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## RE: Revisions in Regions 8 and 11 for 2019-2020

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Tue, Dec 5, 2017 at 11:00 AM

Commissioner,

Thank you for speaking with me last week, we certainly wanted to stay within the guidelines and wishes of the KHSAA. Last week was such an exciting time for our school and community. It was awesome that we broke the 5A finals attendance record on Saturday! I love how football does the cross-bracketing and gives schools different opportunities to play different opponents and not have to match up against traditional powerhouses every single year.

This is not a formal letter, just expressing my thoughts and ideas...

I understand that this may not be something we could consider right now, or maybe ever. But, I would like to throw the idea out there for Madison Southern and Berea to be moved out of the 11<sup>th</sup> region. In my opinion, the more suitable option would be the 12<sup>th</sup> region. There are only 3 schools in the 12<sup>th</sup> region that we are not within an hour's drive. We can't get to most Lexington schools within an hour after school from Berea. No one in the 41<sup>st</sup> district is within an hour. Douglass and Henry Clay are doable. The closest school within the 43<sup>rd</sup> is Tates Creek, the others would be tough to make in an hour, especially leaving at the end of the school day as most groups do.

Also from a competition standpoint we would be much more competitive in the 12<sup>th</sup> region, most of our coaches schedule more games in the 12<sup>th</sup> and other regions than they do in the 11<sup>th</sup>. As you understand, it's hard for us to compete in basketball and baseball/softball in the 11<sup>th</sup> and with Lexington schools. We are honestly more of a rural school. There's even quite a difference between Richmond and Berea in that aspect. There are times we don't even make it to the regional tourney because the 44<sup>th</sup> district still draws for the district tourney which is terrible for us, but that's another topic for another day I suppose. Also, we have never played for a region championship in basketball, baseball, and only once in softball since this school was built in 1988. I am not trying to have a pity party for MS, but it's tough year after year to not know if we are going to draw Madison Central in the first round of the district, no matter what kind of season we've had (and there's no incentive to even play our district opponents – Berea and Model will usually only play one game and sometimes not at all, so it negates the travel benefit, and Central wouldn't schedule us at all in baseball this year.)

I apologize, I know I am rambling. This is not a formal letter, this is just my opinion for you. I've lived it as a coach and principal. I will continue to be a strong supporter of the KHSAA and be willing to help or be involved if ever the need arises. Eventually I would love to even be involved more with the KHSAA, run for a Board Rep or any other facet in which I could serve the association and our student athletes. If you have any feedback for me on these issues I mentioned please share. Thanks, and I strongly believe that school culture can be strongly influenced in a very positive manner by the athletic programs, they often go hand in hand.

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**Subject:** Revisions in Regions 8 and 11 for 2019-2020

This is being sent to Principals, Superintendents and Athletic Directors of member schools in the KHSAA currently placed in basketball regions 8 and 11.

With the opening of Great Crossing High School in Scott County for the 2019-2020 school year, revisions became necessary to the composition of Region 11. Currently, placement of Great Crossing into the 42nd district would have left that district with six teams, which is certainly not within the Board's desired parameters of three to five teams in each district, preferably four or five. Consistent communication had been received from both the Scott County Schools and Scott County High School for both schools to be placed in the same district for reasons that go far beyond athletic competition.

This movement approved by the Board as detailed below is not final. This notice is to allow for input from school administrators prior to final consideration in January. If you desire to submit commentary, please send it to the office as a reply or direct email. You may also feel free to contact any Board of Control member. All comments submitted to the office will be copied and shared with the Board as part of its January agenda.

Currently, the 11th region (and neighboring 8th region) is composed of the following teams, with those schools displayed at <https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1c-O7gwkDtlgTki2VtnDJ-hRUtcE&ll=38.89037757140246%2C-85.76905&z=8>

#### REGION 8

District 29 – North Oldham, Oldham County, South Oldham, Trimble County

District 30 – Anderson County, Collins, Shelby County, Spencer County

District 31 – Carroll County, Eminence, Gallatin County, Henry County, Owen County

District 32 – Grant County, Simon Kenton, Walton-Verona, Williamstown

#### REGION 11

District 41 – Frankfort, Franklin County, Western Hills, Woodford County

District 42 – Bryan Station, Frederick Douglass, Henry Clay, Sayre, Scott County

District 43 – Lafayette, Lexington Catholic, Lexington Christian, Paul Laurence Dunbar, Tates Creek

District 44 – Berea, Madison Central, Madison Southern, Model

At its regular meeting late last week, the Board considered three primary options in keeping with the adopted priority of making the alignments geographically defensible with no regard for school size or competitive history. Those options included:

OPTION 1 - Add Great Crossing to District 41. Scott County borders Franklin County and transportation is not an issue.

OPTION 2 - Move Woodford County to District 30 (Woodford is adjacent to Anderson). Then add Great Crossing to replace Woodford County in District 41. The potential additional travel for members of the 30th district is consistent with travel in many other districts in the state.

OPTION 3 - Move Woodford County to District 30 (Woodford is adjacent to Anderson). Then add Great Crossing and Scott County to replace Woodford County in District 41. District 41 would now have 5 teams along with District 43, while 42 and 44 would have 4 each. This would also be in line with the documented request of the Scott County Schools.

After consideration of alternatives, the Board approved OPTION 3 above, the tentative placement of Great Crossing into District 41, along with the movement of Scott County High School to District 41. Resultant from that consideration was the movement of Woodford County High School from district 41 to adjacent district 30 in Region 8. This move leaves all districts with four to five teams in those affected districts and regions. This move would also be in effect for baseball, soccer, softball and volleyball.

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Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

*"Be more concerned with your character than your reputation, because your character is what you really are, while your reputation is merely what others think you are," Coach John Wooden*

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