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Berea	1A	Favor changes as detailed below impacting our school	<p>First, let me say we appreciate all the hard work of from you and the Board. Berea is also working hard at trying to build our football program as a small class A school. We have hired an entirely new coaching staff for both middle school and high school to help rebuild our program going forward. On top of that we are currently in the process of completing a new football stadium and updates to our facilities, so there's lots of excitement in our program right now.</p> <p>I'm writing to express our concerns with the proposed placement of our school in the Football Realignment. The proposal puts our closest district opponent 65 miles away in Frankfort and our farthest 109 miles away in Louisville, with a 96 mile trip to Eminence for our other district opponent. Traveling northwest for district football games for a school located in central KY and on the borderline of being in southern KY is something that our administration doesn't understand? Besides that, there are other schools currently in our district that are much closer to the proposed district 3 or to districts to the north. If anything we thought our school might have been moved south to possibly district 8 which has two schools closer to us in mileage than any of the teams listed below.</p> <p>Given the current budget situation and possible cuts in the area of transportation across the state this proposed alignment will cause us to incur a greater cost in providing the opportunity for our students to play football. Our school district believes our travel costs will increase substantially with this change. We also are concerned about the possible decrease in gate due to fewer parents and fans being able to travel for long district games. Another issue at our school is the availability of buses and drivers. Our teams can't leave Berea until 4 or 4:15 for athletic trips because our buses and the drivers are busy on afternoon routes. Getting to Louisville for example on a game night and providing proper pregame prep such as dressing, stretching and warm-up could be an issue.</p> <p>Thus, in terms of travel, Berea remaining District 5 would be much more feasible for our school than the move to District 3. Additionally, we have healthy relationships with schools such as Paris and Nicholas County in District 5 due to the fact that we participate with those schools in multiple sports as participants in the Bluegrass Conference. Our school, sports fans and teams are frequently traveling to these schools and others nearby and have based projected transportation costs on these year after year.</p> <p>I'm sure the Board has looked at distance estimates in your work toward realignment, but please see the information below for specific comparisons.</p> <p>Proposed District 3 Travel Berea to Frankfort HS: 65 miles Berea to Eminence HS: 96 miles Berea to Kentucky Country Day HS: 109 miles</p> <p>Current District 5 Travel Berea to Paris HS: 54 miles Berea to Nicholas County HS: 70 miles Berea to Bracken County HS: 98 miles</p> <p>Our hope is that consideration will be given to Berea remaining in district 5 or other options might be explored to help minimize travel costs while maintaining the opportunity for students to participate in football and for fans to see the kids play. Thanks for your time in this matter.</p> <p>Jerry Bingham Berea MS/HS Athletic Director</p>
Eminence	1A	Favor our placement as drafted	
Nicholas County	1A	Favor our placement as drafted	
Phelps	1A	Favor changes as detailed below impacting our school	<p>During the last alignment, Hazard was originally placed into another district. At some point, after a formal complaint by Hazard, they were changed into District 7 after originally being place into another district...at the disapproval of the other schools in District 7. This was also the time that our 60th District baseball, volleyball, softball and basketball was realigned to include Lawrence Co. a 68.4 mile drive for each of the previous sports to travel each year. I think the travel from Phelps to Hazard is long, dangerous, and economically a burden on both schools. The past/future travel required of Phelps High School must be considered when looking at realignment. Betsy Layne being placed into our district makes much better logistical since being only 39.9 miles away for PHS, 12 miles to Pikeville and 40 miles to Jenkins. These distances allow each school to save money, bus mileage, less travel time and allow for greater fan support/travel due to the short distances.</p>
Butler County	2A	Favor our placement as drafted	
Green County	2A	Favor our placement as drafted	
Holy Cross (Covington)	2A	Favor our placement as drafted	
Knott County Central	2A	Favor our placement as drafted	
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Morgan County	2A	Favor changes as detailed below impacting our school	<p>I know there will be a lot of moving and shaking going on and teams might be moved in and out before it is all said and done. The most obvious thing for Morgan County is there is only 4 teams in district 7 and 6 in district 8. From a travel standpoint even though Middlesboro is a about 140 miles, travel in district 7 would be much shorter over the 4 year span.</p> <p>Travel from West Liberty to District 8 teams</p> <p>BATH- 58 EAST RIDGE- 98 PRESTONSBURG- 50 SHELBY VALLEY- 84 SHELDON CLARK- 74</p> <p>Travel from West Liberty to District 7 Teams</p> <p>BREATHITT- 32 KNOTT CO CENTRAL- 81 LESLIE CO- 79 MIDDLESBORO- 140</p> <p>Based on the proposed plan it would hurt us economically over the same 4 year span. Being in district 7 would give us more flexibility with our schedule. We have to fit the Sorghum Bowl in every year and playing in a 6 team district would make that task a little harder. I know that you can't look at individual bowl games that each school has, but for Morgan County that is our biggest gate of the year. Also, to have 10 schools in the region and to split them up 6-4, puts District 7 at an advantage by allowing all 4 teams into the playoffs, but at the same time keeps 2 teams out of the playoffs in District 8.</p>																																
Adair County	3A	Favor our placement as drafted																																	
Casey County	3A	Favor our placement as drafted																																	
Garrard County	3A	Favor changes as detailed below impacting our school	<p>As the high school principal, I am petitioning that we move from District 4 in 3A to District 5 in 3A. The geography of District 5 shows that we are closer to each opponent top to bottom from shortest trip to longest trip. Traveling to Henry County, Louisville Desales, and Christian Academy of Louisville will require students and coaches to have an early dismissal. When playing these teams in the playoffs in 2015 and 2016, an early release was granted to allow time for players to arrive and warm up. I have significant concerns about an early release for football players due to distance for six games over the next four years. Our primary goal is to educate our students and this will most certainly have an impact on seat time for our students which will in turn impact their education. In District 5, Bell County will be the only county where an early dismissal would be considered.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">District 5</th> <th colspan="2">District 4</th> </tr> <tr> <th>County</th> <th>Dist(Miles)</th> <th>Time(hrs)</th> <th>County Dist(Miles)Time (hrs)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Bell</td> <td>94</td> <td>2.5</td> <td>Desales 100 2.5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>McCreary</td> <td>71</td> <td>1.5</td> <td>CAL 100 2.5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Powell</td> <td>59</td> <td>1</td> <td>Henry 79 2.5*</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jackson</td> <td>49</td> <td>1.5</td> <td>Western Hills55 1.5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Estill</td> <td>43</td> <td>1</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rockcastle</td> <td>24</td> <td><1</td> <td>Mercer 27 1</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Average of 57 miles per tripAverage of 71.2 miles per trip * Henry is less miles but no easy way to access causing an increasing in time.</p> <p>The overall cost for two busses and an equipment van will be approximately \$2000 less in District 5 than District 4. Gate receipts (based off of prior games) will cost us \$8000 or more when playing teams from District 4. Over a four year period, that's a yearly cost of \$2500 or more, taken from the school activity account which benefits nonrevenue generated athletic teams. This money is critical to support these programs and offer these athletes a unique and meaningful experience participating in athletics.</p>	District 5		District 4		County	Dist(Miles)	Time(hrs)	County Dist(Miles)Time (hrs)	Bell	94	2.5	Desales 100 2.5	McCreary	71	1.5	CAL 100 2.5	Powell	59	1	Henry 79 2.5*	Jackson	49	1.5	Western Hills55 1.5	Estill	43	1		Rockcastle	24	<1	Mercer 27 1
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Powell County	3A	Favor changes as detailed below impacting our school	<p>Powell County request to be placed in District 6 rather than the current placement of District 5. Our concerns mainly focus on travel distance, time on the road for players, and expenses.</p> <p>District 6 Travel Distance and Expenses (two year away games): Lewis County 160 miles / 8.5 hours Pendleton County 154 miles / 8.5 hours Fleming County 102 miles / 7.0 hours West Carter 150 miles / 7.5 hours Mason County 134 miles / 7.5 hours Total Miles 700 Total Time on Road - 39 Hours Total Expenses \$3270.00 (2 bus drivers @ 13.36/hour - Fuel 2 busses & 1 equipment bus @ \$1.00/mile)</p> <p>District 5 Travel Distance and Expenses (two year away games): Estill County 40 miles / 6.0 hours Bell County 220 miles / 12.0 hours Jackson County 105 miles / 7.5 hours McCreary County 252 miles / 12.0 hours Rockcastle County 140 miles / 8.0 hours Total Miles 757 miles Total Time on Road 45.5 Hours Total Expenses \$3906.00 (2 bus drivers @ 13.36/hour - fuel 2 busses & 1 equipment bus @ \$1.00/mile)</p> <p>In addition to the added travel expense and additional time on the road, we would receive less gate money by hosting in District 5. The further teams have to travel the less likely they are to bring large numbers of fans.</p>
West Carter	3A	Favor changes as detailed below impacting our school	<p>We would like to be considered for Class 2A District 8. This is the Eastern KY District of 2A. It is our closest 2A district with an average travel time that is a minimum of 45 minutes shorter travel time than the average time than any of districts, 4, 5, 6 and 7. We are an Eastern KY 2A school that would be able to travel to District 8 games via Interstate 64 and US-23, two of the better roads in KY and play other teams that are in our region of the state. This move would allow for us to play in the class that we should by enrollment be placed in, and would allow for us to participate in the district that is our most natural and closest fit.</p>
West Carter	3A	Favor changes as detailed below impacting our school	<p>Dear Mr. Tackett,</p> <p>As you are aware, our school has submitted an application to be placed in District 8 of 2A. We feel that this is the district that we should be placed in as we are currently at 2A enrollment and this is the closest district to our school. We are around one hour away from three of the schools in the district and though two of the teams in this district are further drives, the roads between our schools are excellent and safe.</p> <p>Our current placement in 3A allows for us to play many of our longtime district rivals (Fleming, Lewis, Mason) and is not a bad placement at all. It is preferable to the district with (Russell, Ashland, Greenup and East), because while schools like Fleming and Lewis are larger than we are, they are not as large as the schools in the opposite district and we have long-standing district rivalries with Fleming and Lewis County. However, I feel that we must attempt to get the placement that our school should have. Our coaches have consistently fielded rosters that are smaller than average for 3A schools, as we have been a 2A school by enrollment that has played up due to the proximity of our opponents. However, if we were able to play in 2A District 8 with programs such as Bath County, Prestonsburg and Sheldon Clark, we would be in a close district with schools that are our size and most importantly with rosters that are our size. I believe that District 8 is in the best interest of our students as we would be able to compete with similar schools.</p> <p>Our program has competed the last four years as the smallest or one of the smallest schools in 3A, so this District would allow for our student athletes to have the opportunity to compete against the schools they should compete against. Our student-athletes have competed well in 3A, winning a district championship in 2015, and going to the playoffs each of the last four years. They have done this against roster sizes that are nearly double the number of players on our roster. For instance, we had a roster this season that numbered in the high 30s.</p> <p>For a small, Eastern Kentucky schools in a rural community, placement in 2A District 8 would like increase the participation for student-athletes in our school and continue to grow the game of football in our community. Rather than overachieving to compete with larger schools, our players would be playing against similar rosters. Our community is very proud of the athletics programs in our schools, and we see the success of any of our extracurricular programs having a direct correlation to the success of our school academically. Being placed in a higher classification that we should be, while it may not hurt our program, may not be as beneficial as being placed in the correct class and district.</p> <p>Allowing for our program to remain in 2A makes sense and we feel is where we should be placed. We would not interfere with the numbers of the any of the classes as 2A is currently smaller than 3A by one school. According to the feedback information, Morgan County has asked to be moved from District 8 to District 7, so we could naturally fit in the place they would be vacating in District 8.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration</p>

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West Carter	3A	Favor changes as detailed below impacting our school or make general comments	<p>Upon notification of a final time for additional info before the Board of Control meets, West Carter High School would like to provide the following information about our placement in 2A. While we are aware that the current District 8 is likely to be too large for an additional team, we do realize that Morgan County has asked to be in district 7 which is closer for them both in terms of distance traveled and time. By enrollment, West Carter High School should be a 2A school, and District 8 is by far the closest district to ours in terms of distance in miles and in road time. The fact that we would not be the geographic outlier in the district, we believe strengthens our case to be in this district, as we are a closer trip for every team in the district than a trip to Bath County would be. Travel to West Carter is easy for any of the teams in the district as our school is located close to Interstate 64, and every team in the District could take I-64 and US-23 to get to our school, providing safe travel. The next closest district to us in terms of distance and time are the NKY districts, which on average are 45 minutes and 38 miles longer per trip, and every trip in District 8 with the exception of 1 is a much shorter drive than the closest trip to NKY. We are not asking for any team to be moved from District 8 that has not requested to be moved, but would like to be placed in the spot that Morgan County would vacate.</p> <p>Distance for District 2A 8 Bath County to: Prestonsburg: 1 Hour 47 Minutes (82 Miles) Lick Creek: 2 Hours 46 Minutes (130 Miles) Pikeville: 2 h 18 min (106.3 mi) Inez: 1 h 50 min (116.7 mi)</p> <p>West Carter to: Prestonsburg: 1 h 20 min (78.9 mi) Lick Creek: 2 h 38 min (121.7 mi) Pikeville: 2 h 9 min (97.9 mi) Inez: 1 h 20 min (78.9 mi)</p> <p>Average distance in time: West Carter is on average 13.6 minutes closer to the rest of the district in comparison to Bath County (Without Morgan in the district that number increases to 18.5 minutes closer).</p> <p>Average distance in miles: West Carter is on average 11.2 miles closer to the rest of the district in comparison to Bath County (Without Morgan in the district that number increases to 14.75 miles closer).</p> <p>NKY (2A District 6)</p> <p>West Carter to: Beechwood: 2 h 18 min (122.9 mi) Holy Cross: 2 h 13 min (118.1 mi) Lloyd Memorial: 2 h 15 min (123.4 mi) Newport: 2 h 15 min (121.7 mi)</p> <p>Average Mileage for West Carter in EKY (District 8): 1 Hr 40 Minutes (84 Miles)</p> <p>Average Mileage/Distance for West Carter in NKY (District 6): 2 Hr 25 Minutes (121.5 Miles)</p>
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Anderson County	4A	Favor changes as detailed below impacting our school	<p>*****Overall</p> <p>21 schools benefit on saving mileage with new proposal, 15 of which are double digit miles. 7 schools do not benefit on saving mileage with new proposal, 5 of which are double digit miles.</p> <p>District 1Remain the Same District 2Remain the Same</p> <p>minus mileage saved plus mileage not saved</p> <p>previous proposed</p> <p>District 3miDistrict 3mileagetrip avg2 x trip avg. John Hardin45John Hardin 42 -3 -6 Marion Co.56Moore 20 -15 -30 Moore 35 Valley 19 -20 -40 Spencer Co.40Central 20 -11 -22 Valley 39Waggener 21 -4 -8</p> <p>District 3 provides the opportunity for 4 schools who are 18 miles or less and are in the same county to play each other.(Central, Waggener, Valley, Moore) 3 schools would save on double digit miles. 5 schools would be closer than previous alignment. All other classes have put Louisville schools together in the same district due to mileage and closeness to each other except in 4A.</p> <p>PreviousProposed</p> <p>District 4miDistrict 4mil trip avg 2x trip avg Central 31North Oldham46 plus 14 plus 28 Franklin Co.49Shelby Co. 26 -6 -12 N Oldham32Spencer Co. 30 -10 -20 Shelby Co.32Franklin Co. 35 -14 -28 Waggener25Anderson Co.31 -2 -4</p> <p>District 4 provides the opportunity for 4 schools who are 28 miles or less and border each other to play each other. 2 schools would save on double digit miles. 4 schools would be closer than previous alignment. 2 schools that are 18 miles apart and border each other would now be in the same district (Anderson/Franklin)</p> <p>PreviousProposed</p> <p>District 5District 5 mil trip avg 2x trips avg Anderson Co.33Holmes 58 -15 -28 Bourbon Co.38Scott 58 -13 -26 Boyle Co.39Harrison Co. 73 -12 -24 Lex. Cath.27Bourbon Co. 50 plus 12 plus 24 Lex Cath. 55 plus 28 plus 56</p> <p>District 5 provides the opportunity for 3 schools to save on double digit mileage. 3 schools would be closer than previous alignment. 2 schools that are 14 miles apart and border each other would now be in the same district(Harrison/Bourbon)</p> <p>PreviousProposed</p> <p>District 6miDistrict 6mil trip avg 2x trip avg Holmes 73Lincoln Co.42 -21 -42 Scott 71Boyle Co.41 plus 2plus 4 Harrison Co.85Marion Co.53 -3 -6 Rowan Co.77Russell Co.48 -19 -38 Boyd Co.107Wayne Co.66 no change 0</p> <p>District 6 provides the opportunity for 3 schools who border each other to play. (Marion, Boyle, Lincoln) 2 schools would save on double digit miles. 3 schools would be closer than previous alignment. 2 schools that are 15 miles apart and border each other would now be in the same district(Boyle/Lincoln)</p> <p>PreviousProposed</p> <p>District 7mil District 7mil trip avg. 2x trip avg. Lincoln Co.63 Rowan Co. 69 -8 -16 Russell Co.67 Boyd Co. 79 -28 -56 Wayne Co.66 Johnson Central65 -33 -66 Corbin 57 Perry Co. 90plus 41plus 82 Knox Co.71</p> <p>District 7 provides the opportunity for 3 schools to save on double digit mileage.</p>

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Anderson County	4A	Favor changes as detailed below impacting our school	<p>Julian, Due to the pending state legislature education cuts, school districts will be facing some major challenges in transportation. Attached is a proposal for a new alignment in 4A that would alleviate most of these concerns. In the proposal for districts 3-8: *21 of 29 schools would save in mileage, 7 would not, one would stay the same. *15 schools would actually save double digit mileage, while 5 would not.</p> <p>Many thanks for your consideration in regards to mileage in 4A.</p> <p>Rick Sallee/Athletic Director Mark Peach/Head Football Coach Anderson Co. HS</p> <p>*Please put this form with attachment that will be emailed explaining proposal.</p>
Breckinridge County	4A	Favor changes as detailed below impacting our school or make general comments	<p>Breckinridge County High School would like consideration for a higher class change to benefit school in multiple aspects. We do realize the KHSAA has stated that class change will not be accepted to this point and we respect that. We also want to point out that the KHSAA did Breckinridge County High School a favor and moved us into a district within the Central Time Zone like we asked. For that, we are grateful.</p> <p>However, when exploring the possibility of moving up a class early this spring, it did not seem beneficial to us to move up compared to remaining in Class 4A. Now, we notice that Muhlenberg County and Ohio County moved down from 6A to 5A to make a class of Graves County, Grayson County, Muhlenberg County, Ohio County, and Owensboro. This district is attractive to us for many reasons. For one, with the exception of Graves County, our farthest travel would be closer than our closest opponent in our new district. Also, with the exception of Graves County, those four schools are already natural rivals within our third region that we play in almost every sport except football.</p> <p>Again, we realize the consideration for a class change has come and gone. We ask that you please look at our situation with an open mind.</p>
Breckinridge County	4A	Favor changes as detailed below impacting our school or make general comments	<p>I know you can't cater to all the needs of every school in the Commonwealth or make everyone happy. I want you to know that Breckinridge County is happy being moved into a district within the central time zone. We feel this will benefit us and our opponents. However, there is more that could benefit our students and athletes and I feel it never hurts to ask.</p> <p>When looking at the proposed districts, we notice the district comprised of Grayson County, Muhlenberg County, Ohio County, Owensboro, and Graves County. Is there a possibility that Breckinridge County could be considered to move up to this district. All of these schools, besides Graves County, are in our 3rd region. We feel this could protect our current natural regional rivalries where we play these teams in boys' and girls' basketball, baseball and softball, soccer, cross country, cheer, dance, and golf. We also feel this could help alleviate transportation costs that are going to be prominent in rural areas like ours with the new budget proposals we are facing. This also keeps us in the central time zone, which is a major factor for us and our opponents.</p> <p>4A District 2 travel times (all information gathered from Google Maps):</p> <p>Franklin Simpson- 104 miles- 1 hour and 45 minute travel time Allen County Scottsville- 103 miles- 1 hour and 41 minute travel time Warren Central- 66 miles- 1 hour and 22 minute travel time Warren East- 65.6 miles- 1 hour and 19 minute travel time</p> <p>5A District 1 travel times (all information gathered from Google Maps):</p> <p>Muhlenberg County- 71.7 miles- 1 hour and 15 minute travel time Owensboro- 50.9 miles- 1 hour and 1 minute travel time Ohio County- 39.8 miles- 47 minute travel time Grayson County- 28.9 miles- 38 minute travel time Graves County- 198 miles- 3 hour and 10 minute travel time</p> <p>I appreciate you reading this and considering this. I also appreciate everything you do for the Kentucky student-athlete. Have a wonderful weekend and let me know if there is anything else I can do.</p>
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Central	4A	Favor changes as detailed below impacting our school or make general comments	<p>After reviewing the proposed alignment that was sent by the KHSAA and an adjusted alignment that was proposed by a group of coaches and ADs, we feel it is needed to voice that we are in favor of the original alignment proposed by the KHSAA and the BOC and against the alignment proposed by a few coaches and ADs in Class 4A.</p> <p>There does not appear to be much of any travel savings for the schools in Districts 3 and 4. The travel from Central to Franklin County and Central to John Hardin is a "double digit" savings but it is 11 miles. That is maybe 10-15 minutes on a bus. While the mileage drive from Waggener to Valley maybe less than Spencer County to Valley, it can be a much easier drive on a Friday night to get from Taylorsville to Valley Station than from East Louisville. While on paper saving "double digit" mileage on a bus might seem to make sense, for many of the changes we aren't really saving time. While we might have a drive that is 10-20 fewer miles that doesn't always translate to a savings in time.</p> <p>One of the points the group made about putting the Jefferson County schools together is that is how the other classes are set-up. Under the new proposed alignments for each class Jefferson County schools are actually split more often than not.</p> <p>Class 1A - 2 Schools, 2 Districts Class 2A - 1 School, 1 District Class 3A - 2 Schools, 1 District Class 4A - 4 Schools, 2 Districts Class 5A - 7 Schools, 2 Districts Class 6A - 10 Schools, 3 Districts</p> <p>Any time there is a proposal like this proposed by individual schools it seems that there are motives of the schools that are not always clear. Is this proposal purely based on mileage concerns and saving money or are there other motives that are being considered such as the competitive balance of the class? We feel that when the Board of Control and KHSAA make proposals we are all considered dots on a map and the consideration for Districts is made using roads, interstates and physical boundaries. When massive changes like this are proposed it is hard to believe that school names and considerations to competition weren't made.</p> <p>The four Jefferson County schools (and we assume many others) in Class 4A were not consulted for our input on the proposed alignment and it has still not been shared by the schools that wrote it directly with the rest of Class 4A. If the KHSAA and Board of Control wish to consider this proposal for Class 4A, as it impacts all schools in the class, we respectfully ask the KHSAA share the proposal with all of the schools in Class 4A and allow proper time for feedback with all schools.</p>
Hopkins County Central	4A	Favor changes as detailed below impacting our school or make general comments	<p>Our district consist of 3 4A schools under the enrollment figures of Calloway, Madisonville North and us. If you look Calloway and Hopkins County Central are in the middle of the enrollment figures. Now we have 2 5A schools that are being allowed to play down Hopkinsville and Logan Co that are placed in our district for the second time. I can see one of them being placed down to make it a 4 team district, but BOTH of them and Logan Co is a big distance for Calloway to travel. Last year and probably again this year one of these 2 schools that should be playing 5 A are going to keep a 4 A team from qualifying for the playoffs. I know that it is not easy making these alignments and I appreciate the time and effort that you put into it. I just think it is much to have a district in 4 A made up of 2 teams that should be playing 5 A. Thank you for you time and have a great blessed day.</p>
Marion County	4A	Favor changes as detailed below impacting our school	<p>I am emailing you to let you know that we here at Marion Co. are in favor of keeping the new district alignment for 2019 just the way you all released it originally. I know that there are some coaches in 4a trying to put together a new proposal for district alignment. They are basing their new alignment on the premise of saving money on mileage. The mileage money "saved" is minimal at best for some programs and more for others in their new alignment. I feel like they are trying to dictate new 4a alignments because they are running from powerful programs and trying to use mileage as their reasoning. Thank you for all you do for high school athletics.</p>
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Mercer County	4A	Favor changes as detailed below impacting our school	<p>We would like you to consider the following adjustments in regards to our current alignment in football. We believe the adjustments are warranted because they will cumulatively save travel money for school districts at a time when public school transportation money is looking at significant cuts. And, financially we believe it cumulatively helps all districts because it maintains more of the historic and regional rivalries, meaning larger athletic gate receipts and improved funding for all athletic programs, including non-revenue sports, aiding our ability to stay Title IX compliant. For example, Mercer & Garrard have had no prior connection to CAL & DeSales. But, Mercer, Garrard, Western Hills, & Casey are common opponents in most sports.</p> <p>Here are the adjustments we recommend:</p> <p>Move DeSales & CAL to District 3 and out of District 4. In drafted District 4, DeSales is a total of 227 miles to Mercer, Western Hills, & Garrard. CAL is a total of 182 miles to the same 3 schools.</p> <p>In the drafted District 3, DeSales is a total of 107 miles to Bardstown, Nelson Co. & Thomas Nelson. In District 3, CAL is a total of 96 miles to the same 3 schools.</p> <p>That cuts mileage by over 50%.</p> <p>Move Etown & Larue to District 2. In the drafted District 3, for 3 games, it is an average of 26 miles for both Etown & LaRue to all 3 schools in Nelson County.</p> <p>In the drafted District 2, the average is 34 miles for LaRue & 47 for Etown in traveling to Adair, Hart, Glasgow & Taylor. And, much of Etown's travel will be on I-65.</p> <p>Yes, the travel is more. But only by a few miles, much smaller than the mileage saved by the CAL/DeSales adjustment listed above, and the distance is still relatively small compared to much of the travel in football districts across the state in all classifications.</p> <p>Move Casey to District 4. Casey's travel in drafted District 3 is a total of 210 miles to Adair, Hart, Glasgow & Taylor.</p> <p>In District 4, Casey's total miles to Garrard, Mercer, & Western Hills is 139 miles.</p> <p>Their longest trip in district 4 is 67 miles. In drafted District 3 they have a trip over 70 miles (Hart) & 73 miles (Glasgow).</p> <p>Give Henry option to go district 3 or 4.</p> <p>This decreases the miles traveled for all schools combined. Pending the Governor's budget proposal on education, in particular transportation, that should be a consideration.</p> <p>And, selfishly, Mercer already plays all the schools that would be in our district as we are requesting. It will benefit our gates because of those long-term rivalries. We have no such relationship with CAL & DeSales.</p> <p>Please let us know your thoughts and if there is any more information we can provide.</p>

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Spencer County	4A	Favor changes as detailed below impacting our school	<p>Per email</p> <p>There has been some feedback on the proposed 2019 alignment. I didn't provide feedback due to my understanding that no feedback meant that you were happy with the current proposal. Just to make sure I wanted to reiterate that Spencer County is in favor of our proposed placement in Class 4A District 3 with Marion County, John Hardin, Valley and Moore.</p>

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Christian County	5A	Favor changes as detailed below impacting our school	We requested to move to Class 4A, but were denied by the KHSAA due to enrollment. We were placed in Class 5A District 2, but we have always been in 5A District 1. We do not understand with Muhlenberg County being located 34 miles from our school why we are moving to 5A District 2. Graves County who is also in Class 5A District 1 is located 71 miles from our High School. Ohio County is located 64 miles from our high school and they too are in Class 5A District 1. Owensboro Independent High School is also in District 1 and they are located 74 miles from Christian County. Grayson County High School was placed in District 1. They are located 89 miles from Christian County High School. They are located 150 miles from graves county and bypass our high school on the way. Owensboro, Ohio, and Muhlenberg do the exact same thing, so why would we be placed in District 2 instead of in a district with teams located closer than the schools in District 2. Christian County High School is located 65+ miles from the various schools in District 2. Grayson county and Ohio county are located closer to the Bowling Green area (District 2) than Christian County. Ohio County High School is located 53 miles from various schools in the Bowling Green area. Grayson County is 47 miles from the various schools in Bowling Green. Grayson County was previously in District 2. Now they are moving to District 1 and will now travel farther to play games. We feel that one of those teams should replace us in District 2 and Christian County be placed back in District 1. If you should have any questions or concerns regarding this comment please feel free to contact me.
Graves County	5A	Favor our placement as drafted	
Highlands	5A	Favor our placement as drafted	
Muhlenberg County	5A	Favor our placement as drafted	
Seneca	5A	Favor our placement as drafted	
Ballard	6A	Favor changes as detailed below impacting our school	Oldham County should not be in District 8 just because they want to play in that district. Average mileage for OC to travel is 82 miles to the three schools in their district, while it is only 17 miles if they were in District 5. Just our two cents.
Barren County	6A	Favor our placement as drafted	