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Dr. Richey and Henderson County Board of Education:

Personnel Report:

Tracy Rutledge, a teacher at CLC was hired to replace Debbie Pirtle, Cheerleading Coach. Tracy, along with her husband, Tony has many years of experience with cheerleading and major competitions. Tony Rutledge was hired as an assistant cheer coach as well. I feel we have found the right replacements to carry on Coach Pirtle's legacy.

Chris Holstein resigned his position from Boys Golf Coach. Matt Richeson, Girls Golf Coach moved to the Boys Golf Coach and we hired Jessica Grace as Girls Golf Coach. She has college and amateur experience and is in the Murray State Hall of Fame.

Michael Chapman resigned his position as Head Coach of Boys Tennis. We had several applicants and chose Elliott Mitchell of Newburgh. He also is the Tennis Pro at Henderson Country Club. He has quite the resume as a player and coach. He has great expectations of the current team and feels that he can move the entire team to the state level.

Anita Watkins resigned her position as Head Volleyball Coach. She struggled with the decision; however, she wants to be able to watch her children excel in athletics. In the past 5 years she has built a strong program. We are in the process of looking for a replacement and have several good candidates to choose from.

I feel fortunate to say that my first year as Athletic Director has been fun, challenging and lots of winning going on! We had an outstanding Fall Season. Our Football Team with a 9-3 record made it to the Regional Championship once again. Hosting 3 rounds of the play-offs was a great experience for me and our community. The visiting schools were all impressed with our athletic facilities and hospitality. The Boys Soccer Team also had a tremendous season by winning the district, regional, semi-state and moving into the Final Four in Lexington. We had great fan support! We were able to bring 4 buses full of students to the Final Four Game. They represented our school well. The Girls Soccer Team improved their record compared to years past. Coach Doc Dewitt believes that with the talent he has and young girls coming his way that he will definitely be in the running for District and Regional Champions next season. Our Boys and Girls Golf Teams also had great success this season. The Girls Golf Team were contenders to win the Regional, but fell short. However, they were able to send 2 girls to the state championship. The Boys Golf Team won the regional and represented us well in the state championship. The Cross Country Team saw improvements as well. It was nice to see more students participating. We had 1 girl and 1 boy qualify for the State Cross Country Meet.

We are currently finishing our regular season of Basketball and Swimming. The Boys Swim Team have been competitive all season long and just last week qualified 3 Relay Teams to compete in the State Championship at the University of Louisville. We will be hosting the District Tournament beginning February 20-23. The Girls Basketball Team has been outstanding with a 22-3 record and ranked in the

State's Top Ten. Our boys have struggled some, but are on a comeback. Sometimes adversity makes you stronger. During Christmas Break, we had our 1000th win. Both Boys and Girls Teams are the top seeds in the district and are guaranteed a spot in the Regional Tournament. The Regional Tournament will be hosted by Madisonville North Hopkins/Boys and Christian County/Girls.

Spring Season Sports are all under way as well. Track has already held an indoor Pole Vault Meet and indoor Track Meet. Baseball and Softball had try-outs this week. Coach Isenberg and Coach Green expect to be state contenders this year. Tennis is holding try-outs this week as well. I am sure we will see good things from both the boys and girls teams this season.

In regards to the Boys Basketball Team situation, I want you to know that a Head Coaches meeting was held to emphasize the importance of supervision and to please communicate with athletes that horseplay/bullying/harassment is not allowed and will not be tolerated.

Tim Barron recently (1/18/12) submitted an updated draft of the Emergency Action Plan. I have reviewed it and will be presenting to you at your earliest convenience. Also, KHSAA has mandated a concussion/head injury training for all coaches for 2012-2013.

I want to report that Henderson County High School Athletics is in compliance with all KHSAA By-Laws.