



HAZARD HIGH SCHOOL

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May 14, 2014

To Whom It May Concern:

Hazard High School was in favor of remaining in their original District 8 in football play. But against our will, we were moved to District 7 and we are now asking to appeal this decision. We are asking to be placed back in District 8.

Sincerely,

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HHS Principal



Tackett, Julian <jtackett@khsaa.org>

New District Realignment

1 message

Elam, Bart <bart.elam@pineville.kyschools.us>
To: "Tackett, Julian" <jtackett@khsaa.org>

Wed, May 14, 2014 at 8:57 AM

Mr. Tackett

I am writing this email in response to the realignment that came out yesterday (5/13/2014) for the 2015/16 seasons.

With all do respect, I feel that the shifting of Hazard into Class A District 7 does not do the kids of the Eastern Kentucky justice. I have no problem with Hazard playing in our district, or any other team for that matter. However, with a very solid district already (Williamsburg, Pineville, Harlan, Lynn Camp), I feel that adding Hazard really waters down the other district in our region. As it stands at the moment there are two top tier teams in Hazard and Williamsburg (played in the last several state title games), that are in the same district. Then it leaves Pineville and Harlan, who are very competitive football programs and Lynn Camp who has had several years and success in recent past. When you then look at the other district in that region, other than Pikeville, it is very watered down and Diluted. This will reward undeserving teams home playoff games, and make deserving quality teams go on the road as 3 and 4 seeds, which will make the road harder and hurt all chances of upsets of 1 and 2 seeds in the region semi-finals. There will be a definite bottleneck of your better east teams. I Spoke to Mark Dixon at Hazard and asked if he requested to be put back into our district, and he stated that he had no idea that it was even an issue of debate. Looking at the big picture, it would have seemed to make more sense to move South Floyd up to District 6 and keep Hazard in District 8.

At the end of the day, I am not writing this email to be a complainer and will have to live with whatever the decision is. However, I do feel like the landscape of Class A in the East has really changed for solid middle of the pack teams through this recent gerrymandering. It is my opinion that the new alignment does not make since from a competitive standpoint, and I hope that it can be reconsidered. Thanks for your time, and consideration.

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Football Alignment

1 message

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Wed, May 14, 2014 at 9:46 AM

To: Julian Tackett <jtackett@khsaa.org>

Mr. Tackett,

I would like to express my displeasure with the football alignment as it came out yesterday. I do not understand why we were placed in a five team district with a mountain between Hazard and all other teams. Geographically this does not make much sense to me. Every district game involving Hazard will require some team to drive across a mountain. While this cannot be completely avoided in eastern Kentucky, it can be limited. While we have five teams in this district, just north of Pikeville is a three team district. Moving Pikeville or Phelps to that district seems most logical as far as travel and geography are concerned.

I have spoken with Coach Dixon at Hazard and it is my understanding they never requested to be moved. If they never requested this move from the earlier proposal, why would they be moved? I hope this move was not made on the request of another school. It does not seem fair or just to move one school at the request of another. My understanding of the appeals process after the proposed alignment was that a school can request a move for itself with sufficient reasoning.

I realize that you are extremely busy but I would appreciate a response to help me understand this move. Thanks for your time.

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Distict 7 Football Realignment

1 message

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To: "jtackett@khsaa.org" <jtackett@khsaa.org>

Sun, May 18, 2014 at 7:28 PM

Mr. Tackett:

This letter is in response to the latest KHSAA's football realignment that has now added a fifth team, Hazard, to our District.

I have personally spoken to every school in our District and we all agree that this move is absolutely not in the best interest of the four schools who were previously slated to be a part of District 7.

The first area of concern with the addition of Hazard to District 7 is the return to unnecessary travel, both regular season and during the playoffs. Not long ago the KHSAA diligently worked to return high school football districts/playoffs back to more reasonable districts that helped schools with length and cost of travel. Our four (4) team district was returned to shorter travel, renewed rivalries and a fair four team district.

Another concern is the development of a playoff scenario, where our fifth place team would likely have to travel to play a #1 seed in the Ashland area in the 1st round of the playoffs. For Lynn Camp and Williamsburg that would be about 2 ½ -3 hour trip, for Pineville 3-3 ½ hours and Harlan City 4 hours.

It has come to my attention that the placement of Hazard in our district came about on the request of two other schools. It is my understanding that Hazard was not, in fact, one of those schools.

I would like to point out that everyone in our District, along with Hazard do not agree that other schools should be able to ask for a change in the way our schools are positioned in a district based on their wants and needs without input from all other schools affected.

The previous alignment with Hazard in district 8 made the most sense with the fifth place team in that district traveling north in the playoffs. Lynn Camp would like to request that the KHSAA consider our request to join Hazard's appeal to change the districts back to the previous alignment.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Danny Green, Athletic Director

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FW: football realignment

1 message

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Mon, May 19, 2014 at 3:35 PM

To: "jtackett@khsaa.org" <jtackett@khsaa.org>

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From: Peters, Gary**Sent:** Monday, May 19, 2014 3:24 PM**To:** jtakett@khsaa.org**Subject:** football realignment

Mr. Tackett,

I'm sure you have received other correspondence detailing the confusion and animosity over the realignment of our football district. I know you are extremely busy so I am not going to waste your time by reiterating the myriad reasons others have given regarding this change in the original realignment. Briefly I'll just state that the additional travel expense and the 5 team district requiring our 5 seed to go so far in round 1 (which is a lose-lose for host school as well as our 5 seed). In closing I'll just vent my frustration over being the red headed step child once again. To the best of my recollection, last time was Clay County complaining in basketball which ended up putting us in with South Laurel, Corbin, and Whitley County. Now evidently it's Pikeville getting someone's ear and getting their desire.

I truly appreciate the outstanding job you do. I do not envy your position at all, but it is my job to be the voice of our student/athletes and to worry about financial impact on our school.

Respectfully,

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