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## Letter of December 12

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ATTN: Timothy Perdue

Please allow this note to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 12 and thank you for providing contact information.

I need to make a correction to information on the first page of your original November 6 letter. The KHSAA has no supervisory authority over the Kentucky Volleyball Coaches Association or any of the other independently formed and managed Coaches Associations. For that and other reasons, it is not our practice to become involved in any way with recognition of this type other than to cooperatively work with the Associations so that they may present recognition, etc. during available times of the championship events.

I am forwarding your information to Coach Daniel Cortner of Caldwell County High School who was recently named to head the Volleyball coach's group. You may wish to reach out to him at your convenience to further share your concerns. I have copied him on your letter and on this email. Again the matter is not one over which the KHSAA has any jurisdiction.

Thank you and have a blessed holiday season.

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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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December 12, 2018

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Mr. Tackett,

For introduction purposes, my name is Timothy Perdue and I am the point man for this letter and issue. We noticed there was no contact information for a reply for communication purposes so I have taken that position.

Briefly, I attached a copy of the letter signed by the concerned parents of the seven girls who were victims or witnesses of bullying by the Region 1 Coach of the Year. The letter questions the selection and asks for the retraction of the award to *Brett Cariveau*. Just as importantly, the letter questions the process of what goes into selecting a Coach of the Year. Is it just wins? Should there be more? Yes, it seems there should be more.

If you wish to contact me, please call 270.331.3465 or email at perduelawgroup@hotmail.com.

Best Regards,



Timothy Perdue

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November 6, 2018

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Mr. Julian Tackett,  
Commissioner,

Commissioner Tackett,

In the 2018 Volleyball season, the volleyball coach of Graves County High School, located in Mayfield, Graves County Kentucky, *Brett Cariveau*, was awarded the Region One high school coach of the year. We, as concerned parents, wish to understand the selection and voting process of groups such as The Kentucky Volleyball Coaches Association (KVCA), which acts under the supervision of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association. Further and frankly, we wish to ask for a retraction of the Region One High School Coach of the Year award presented to Mr. Cariveau.

As you may or may not be aware, seven young women, who were members of this volleyball club, left the program due to Coach Cariveau's bullying techniques, including two seniors who will never, ever get this opportunity again. If there were only one or two players, this probably would be attributed to sour grapes or not being able to "handle a tough coach" and would not be a concern. However, we are speaking of seven individuals who claim or heard some form of verbal abuse. These seven young ladies expressed their concerns to their parents and friends over this type of "coaching."

Some of the preferred girls would claim no abuse but for the seven who were abused, targeted and bullied, there is a clear difference between difficult coaches and abusive coaches. There are similar instances of this technique in the school he previously coached for, Ballard County. One of these instances includes Mr. Cariveau "fat shaming" a young lad i.e. you are too big, get away from the buffet! Additionally, there are rumors, which are not confirmed as of the dictating of this letter, that Mr. Cariveau was terminated from a volleyball club, which he coached, because he was *too aggressive and bullied* the players. Regardless whether the last rumor is true or not, which can easily be determined, there is an air of divisiveness and bullying that permeates wherever Mr. Cariveau coaches.

As parents, we did not press the issue earlier or wish to publicize the issue through local media because we did not want to cast a shadow on the remaining girls' season nor create a retaliatory environment for the girls that were bullied. In keeping quiet, however, Mr. Cariveau was allowed to be elevated to the honor of Region One High School Coach of the Year.

Finally, it is hard to believe in the middle of the #Metoo movement that recognizes bullying and abuses committed against women, such bullying takes place in a public high school between a full grown male coach and teenage girls and this bully is then elevated to a Coach of the Year status for 2018!

Surely, this award must be based on more than a record and statistics. What about compassion? What about team building? What about character? A coach, must less a Region High School Coach of the Year, must personify all of these traits. Therefore, we, as parents, undersign our name to this letter formally requesting the withdrawal of the Region One High School Coach of the Year from Mr. Brett Cariveau.

Respectfully,

Mr. & Mrs. Steven Aubin  
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Amickson  
Mr and Mrs Danny Sasseen  
Mr. Devin and Tara Lovett  
Mr & Mrs. Bryan Cash  
Mr. + Mrs. Bud Mather  
Mr & Mrs. Tom & P