



# Kentucky High School Athletic Association

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MEMO

TO: Julian Tackett, Commissioner

FROM: Michael J. Barren and Sarah Bridenbaugh

DATE: January 26, 2016

RE: Financial Aid Report

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At your direction, we have completed the financial aid reports from the schools for the academic year 2014-2015. As of today, we have 100% compliance from our member schools.

- Our initial report stated that twelve schools needed an investigation centered on the answers given by those schools (see attached).
- After completing our investigations, we clarified issues with 8 of these schools on their initial reports (see attached).
- We will be sending follow-up letters and continuing our investigation with the following schools:
  - Bethlehem
  - Christian – Academy Louisville
  - Murray
  - Oneida Baptist Institute
- Corrective Action Plan for Future Years:
  - We are currently editing the questions so the confusion that some schools have expressed on certain questions can be eliminated.
  - We will send a PDF version out to the schools on April 1<sup>st</sup> so that schools may begin to gather the information necessary for this report.
  - The SurveyMonkey Report Link will be sent to the Schools on April 15<sup>th</sup>, with a due date for completion of June 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - A reminder email will go to the schools the first week of May.
  - After June 1<sup>st</sup>, we will contact any school showing as not completed, to offer assistance in getting that report finished.
  - On June 30<sup>th</sup> we will create a report to the Commissioner of any school that has not complied.
  - Investigations will be scheduled prior to the fall reporting.

<u>School</u>	<u>Red Flags</u>	<u>Questions for School Rep</u>	<u>Who we Interviewed?</u>	<u>Response</u>	<u>Outcome</u>
Bethlehem	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The policy lists payment options, and states that students not up to date on their tuition may not be entitled to attend classes, sit for semester or final exams, or participate in school activities. <i>The administration may suspend any part of the delinquent policy depending on the circumstances of the family.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How does administration decide who they can suspend?</li> <li>What is the process?</li> </ul>	1/4/16, 10:00 AM: Keith Graham. Left message, sent email with questions regarding results.	See attached.	Letter sent to the school notifying their areas needing improvement and continual follow-up will be conducted.
Bishop Brossart	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>72% of student body are athletes</li> <li>82% of financial aid</li> <li>87% of merit goes to athletes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Why is the financial aid and merit scholarships not more evenly distributed?</li> </ul>	1/4/16, 10:03 AM: Adam Franzen. Left Message, sent email with questions regarding results.	See attached.	No further follow-up required.
Christian Acadmey-Louisville	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Possibly made error in filling form out: \$9600 for room/board</li> <li>Award determinations are calculated based on the needs assessment from FACTS and <i>any new or significant relevant information that may affect a family's finances.</i></li> <li>No merit aid, but lists an 8th grade scholarship?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Was the form filled out incorrectly?</li> <li>Is all information accurate? If so, why is there not a test/process to 8<sup>th</sup> grade scholarship?</li> </ul>	1/4/16, 10:07 AM: Brad Morgan. Phone conversation, Mr. Morgan stated that room & board questions were answered incorrectly. Stated the 8 <sup>th</sup> grade scholarship is given every year, he will send follow-up email with details.	See attached.	Letter sent to the school notifying their areas needing improvement and continual follow-up will be conducted.
Franklin County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>380 athletes our of 905 students are receiving aid</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Questions concerning FRAM application</li> </ul>	1/4/16, 10:11 AM: Tracy Spickard. Left Message, sent email with questions regarding results.	See attached.	No further follow-up required.
Louisville Collegiate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>85% of student body are athletes</li> <li>100% of merit aid goes to athletes</li> <li>98% need based financial aid goes to athletes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Why is the financial aid and merit scholarships not more evenly distributed?</li> </ul>	1/4/16, 10:15 AM: Keith Morgan. Left Message, sent email with questions regarding results. Sent Austin Anderton (financial advisor) the link to correct survey numbers.	See attached.	Louisville-Collegiate submitted a revised survey citing errors made in original report. We will compare their results to the 2016 Financial

			She stated that the survey was filled out incorrectly.		Aid report in detail.
Murray	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uses MISD Foundation of Excellence?</li> <li>• 71% merit aid are athletes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Who is MISD and how do you decide who gets awards?</li> <li>• Why do they not use an approved agency?</li> </ul>	1/4/16, 10:17 AM: Jim Baurer. States that their school is capped at 500 students and out of district students are the ones receiving financial aid. Sent email with questions, his response explains the process.	See attached.	Letter sent to the school notifying their areas needing improvement and continual follow-up will be conducted.
Notre Dame	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 98% need based financial aid is awarded to athletes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why is need based financial aid not evenly distributed?</li> </ul>	1/4/16, 10:22 AM: Myanna Webster. States they use FACTS and the test doesn't identify who are athletes. Will send follow up email answering questions we have about the survey.	See attached.	Notre Dame submitted a revised survey citing errors made in original report. No further action necessary.
Oneida Baptist Institute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lists 88 students receive aid</li> <li>• "In house chart" is used to determine amount of aid awarded</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ask to complete survey further to outline what type of aid</li> <li>• Discuss process using "in house chart"</li> </ul>	1/4/16, 10:33 AM: Frank Stratton. Left Message, sent email with questions regarding results.	See attached.	Letter sent to the school notifying their areas needing improvement and continual follow-up will be conducted.
Owensboro Catholic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 83% need based financial aid are athletes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why is need based financial aid not evenly distributed?</li> </ul>	1/4/16, 10:37 AM: David Blandford. Left Message, sent email with questions regarding results. Spoke with Blandford, they use PSAS. After looking at numbers submitted, we calculated incorrectly.	53% was the actual calculation of athletes receiving aid. 86/163. Numbers were transferred as 103. Everything else for Owensboro Catholic checks out.	No further follow-up required.
Sayre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does not give merit aid, but still have students enrolled that do receive merit aid</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check to see if students were grandfathered to a time when aid was given</li> </ul>	1/4/16, 10:39 AM: Erik Johnson. Left Message, sent email with questions regarding results.	See attached.	No further follow-up required.
St. Mary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• States 101 athletes receive aid but did</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ask to complete further</li> </ul>	1/4/16, 10:41 AM: Brad Ehlers. Left Message, sent	See attached.	St. Mary submitted a revised survey

	not clarify type of aid		email with questions regarding results. Told them to re-do the survey with the correct answers.		citing errors made in original report. No further action necessary.
Western Hills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0 students receive aid</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Franklin Co &amp; Western Hills are under same BOE, why are they reporting different numbers</li> </ul>	Did not follow up, just using this data to compare to Franklin Co (same BOE).	Did not send a follow up.	N/A