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Proposal for Redistricting Boys Basketball Districts 34 and 35

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As you are aware, prior to the 2005-2006 school season, there was statewide region realignment by the KHSAA affecting several schools by changing regions and districts. These changes saw several teams leaving the 9th region for both the 10th and 8th regions, and with that came a realigning of the districts within the region. When those changes occurred, two teams within the region, Beechwood and Ludlow, switched districts (Beechwood from the 34th to the 35th and Ludlow vice versa). We are unaware of what rationale was used in making this switch. However, given the geographical location of these two schools to the other members of these districts it would make sense for Beechwood to move back to the 34th district and Ludlow back to the 35th.

Below is the travel distance for the two schools to the other members of the 34th district. You will see that in every case, Beechwood is closer to each school than Ludlow:

| <u>34th District member</u> | <u>Traveling Distance from Beechwood</u> | <u>Traveling Distance from Ludlow</u> |
|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| Villa Madonna | 3.0 Miles | 4.2 Miles |
| Dixie Heights | 3.6 Miles | 6.4 Miles |
| St. Henry | 5.5 Miles | 8.3 Miles |
| Lloyd Memorial | 4.4 Miles | 8.3 Miles |

Below are the travel distances for the two schools to the other members of the 35th district.

Ludlow is closer than Beechwood to each school with the exception of Covington Catholic/Notre Dame and marginally (.1 miles) Holy Cross:

| <u>35th District member</u> | <u>Traveling Distance from Beechwood</u> | <u>Traveling Distance from Ludlow</u> |
|---|--|---------------------------------------|
| Covington Latin | 4.1 Miles | 3.6 Miles |
| Holy Cross | 5.8 Miles | 5.9 Miles |
| Covington Catholic/ Notre Dame Academy | 2.2 Miles | 2.8 Miles |
| Covington Holmes | 5.6 Miles | 4.8 Miles |

Also of note is that in several cases when these two schools travel to district games, Ludlow's bus travels on Dixie Highway. Traveling down this road the bus will pass Beechwood Road, where Beechwood High School is located, just .3 miles from the connection to Dixie Highway. Every school in the 34th district either resides directly on Dixie Highway or the street it is on is directly connected to the highway with the exception of Villa Madonna. When Ludlow travels to each of these schools, they use Dixie High at least in part to get there. As Beechwood travels north to south on Dixie Highway to get to these schools, Ludlow must travel to connect to Dixie Highway (Sleepy Hollow Rd.) and is located north of Beechwood. Additionally, Covington Catholic and Notre Dame are located further north on Dixie Highway than Sleepy Hollow Rd.

Given these geographical facts, it is only logical that Ludlow and Beechwood return to the districts they were in prior to the 2005-2006 school season, Beechwood in the 34th and Ludlow in the 35th.

Respectively,

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