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May 16, 2022

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Commissioner Julian Tackett

KHSAA

2280 Executive Drive

Lexington, KY 40505

Dear Commissioner Tackett,

Jenkins Independent School was established in 1912 and has been in the 14th Region since regions were established. We have a long, rich history of both 53rd District and 14th Region championships in postseason play. As you know, Jenkins was moved into the 15th Region and 59th District four years ago by the former administration in preparation for a so-called “super region” to be established.

Previous administrators, with no ties to Letcher County, the City of Jenkins, or the school agreed to this move against the wishes of the entire school community. The resulting frustration and controversy over this change was detrimental to the school culture, enrollment, and athletic programs overall. New administrators at both the district and school level are committed to both short-term and long-term improvement of the school’s academic offerings, physical facilities, and the athletic programs. A move back to the 14th Region and 53rd District would substantially help us achieve these goals.

Our students and families deserve to play in our home county and greatly desire to return to the 14th Region/53rd District where our student athletes can compete against the same teams we have rivaled against for years. The heritage of the school, and the small town which fully supports it, is apparent within the city limits of Jenkins. Our trophy cases are overflowing from district and regional tournament wins. We implore you to advocate for this move to help our thriving district as we strive to excel in our offerings to our students and families.

As such, we respectfully request that you propose a move for Jenkins Independent back to the 14th Region and 53rd District, to the Board of Control for consideration. Both Superintendent Johnson and I are available to meet

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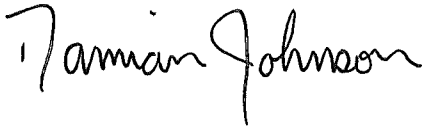
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at your convenience to answer questions or provide further information. We look forward to hearing from you and greatly appreciate your consideration of our request.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy Rutherford
Principal



Damian Johnson
Superintendent

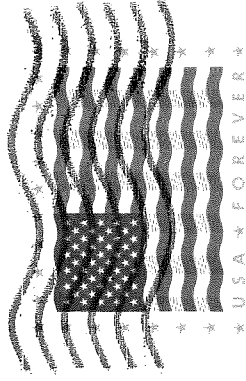
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