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Fwd: Cross Country/Track & Field

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FYI, received this last night.

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Date: June 30, 2020 at 7:21:50 PM EDT
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Subject: Cross Country/Track & Field

Good Evening Ms. Sarah!

I just wanted to write and thank you so much for any assistance that you gave in the Board's decision to move Harlan County High School's Cross Country and Track & Field Teams from Class 3A to Class 2A. I truly feel that Class 2A is where we need to be with the declining enrollment at Harlan County High School and I also feel with the number of families that have been displaced due to the COVID-19 outbreak, I feel that our numbers will reflect an even further decline this year.

For the purposes of travel and number of participating member schools, I would like to propose that the KHSAA consider placing Harlan County High School in Region 7 rather than Region 5. One of our biggest issues in remaining in Class 3A was the immense travel with most of the schools and events being located in Central Kentucky. By being placed in Class 2A Region 5, many of the member schools and events also take place in locations like Boyle County High School in Danville and Asbury College. This will really put a strain on our programs financially and also put our student athletes returning home at very late hours due to Harlan County's extreme geographical location. Finally, the number of member schools that participate in these sports in Region 7 are like 9 or 10 versus 14 or 15 in Region 5 and I just felt like that we could help Region 7 become a better region for Eastern Kentucky by being able to have the facilities to host Regional Events.

Again, I sincerely appreciate everything you've done for us. I just felt like I should ask for the slight modification due to the geographical fit for the more Eastern Kentucky Region (7) than the more Central/Southern Kentucky Region (5) and the number of participating schools in those respective regions.

Have a great evening!

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