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Soccer Alignment

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I just wanted to send some information concerning soccer realignment, as well as my "two" cents on basketball realignment for the future. As of now, we currently have the following as soccer alignment for 2012/2013:

District 1 - Ballard Memorial, Graves County, Mayfield, St. Mary, Paducah Tilghman

District 2 - Calloway County, Community Christian (Paducah), Marshall County, Murray, McCracken County (2013)

Murray is currently 30 minutes from Marshall, Mayfield, Graves, and in the same town with Calloway, and 45 min from CCA, and an hour from St. Mary and Paducah, and 1hr 15 min from McCracken, and Ballard (1 hr 30min). I really don't see the relevance of putting McCracken and CCA in our district when there are at least 4 schools at least ½ the driving time and distance closer. I know you are aware of this but if this alignment hold true, we drive past Mayfield and Graves Co which we already have district rivalries with in Soccer, to go to CCA, and McCracken. If you put do the math on the additional travel cost per year it looks something like the following:

We will travel to McCracken and CCA in every sport at least once a year:

Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, Volleyball, Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Baseball, Softball. That is an extra 45 miles on trips to McCracken(one way) and an extra 20 miles to CCA (One way) as opposed to going to a Mayfield or Graves Co. Not only with this effect us, but also CCA, and McCracken. It seems like it would make more sense to put McCracken Ballard ,St. Mary, Tilghman, and CCA together because they all reside inside McCracken Co lines, except for Ballard but it borders McCracken. I am pretty sure Mr. Rogers(our Superintendent) has already made a suggestion similar, but I just wanted this to come from an athletic budget point of view as well. Thanks for your time....

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John Wooden
