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February 5, 2014

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Sheldon Clark High School student athletes, I am requesting that our football program be granted a move from Class 3A to Class 2A for the 2015-2018 Kentucky Football Alignment. I am requesting this move for the following reasons:

- From the 2010-2011 school year until February 5, 2014, our boys' enrollment has dropped from 361 to 288 (*a 20.2% decrease in boys enrollment over 4 years*).
- From the 2012-2013 school year until February 5, 2014, our boys' enrollment has dropped from 336 to 288 (*a 14.3% decrease in boys enrollment over 2 years*).
- The SCHS football team finished with 22 players on the roster. Five of those players were injured and unable to play, which means we played our last game with only 17 football players dressed.
- Seven of our players are questionable for next year due to their fathers losing their jobs in the coal industry.
- Only 4 eighth grade students played on our middle school feeder team.
- Although we cannot predict the actual enrollment for next year, there is a strong possibility that our boys enrollment will decrease dramatically each year for the foreseeable future due to the decline in the coal industry and our school facilities situation (specifically, losing the old Sheldon Clark High School building due to road construction).

These low numbers force our student-athletes to play offense, defense, and special teams against schools whose numbers afford them the luxury of having multiple players at different positions. Even though anyone can get injured at anytime, this increases the possibility for injury for our student athletes due to the number of plays and fatigue. Each team in our district dressed at least twice as many student-athletes, with two schools dressing nearly three times our numbers. Schools at the 2A level face the same issues that the students of Sheldon Clark face. (Although we played two Class 2A schools that dressed double the student athletes that we did.)

In short, our boys enrollment history provides justification for the move to Class 2A. More importantly, our numbers on the football field makes our players more

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susceptible to injury. Based on these two factors, I am asking that Sheldon Clark High School be placed in the Class 2A system for the 2015-2018 Kentucky Football Alignment. Finally, I have attached our Infinite Campus Enrollment Summary Report from February 5, 2014. Please refer to the KHSAA Boys Enrollment History Report for more information.

Respectfully,



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Attachments:

SCHS Student Enrollment Summary Report

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<p>13-14 SHELDON CLARK HIGH SCHOOL 388 Cardinal Ln, INEZ KY 41224 Generated on 02/05/2014 12:04:52 PM Page 1 of 1</p>	<p>Student Enrollment Summary Report Effective Date: 02/05/2014 Enrollment Types: P, S, N Total Race/Ethnicities: 2 of 7 Total Schools: 1 Race/Ethnicity Source: Federal Male/Female/Total: 288/273/561</p>
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Student Population by Race/Ethnicity and Grade Level (Male/Female/Total)

SHELDON CLARK HIGH SCHOOL								
Grade	1:Hispanic/Latino	2:American Indian or Alaska Native	3:Asian	4:Black or African American	5:Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	6:White	7:Two or more races	Total
09	-	-	-	1/0/1	-	68/81/149	-	69/81/150
10	-	-	-	0/1/1	-	84/82/166	-	84/83/167
11	-	-	-	-	-	61/55/116	-	61/55/116
12	-	-	-	0/1/1	-	74/53/127	-	74/54/128
All Grades	-	-	-	1/2/3	-	287/271/558	-	288/273/561

Student Population Excluding White not of Hispanic Origin

<u>School</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
SHELDON CLARK HIGH SCHOOL	3	.53%

288
Boys
currently