

## **Bullitt County Public Schools**

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Mr. Julian Tackett – Commissioner Kentucky High School Athletic Association 2280 Lexington Drive Lexington, KY 40505

Dear Mr. Tackett;

On September 22, 2010, Bullitt County Public Schools submitted a letter to you requesting consideration to be placed together in a region outside of the 6th and/or 7th regions. An excerpt from that letter is shown below:

The Bullitt County community has a strong sense of county pride and strongly desires to have its athletic competition and community reflect that pride. As aforementioned, we have competed in the 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th regions and have a deep understanding of all those regions' operating procedures and strongly believe that we deserve and need to be considered for a new region in the next basketball realignment. We would be pleased and satisfied to be placed into what is currently the fifth or eighth region in all five sports. We have experienced great athletic experiences in the past in these regions and would like to return to one of those domains for all sports, but certainly for basketball at a minimum.

As the time for decision making nears, we would like to reiterate and request that Bullitt County's three high schools (Bullitt Central, Bullitt East and North Bullitt) be placed together in either the 5th or the 8th region, with the 8th being our top choice. That is our primary desire as outlined in our previous letter. We do, however, understand that that particular request may not be feasible or practical in the big picture at this point in time, but wanted to once again make our desire known and public.

If it is not possible to place us in the 8th or 5th regions together, *our collective desire*, as agreed upon by all principals, athletic directors, Superintendent Keith Davis and me, would be as follows, ranked in order or preference:

- 1) Our first choice is still to be together in the 8th region, with the 5th as an acceptable alternative.
- 2) Our second request would be to have Bullitt East AND Bullitt Central be placed in the 8th region and North Bullitt in the 5th region.
- 3) If it is deemed <u>absolutely necessary</u> and unavoidable we would accept two teams being placed in the 5th and one in the 8th, with North Bullitt being one of the two in the 5th. That would be preferable than returning to the 6th and/or 7th.

We feel that we present the KHSAA with several viable options here and would respectfully ask that our requests and suggestions be given due consideration.

Sincerely, Vaux W. Marchell

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