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MEADE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

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Meade County High School wishes to respond to the proposal on Soccer Re-Alignment which is being considered by the KHSAA Board of Control.

As it is presented, the proposal would move us into Region 3, from Region 5. While it is true that we currently participate in Region 3 in the sports of Basketball, Baseball, Softball, and Volleyball, we are in a District (11), with schools which also field teams in these sports. This would not be true with the current proposal. Breckinridge County and Hancock County do not currently have varsity soccer teams in boys or girls. The proposal sends us to Grayson County and Butler County to find district opponents, two destinations which are considerably farther away.

The second, and perhaps most important, issue we ask you to consider is the Time Differential. We are the only Region 3 school in the Eastern Time Zone. This hardship is one we have accepted with our other sports, but the travel to the other district schools has been manageable. If we are required to travel to Butler County (2 hrs by bus) and start a varsity soccer game at 7:30 central time, 8:30 our time, and finish at 10:00, it is midnight before our kids even get home. This is not acceptable on a school night!

The "Feedback Request" from the Association asked that comments from the schools also present "workable solutions that differ from the status quo". Meade County High School proposes that Region 5 be shuffled in the following manner:

- District 17: Fort Knox, John Hardin, North Hardin, **Meade County**
- District 18: Central Hardin, Elizabethtown, Larue County, Washington County
- District 19: Bardstown, Bethlehem, Nelson County, Thomas Nelson
- District 20: Hart County, Marion County, Taylor County

While we have stressed above that the Travel and Time elements are the most critical in our objection to the proposal, we ask that you also consider some other concerns.

- A. Historically, we have been in the 17th District since the inception of our soccer programs and have competitive, established rivalries with these schools.
- B. Moving into the 3rd Region will necessitate Saturday games, which interfere with the schedules of many of our kids' families.
- C. Why? Is it really necessary to do this to our athletes in order recruit more officials?
- D. Butler County and Grayson County will have the same concerns as Meade County and their student/athletes will be negatively impacted as well.
- E. The Post-Season will be even more difficult as days and times will not be as flexible.

Thank you for the opportunity to express these objections. We are confident that when you give them your consideration, you will make a decision which will not place undue hardships on our young men and women.

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"Meade County High School: Where each person is valuable and contributes to the building of a solid foundation of learning and character for every child."