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Dear Board of Control,

First off, we (Kentucky Football Coaches Association) would like to thank you for allowing us to collect and share feedback from our member schools regarding the KHSAA football playoffs. We understand the immense challenge and scrutiny you face and the thankless job you all have when making decisions that affect so many school districts and sports programs throughout the state.

The release of the changes to the state playoff system made during the January BOC meeting were met with great concerns and questions. These questions and concerns led to many discussions and opinions about what the playoff picture should look like in the minds of our many coaches throughout the state. The reality is there will never be total agreement on what is best for our sport moving forward. **With that said, and with all the feedback our association received, there was one issue on which we had strong consensus: out of 105 schools who responded, 94 (89.5%) agreed that playing inter (sister) district vs playing intra (same) district in the first round of the playoffs was better for high school football moving forward.**

While travel concerns were warranted with cross bracketing, moving to a sister district scenario drastically cuts travel in the first round of the playoffs. Looking at rough mileage from the 2018 playoffs in classes 2A, 3A and 4A, a sister district scenario (vs the implemented cross bracketing that was used), would have cut travel about 45%. Specifically, total travel for round 1 in districts 3-6 cross bracketed was roughly 1577 miles; if sister districts had been used, travel would have been roughly 874 miles. While we concede that travel in intra district play could cut travel even more, we feel a 45% reduction is sufficient and keeps teams playing in the same "Region" of the state.

We look forward to presenting this data to you and addressing your feedback at the February 19 BOC meeting. Your willingness to hear our concerns shows strong leadership in making decisions that positively affect our sport and all who participate in it moving forward, and is greatly appreciated.

Thank you!

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