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# Swim Realignment: My proposals and numbers

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Mr. Tackett, Mr. Bilberry, and Mr. Cope,

My name is J.P. LaVertu and this is my 16<sup>th</sup> season as a head swim coach in the state of Kentucky. I am once again writing you all in regards to the KHSAA proposed swim realignment. I am so happy that the issue is being addressed and a major overhaul is taking shape considering the last change in regions was made in 1999-2000. I want to thank you all for the hard work and commitment to our sport. Thank you for taking positive steps towards adding regions and making them more geographically sound while maintaining schools in each as to have strong regional competitions. I have literally looked at dozens of options during my quest to bring this to the forefront. I have a passion to make our state strong in the sport and also allow more schools and middle/high school student athletes to compete and have an opportunity to represent their school in one of the best sports I have ever been a part of. I feel that in the short term some regions will be weaker than others but with time they will get stronger and stronger. The most important reason to me, however, is to allow more kids and schools the opportunity to represent their High School at the KY State High School Swim Meet.

With this all said, I respectfully disagree whole heartedly with the proposed regions as they are now. I have laid out the numbers in Section 2 for you to look at below. The proposed regions are balanced by the number of schools but are not at all balanced by number of competitors. The smallest is 184 swimmers and the largest is 482 swimmers!!! If the magic number is 9 it could very easily be balanced better by tweaking a few things. You can see by this directly below:

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I will honestly say that I would love to see 11 regions because it would mean smaller number of swimmers in each region and geographically be much smaller and safer travel distances for schools. However, the most logical number is 8 based on a few factors such as balance of numbers per region and geography. This will also allow 16 (2 from each region) to automatically qualify for the state meet and 16 at large. Please see my proposed 8 and 11 region set ups below. I am not trying to toot my own horn, but my numbers and locations for schools work better than the proposal now. I have worked countless hours on this and am very passionate on the matter. I don't want public credit for this. I don't care if anyone knows I did the work. I just want what is best for the student athletes and the coaches of this fine sport and for all regions, schools, and swimmers equal opportunity to make it to the state swim meet to represent their HIGH SCHOOL.

Section 1: I started sending emails to Mr. Tackett and Darren Bilberry in April of 2012 with concerns the swim regions were not balanced and there were too few. You can see my initial email and the response Mr. Tackett sent back.

Section 2: My proposals, numbers for the past three years, and rational for going to a minimum of 8 regions. (see attachments as well)

# Section 1:

On Wed, Apr 25, 2012 at 7:54 AM, LaVertu, Jean Paul <jean.lavertu@shelby.kyschools.us> wrote:

Mr. Tackett and Mr. Bilberry,

Good morning. I am sending this message to both of you after conferring with many swim coaches in the state. I am not trying to stir the pot and don't want to make anyone upset. I am just a concerned coach who loves my sport and wants to better it by bringing some issues to the forefront. Please consider the following message and feel free to send any feedback, even if you feel it is not what I would like to hear.

I sent the below message to a great majority of swim coaches and ADs yesterday and have received some feedback both in favor and some opposed. It is not my intention to bring about changes to the current region alignment that would cause the majority of schools that have swim programs to not be in agreement. However, it is my humble opinion that the current swimming regions are way too large and don't allow for smaller schools the ability to compete on the regional level. I feel that regions that have become geographically way too large, especially with the increasing gas prices, and way too many swimmers to effectively run a championship meet. Our region prelims start at 12:30 and sometimes do not end close to 7:00. Then we expect the same kids to come back the next day and perform at their best. I do not think this is optimal in getting the best times and swims for our kids in the region.

Hello all.

I realize many of you may not know who I am. My name is J.P. LaVertu and I have been a high school swim coach for 13 years now in the state of KY. I know that the following may not be received well by all, and I respect everyone's opinion on this matter. I would hope that this e-mail may spark some discussion and maybe even some change, for the better, for high school swimming in the state of Kentucky. It is my opinion that the current region alignment for swimming is way too large and there needs to be at least three regions added to help with the extremely large area of some regions and the number of swimmers in each region. Please keep an open mind and feel free to discuss and share your own thoughts and views.

I have been looking at the regions for the other sports and have noticed that there are very few regions with more than 17 schools in them for basketball, baseball, and a few others. In Region 1 for swimming there are 44 schools!!!! 27 of those competed this year and 17 did not. In Region 2 there are 35 schools with 28 competing this year and 7 not. In Region 3 there are 33 schools with 25 competing and 8 not. In Region 4 there are 33 schools with 23 competing and 10 not. In Region 5 there are 31 schools with 24 competing and 7 not. In total there are 176 schools with swimming with 127 competing this year. I truly believe we are not doing our kids justice and giving them the opportunity to compete regionally with so many teams in each region.

I have seen my region, Region 3, start off ten plus years ago as the weakest region in the state and now I would say we can compete with the rest of the state. I think by expanding the number of regions from 5 to 8 it will give more kids and schools the opportunity to be involved in what I consider the best individual sport wrapped into a team concept there is.

One major issue is facilities. There are not many 8 lane pools in the state that are willing to host regional meets. It is not like basketball or football where every school has its own facility. I have looked at the state map and tried to come up with a more geographical sense and logical region alignment. I think I have at least one school in each region that has an 8 lane pool to host the meet. I have also tried to limit the number of schools in each region. The largest would still be the Jefferson Co. Region with 29 teams. The number this year had 35, so even though it is still the largest is would be smaller than it is now. The smallest would have 20 teams.

I have taken into consideration many factors including competiveness, and unfortunately there would be regions with much stronger programs than others. However, I have seen firsthand, in our region, what competition does to improve programs and the region as a whole. This new alignment would also give schools without swimming that are geographically close to the others that do have programs incentive to start one. In this realignment each current region would be reduced in number of overall swimmers. I believe most regions are currently between 350-550 swimmers. This makes for a very long two day meet. If we are really interested in the very best environment to get the best results out of our athletes we would not have a preliminary meet that lasts up to 7-8 hours like some regions are forced to conduct. We then have them come back a second day to compete for the right to go to the state meet. Are we really getting the best performances out of our athletes? I don't think we are.

I don't know how such a major re-structure would be accomplished. I don't know if the KHSAA is even interested. But I do know this makes a lot more sense than what we have now. Why should the sport of swimming be any different than the other sports? Thanks for listening and I would love to see, if not this exact realignment, some type of change needs to be made very soon.

Thank you for your time and once again, my intentions are not to make trouble, but to make positive changes to our wonderful sport and to grow it into something special.

Coach J.P. LaVertu

Head Swim and Dive Coach

Shelby County High School

Collins High School

Spencer County High School

Response from Julian Tackett on Wed 4/25/2012 10:06 AM

Coach,

Personally, I would be disappointed if you DIDN'T share your honest feelings and concerns. And thanks for including Darren who remains the primary point of contact for swimming at this time.

While Darren will likely work with staff and our Board on any alignment issues, I would caution you on one thing. I personally would not focus on the number of schools in a region as an issue. Frankly, that can be extremely misleading. What staff has to do when these issues are reviewed, is look at hard data. I know in track and

wrestling for example, we have looked at the number of entrants for each school over a period of time before making decisions. You could have 20 schools in a region, but if each one only has 5 kids, and yet another region with only 10 schools has 10 kids each, do you really have an issue? That's what we have to consider. In addition, swimming is not classified by enrollment, so in reality, school size may not be the issue either.

But you make one great point that frankly has concerned me for a number of years. The duration of the region swim meets is longer in many regions than practically any other event and the travel distance between sites is great. That is a concern, especially since weather seems to routinely influence the swimming regions. It seems like more regions with less geographic range might be a better way, but that would take a comprehensive review including a review of the availability of appropriate regional championship facilities.

I can assure you that these issues are reviewed on a regular basis. Staff's job (in this case Darren who has been tremendously supportive of swimming under his watch) is to communicate with school administrators to identify the magnitude of problems; determine if competition issues are the center of problems or does a realignment help the situation for students; try and gauge the need for change; look at school openings and closings to see if situations have been adjusted; and in general, recommend what is best for the sport going forward.

Again, your concerns are always welcome to be expressed (and you of course can express the good things too if you wish), as each member school is vitally important to the Association, its staff, and its Board of Control.

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

"Ultimately, a genuine leader is not a succor for consensus but a mold of consensus. And on some positions cowardice ask the question is it safe? Expediency asks the question is it politics? Vanity asks the question is it popular? The conscience asks the question is it right? And there comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe nor politics nor popular but he must do it because conscience tells himit is right." —Dr. Martin Luther King

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# Section 2:

I have looked at this from every angle. I have taken competition, geography, pool locations and travel distance, number of schools per region, and most importantly, the number of competitors per region into account. We owe it to our kids to make our regions balanced and allow more kids from across the state to represent their school in the KY "HIGH SCHOOL" State Meet, and still be competitive.

The first attachment is the map of the KHSAA proposed regions. A visual representation of the new "proposed" regions. Look at Region 3 (Blue) and Region 9 (Purple out East).

The second is the current 5 Regions that was put in place in 1999.

The third is my proposal submitted to KHSAA 1 ½ years ago.

The fourth is my 8 Region Map.

The fifth are the numbers of swimmers for the past two years (not including last year)

Current regions and competitor numbers:

# Proposal of going from 5 Regions to 8 or More

- No other KHSAA sport has such large regions.
- Swimming Region, Number of Teams/Swimmers
- 176 Schools
- 2729 Athletes competed in regional meets in 2013
- Region 1- 44 schools, 530 swimmers 2013
- Region 2- 35 schools, 638 swimmers 2013
- Region 3- 33 schools, 490 swimmers 2013
- Region 4- 33 schools, 563 swimmers 2013
- Region 5- 31 schools, 508 swimmers 2013

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This is the 8 Region format that would also work. Numbers are balanced and makes better geographical sense than the KHSAA proposal. Numbers per region:

Region 1: 341 swimmers

Region 2: 333 swimmers

Region 3: 329 Swimmers

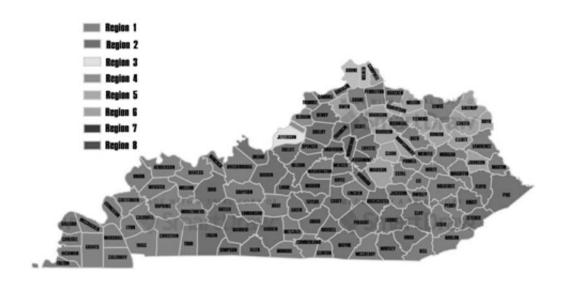
Region 4: 279 Swimmers

Region 5: 375 swimmers

Region 6: 344 swimmers

Region 7: 350 swimmers

Region 8: 391 Swimmers



# **Proposed New Region 1**

### School

Appollo (Daviess Co.)

Caldwell County

Calloway County

**Christian County** 

Christian Fellowship (Marshall Co.)

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Community Christian (McCraken
            Co.)
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Crittenden County

**Daviess County** 

Fort Campbell (Christian Co.)

**Graves County** 

Heath (McCraken Co.)

**Henderson County** 

**Hickman County** 

Hopkins County Central

Hopkinsville (Christian Co.)

Livingston Central

Lone Oak (McCraken Co.)

Madisonville North Hopkins

Marshall Co.

Mayfield (Graves Co.)

Muhlenberg County

Murray (Calloway Co.)

Owensboro (Daviess Co.)

Owensboro Catholic (Daviess Co.)

Paducah Tilghman (McCraken Co)

Reidland (McCraken Co.)

St. Mary's (McCraken Co.)

Trigg Coutny		
University Heights (Christian Co.)		
Total		
341		
Proposed New Region 2		
School		
Allen Co. Scottsville		
Barren County		
Bowling Green (Warren Co.)		
Bullitt Central		
Bullitt East		
Butler County		
Central Hardin		
Elizabethtown (Hardin Co.)		
Fort Knox (Hadin Co.)		
Franklin Simpson		
Glasgow (Barren Co.)		
Green County		
Greenwood (Warren Co.)		

John Hardin	
Logan County	
Meade County	
North Bullitt	
North Hardin	
Ohio County	
Russellville (Logan Co.)	
South Warren	
Warren Central	
Warren East	
Total	
333	
Proposed New Region 3	
School	
Atherton	
Ballard	
Brown	

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Male	
Mercy	
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PRP	
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Shawnee	
St. X	
Whitefield Academ	у
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Proposed New Region	on 4
School	
Assumption	
Central	
Collegiate	
Eastern	
Evangel Christian	
Faridale	
Holy Cross	

KSB

Manual

North Oldham

Oldham County

Seneca

South Oldham

St. Francis

Trinity

Waggoner

Total

279

Proposed New Region 5

School

Beechwood (Kenton Co.)

**Boone County** 

Calvary Christian (Kenton Co.)

Conner (Boone Co.)

Cooper (Boone Co.)

Covington Catholic (Kenton Co.)

Covington Latin (Kenton Co.)

Dixie Heights (Kenton Co.)

Holmes (Kenton Co.)

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Holy Cross (Kenton Co.)
   Lloyd Memorial (Kenton Co.)
Notre Dame Academy (Kenton Co.)
        Ryle (Boone Co.)
       Scott (Kenton Co.)
   Simon Kenton (Kenton Co.)
     St. Henry (Kenton Co.)
   Villa Madonna (Kenton Co.)
     Total
      375
    Proposed New Region 6
            School
   Ashland Blazer (Boyd Co.)
      Berea (Madison Co.)
 Bishop Brossart (Campbell Co.)
         Bourbon County
          Boyd County
        Campbell County
    Deiming (Robertson Co.)
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344

# **Proposed New Region 7**

# School Anderson County Bethlehem (Nelson Co.) **Boyle County** Campbellsville (Taylor Co.) Collins (Shelby Co.) Danville (Boyle Co.) East Jessamine Eminence (Henry Co.) Franklin County Henry County KSD (Boyle Co.) Larue County Marion County Mercer County **Nelson County** Scott County **Shelby County**

Spencer County

**Taylor County** 

Thomas Nelson (Nelson Co.)

West Jessamine

Western Hills (Franklin Co.)

Woodford County

Total

350

# **Proposed New Region 8**

### School

**Adair County** 

Allen Central (Floyd Co.)

Barbourville (Knox Co.)

Bryan Station (Fayette Co.)

Casey County

East Ridge (Pike Co.)

**Garrard County** 

Henry Clay (Fayette Co.)

**Knott County Central** 

**Knox Central** 

Lafayette (Fayette Co.)

**Letcher County** 

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Lexington Catholic (Fayette Co.)
 Lexington Christian (Fayette Co.)
     Montecello (Wayne Co.)
           North Laurel
     Oneida Baptist (Clay Co.)
Paul Laurence Dunbar (Fayette Co.)
        Piarist (Floyd Co.)
         Pulaski County
        Rockcastle County
         Russell County
       Sayre (Fayette Co.)
      Somerset (Pulaski Co.)
           South Laurel
      Southwestern Pulaski
    Tates Creek (Fayette Co.)
    Williamsburg (Whitley Co.)
               Total
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391

The following is how I would realign the State going to 11 Regions.

This is how I would realign if it were up to me. This would allow for future growth and shorter drive time and shorter regional meet times.

According to the information on the KHSAA web site there are more than enough pools to support this set up. Shorter drive times and every region would have between 200-300 swimmers. If the major factor is truly driving distance and winter weather concerns this makes a lot more sense and the numbers would be more balanced as far as the number of swimmers in each region.



I would take it to 11 regions. They would be smaller, and numbers of swimmers would be more balanced. There are pools located in each of the regions. Some have 3. This makes the most sense. I have looked at the numbers and taken into consideration geography. The one they have proposed is extremely unbalanced. I would love to come in and sit down with you to discuss.

### **Proposed New Region 1**

#### School

**Hickman County** 

**Graves County** 

Mayfield (Graves Co.)

Community Christian (McCraken Co.)

Heath (McCraken Co.)

Lone Oak (McCraken Co.)

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Paducah Tilghman (McCraken Co)
    Reidland (McCraken Co.)
    St. Mary's (McCraken Co.)
Christian Fellowship (Marshall Co.)
          Marshall Co.
        Calloway County
      Murray (Calloway Co.)
        Livingston Central
        Crittenden County
         Caldwell County
     Hopkins County Central
          Trigg Coutny
        Christian County
  Fort Campbell (Christian Co.)
   Hopkinsville (Christian Co.)
University Heights (Christian Co.)
        Henderson County
       Muhlenberg County
              Total
               203
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# **Proposed New Region 2**

# School Appollo (Daviess Co.) Owensboro (Daviess Co.) Owensboro Catholic (Daviess Co.) **Daviess County** Ohio County **Butler County** Logan County Russellville (Logan Co.) Franklin Simpson Bowling Green (Warren Co.) Greenwood (Warren Co.) South Warren Warren Central Warren East Allen Co. Scottsville Barren County Glasgow (Barren Co.) Total 297

# **Proposed New Region 3**

# **School** Meade County Central Hardin Elizabethtown (Hardin Co.) Fort Knox (Hadin Co.) John Hardin North Hardin **Bullitt Central Bullitt East** North Bullitt Larue County Green County **Nelson County** Thomas Nelson (Nelson Co.) Bethlehem (Nelson Co.) Marion County Campbellsville (Taylor Co.)

228

**Taylor County** 

Total

### **Proposed New Region 4**

# School North Oldham **Oldham County** South Oldham Collins (Shelby Co.) Shelby County **Spencer County** Henry County Anderson County Franklin County Western Hills (Franklin Co.) Frankfort **Boyle County** Danville (Boyle Co.) Woodford County Total 297

# **Proposed New Region 5**

School

Atherton

Ballard

Brown		
Butler		
Central		
Doss		
Eastern		
Faridale		
Fern Creek		
KSB		
Male		
Manual		
PRP		
Seneca		
Shawnee		
Waggoner		
Total		
231		
Proposed New Region 6		
School		
Assumption		
CAL		
Collegiate		

Evangel Christian

Holy Cross

**KCD** Mercy Presentation Sacred Heart St. Francis St. X Trinity Whitefield Academy Total 275 **Proposed New Region 7** School **Boone County** 

Conner (Boone Co.) Cooper (Boone Co.) Ryle (Boone Co.) Beechwood (Kenton Co.) Dixie Heights (Kenton Co.) Holmes (Kenton Co.) Lloyd Memorial (Kenton Co.) Scott (Kenton Co.)

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Simon Kenton (Kenton Co.)
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Total

240

# **Proposed New Region 8**

### School

Calvary Christian (Kenton Co.)

Covington Catholic (Kenton Co.)

Covington Latin (Kenton Co.)

Holy Cross (Kenton Co.)

Notre Dame Academy (Kenton Co.)

St. Henry (Kenton Co.)

Villa Madonna (Kenton Co.)

Bishop Brossart (Campbell Co.)

Campbell County

Highlands (Campbell Co.)

Total

207

## **Proposed New Region 9**

## School

Bryan Station (Fayette Co.)

Henry Clay (Fayette Co.)

Lafayette (Fayette Co.)

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Lexington Catholic (Fayette Co.)
 Lexington Christian (Fayette Co.)
Paul Laurence Dunbar (Fayette Co.)
       Sayre (Fayette Co.)
    Tates Creek (Fayette Co.)
              Total
               231
   Proposed New Region 10
             School
          Scott County
         Harrison County
         Bourbon County
     Paris (Bourbon County)
      Georges Rogers Clark
         East Jessamine
        West Jessamine
     Deiming (Robertson Co.)
       Montgomery County
          Mason County
     St. Patrick (Mason Co.)
         Fleminig County
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**Rowan County** 

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Russell (Greenup Co.)
       East Carter
       West Carter
      Elliot County
Ashland Blazer (Boyd Co.)
      Boyd County
   Rose Hill (Boyd Co.)
          Total
           240
Proposed New Region 11
         School
   Berea (Madison Co.)
     Madison Central
    Madison Southern
   Model (Madison Co.)
     Garrard County
      Casey County
      Adair County
     Russell County
 Montecello (Wayne Co.)
     Pulaski County
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Somerset (Pulaski Co.)

Southwestern Pulaski

Rockcastle County

North Laurel

South Laurel

Williamsburg (Whitley Co.)

Oneida Baptist (Clay Co.)

Barbourville (Knox Co.)

**Knox Central** 

**Knott County Central** 

**Letcher County** 

Allen Central (Floyd Co.)

Piarist (Floyd Co.)

East Ridge (Pike Co.)

Johnson Central

Total

263

Some observations from high school coaches:

- \* Fayette Co schools will balk at moving to region 9 That's what they were trying to get out of (going to barbourville) Their AD's will want to stay in Region 8 regardless of numbers.
- \* Berea and Madison Co schools could go into region 9 they are closer would that help balance numbers there?
- \* The Johnson Central coach is now a member of the swim committee and he's very outspoken. He's really the one pushing the issue of more regions to avoid long distance travel (last year I think they were in a real mess as they had to go to Northern Ky).
- \* As you said balancing regions 4-5 should be easy.
- \* My question what is the precedent? When we divided before, what criteria was used? What's used for other sports? Example - are there regions in other sports (golf, tennis, track) where there are unbalanced numbers of competitors? Distance - facilities - numbers should be guiding principles.

Another issue that probably hasn't come up - money. Regions that have small numbers will most likely be unable to afford to host the regional meet. Personally, I would hate to see our region dip below 350. The pool is \$2200. for 2 days. Add around \$1000 for officials. Another \$500. for awards. Plus all those other costs that mount up. While smaller numbers mean the meet runs faster, I am not sure the pool costs would change - Prelims would go faster - however, I'd probably move the start time later in the day - which still means closing the pool down all day. Officials costs would stay the same. Etc. Of course some schools don't have whopping costs (when e-town hosts I doubt they will have any problems with money for pool rental!). But most of us do.

\* Jefferson County will most likely throw a fit, and I'm betting the money issue will come up with them - but they could host 2 regional meets at UofL., back to back. However it will double expenses for officials.

#### My Responses:

This is why I had them originally in the northern region. Plus it helps numbers.

This is how I originally had it.

Prime reason for smaller regions. I addressed this in my set up.

This will be very easy. They have too many big schools in the 5<sup>th</sup>. I addressed this with my alignment and had numbers balanced.

No idea. Other sports it is number of schools per region, not number of athletes. However, Commissioner Tacket specifically guided me in not going that route. So I did. Darren did not take his advice for this I guess.

Huge issue and with 8 regions, most of them will have around 300-350 kids. Not all.

I know they will. They have two of the best facilities in the state, have the most resources, and only have to travel a few miles the entire post season.

#### AD from another school:

If this is true, then the 9 regions, as they are proposed currently, DOES NOT WORK.

God Bless,

Coach J.P. LaVertu

Simpsonville Elementary PE Teacher



## Head Swim Coach

Shelby County High School

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