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## Meade Football Request

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To: "Tackett, Julian" &lt;jtackett@khsaa.org&gt;, Greg Howard &lt;greg.howard@logan.kyschools.us&gt;

Commissioner Tackett,

Below is our formal request for the Meade County High School Football program to remain in District 2 of 6A. We are advocating for District 2 to have five teams that would all be eligible for playoff competition.

Below are the details of our request and the responses from school districts that are currently in District 2.

- Meade County is an original member of District 2. North Hardin and Central Hardin have been our district rivals for more than 30 years.
- There is precedent for a three and five team district. Meade County has been in a three team district with North Hardin and Central Hardin before other districts were accommodated to play up in 6A.
- Meade, North Hardin and Central Hardin are all 6A schools per male enrollment. Accommodations have been made for Barren County and Warren Central to play up at their request. Meade County is an unintended consequence of these requests and we are seeking an accommodation to be granted that other schools in Kentucky have received.
- Our community desires to remain in District 2 and the consensus is strong. Our community cares deeply about our traditions and rivalry games. The North Hardin and Central Hardin games mean more when district playoff implications are on the line.
- The financial implications of close proximity travel with the Hardin County Schools for district playoff games would be a severe impact if lost for our athletic department and community businesses. Ticket sales would be negatively impacted for both Meade County and Hardin County Schools.
- Meade County is willing to consider scheduling District 3 schools for scheduling logistics and our athletic director has already communicated these intentions to the athletic directors of District 3 schools.
- Meade County wants the least amount of ripple effect for schools impacted by us remaining in District 2. We are not requesting for any District 2 teams to be moved to another district.
- I have spoken with multiple Board of Control members that have told me they will support our request.
- If the Board of Control determines in two years to have schools play in the division per their male enrollment, it is likely we could be placed right back with North Hardin and Central Hardin. We request not to cease this long standing district partnership even if it is for a short amount of time

Warren County Schools and Hardin County Schools are in favor of Meade County remaining in district 2. Both superintendents have formally endorsed our efforts to Commissioner Julian Tackett in writing.

Barren County Schools do not support Meade County remaining in district 2. Their reason is because their coaches and AD wish to remain in a 4 team district. They like having Warren Central to shorten their drive and remain on the same time zone. They were also concerned that their playoff spot would not be guaranteed by the BOC in a five team district. Superintendent, Bo Matthews, respects our advocacy and understands our position. Superintendent Matthews stated that they will abide by any decision KHSAA makes.

I look forward to contacting the board of control members in writing of our request and speaking with them the next time they convene. Please let me know if I can provide any further information.

Thank you for listening. Have a relaxing weekend.



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