- 8) The highest and lowest enrollment average from each class shall form the bounds of the class for the purpose of making adjustments after two years or for adding new teams.
- 9) If there are an odd number of schools or the number of schools is not evenly divisible by the number of classes, the extra teams shall be placed from the lowest class first, up to the highest

Madison Southern High School is opposed to the realignment proposed earlier this month due to several factors. With the current teams in 5a, district 7, we have over the years fought bitter contest with these schools and have built up not only a following of fans but have also developed good, strong rivalries. It has been the opinion of many people that 2 of the strongest teams in 5a last year were in district 7 and we hope to continue this rivalry not only this year but in the years to come. We have a strong desire to be back into a district with Pulaski, South Laurel, Lincoln, and Southwestern, and they have a desire for us to keep the up the rivalries developed over the years together. This alignment is good for the district and is good for high school football as well. We understand that this is personal to us but we also understand that the numerous phone calls we have received have been laced with questions about the loss of history, tradition and competitiveness among the current schools. Not only has there been a tradition among the schools in the current district but over the last few years there have been a rivalry between region 7 and region 8 that will be lost, namely the one between Madison Southern and Harlan County. This game will also be lost to the realignment proposed if we are moved out of the 7th district, this is not good for high school football. We understand that the alignment process is not an easy one and doesn't come without its fair share of compromises. The 7th district currently has 6 teams and after realignment has 5, but has included Whitley County. North Laurel has indicated that their move to the 8th district was a non-issue with them but leaves that district with only four teams. If Madison Southern were moved back to the 7th district and Whitley to the 8th, that would leave both with 5 and the 6th district with 4. It is felt that a 4 team district in the 6th district instead of the 8th would benefit those teams most affected in this proposed alignment. Although we base our objections on the proposed alignment on the points mentioned above, there is also a large difference between the amounts of money that will be spent on travel to district games if the alignment is left unchanged. Currently for a bus to travel to the 4 teams we are requesting to join in the new alignment, Pulaski, Southwestern, South Laurel, and Lincoln, the round trip for one bus is around 318 miles. This amount is doubled for two busses. If our district remains unchanged under the new proposal the round trip total for the new district would be around 514 miles, doubled for two busses. With two buses, the difference between districts would be around 408 miles and at the current Madison County rate of 1.75 dollars per mile that is a direct cost of 714 dollars that would not be spent if we stayed in the 7th district. This cost is not bore solely by one school but i still an amount split among schools base on home/away schedule. We only ask for reconsideration of our proposed move to the 6th district based on the arguments stated and that we remain in the 7th district to continue to build and promote high school football that is in the best interest of Kentucky.

Thank you,

Calvin Creech

Athletic Director Madison Southern High School

Magoffin County High School

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Tony Skaggs
Principal

08 May 2014

Mr. Henry Webb
KHSAA Board of Controllers

RE: 2015-2018 Realignment of Districts

Mr. Webb and KHSAA Board of Controllers,

On behalf of Magoffin County Schools, we would like to address our concern with the proposed realignment of districts for the 2015-2018 school years.

Over the past sixteen years, Magoffin County has been moved to a different district seven times (see attachment). The proposed reassignment once again moves our school away from three of our neighboring districts. These many reassignments have had a negative impact on the morale of our students, in part because we are unable to develop healthy sportsmanship rivalries with our neighboring school districts. This does little to motivate our teams to be more competitive.

Being moved from district to district so many times over recent years has caused our district to view itself somewhat as a “foster child” school moved from place to place when some other district needs “yet another team” to fill its roster; our team feels it has no true home.

If the 2015-2018 reassignment moves forward as planned, we will give strong and careful consideration to leaving district affiliation to become an independent team. While we do not desire to take such action, we feel we may be left with no reasonable alternative.

We would implore you to give very careful consideration to the implications of this move before making any decision to reassign our district yet again. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully,

Neil West
Magoffin County District Athletic Director

Stanley Holbrook
Superintendent, Magoffin County Schools

**MAGOFFIN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL
DISTRICT ASSIGNMENTS**

1998

1. **Magoffin**
2. Greeup
3. West Jessamine
4. Ashland
5. Rowan
6. East Jessamine

1999-2000

1. **Magoffin**
2. East Carter
3. Greenup
4. Ashland
5. Lawrence
6. Rowan
7. Sheldon Clark

2001-2002

1. **Magoffin**
2. Boyd
3. Greenup
4. Ashland
5. Lawrence
6. Rowan
7. Sheldon Clark

2002-2006

1. **Magoffin**
2. Sheldon Clark
3. East Ridge
4. Shelby Valley
5. Prestonsburg
6. Pike Central
7. Belfry

2007-2008

1. **Magoffin**
2. Belfry
3. East Ridge
4. Sheldon Clark
5. Pike Central

2009-2010

1. **Magoffin**
2. Breathitt
3. Estill
4. Powell
5. Knott
6. Morgan

2011-2014

1. **Magoffin**
2. Knott
3. Breathitt
4. Jackson
5. Morgan

Football Realignment Meeting

Superintendent - Mr. Neihof

Shelby County AD – Sally Zimmerman

Shelby County FB coach –Todd Shipley

April 21, 2014

1. Realignment enrollment for 2014 – 18
 - a. 508
 - b. Put Shelby County into class 4A
2. Why request to play up to class 5A
 - a. Liked our district- created competitive rivalries last 4 years
 - b. They were not moving
 - c. Cross district was relatively close
 - d. Obviously, we did not know our placement prior to the current district draft
3. Currently in 5A. We are in district 6 (5 teams)
 - a. Anderson, Woodford, Montgomery Co. and Madison Southern
4. Reasons for our concern of staying in this district.
 - a. Travel distance (2 games - 1 ½ trip)
 - b. Lower level game (travel during the week)
 - c. Travel distance brings low gate receipts
 - d. No competitive rivalries in any sport except Anderson.
 - e. Loss of board transportation budget
5. Possible solutions for KHSAA
 - a. **Choice 1** Move to old district- district 3
 - i. We were replaced with Nelson, South Oldham and Oldham
 - ii. Close proximity
 - iii. All schools in district have football rivalries
 - iv. Unsure if KHSAA would make a 7 team district
 - b. **Choice 2** Move to district 4
 - i. 6 Louisville schools
 - ii. Closer proximity than 5A district
 - iii. Few competitive rivalries
 - iv. Again, another 6 team district
 - c. **Choice 3** Move Shelby Co. back to 4A(our original numbers)
 - i. Add Shelby Co. to District 4
 1. MLC, Franklin, North Oldham, Spencer Co.
 - ii. All surrounding counties. Closest proximity
 - iii. All schools in this district have competitive rivalries with our school.
 - iv. 5A moves from 39 total teams to 38
 - v. 4A move from 38 total teams to 39

6. Of the 3 possible solutions option C seems the simplest and the most financially sound.

Commissioner Julian Tackett and the KHSAA Board of Control,

Simon Kenton High School is writing to the KHSAA and the Board of Control in regards to the 2015-2018 KHSAA Football Alignment Draft. Simon Kenton High School requests that the Board of Control look at the 6A playoff pairings rotation and consider this proposal.

Class 6A Playoff Alignment Proposal:

We feel the new Class 6A alignment now allows for true geographic pairings for regional playoff competition more so than in years past. Therefore, we ask the KHSAA and the Board of Control to consider allowing Class 6A to be paired in the playoffs the same way the other 5 classes are paired. We propose the following Regional alignment.

Region 1= District 1 & 2- Western Kentucky Region (8 teams)

Region 2= District 3 & 4- Louisville Region (10/8 teams with the 2 5th place going to N KY)

Region 3= District 5 & 6- Northern Kentucky Region (6/8 teams with the 2 Louisville teams)

Region 4= District 7 & 8- Lexington Region (8 teams)

Semi-final Round= Region 1 vs. Region 2

Region 3 vs. Region 4

If this playoff alignment is followed, it would allow the Semi-Final round to consist of 1 team from each of the 8 team regions in the 4th round.

We feel this makes sense for several reasons. It is very sound geographically. Creating geographically sound regional alignment would allow for strong rivalries to be established, it will help playoff revenue for all schools, and it will relieve travel issues that could potentially impact schools from all 8 districts. The only schools that would be forced to travel outside of their region for the first three rounds of the playoffs would be the two fifth place teams from Louisville. Eight of the ten Louisville Schools will be playing in the Louisville Region, all six of the Northern Kentucky schools would be playing in the Northern Kentucky Region, all eight of the Lexington teams would be playing in the Lexington Region, and all eight of the Western Kentucky Schools would be playing in the Western Kentucky region. The only playoff travel that would be required outside of the region would be for the semifinal round.

The other benefit from following this playoff pairing system would be that the 2 Louisville schools travelling to compete as the #4 seeded teams in northern Kentucky would not have to play a team from their district in the first three rounds of the playoffs. This is a real possibility if the northern Kentucky districts are matched up with the Louisville districts in the first round. A Louisville team could potentially play a district opponent in the first round.

We feel that this would benefit all 4 regions and would save all the schools potential travel issues and be more consistent with the other classes throughout the state which allows for rivalries to be created through the playoffs. This would eliminate the problem with rotating regional changes in Class 6A on a yearly basis. With the current alignment the only class throughout the state that changes pairings in the playoffs is 6A.

If you have any questions regarding this proposal please do not hesitate to call or email me. I appreciate your consideration of this proposal. Thanks for your time and commitment to Kentucky high school football.

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