

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to propose that the 15th Region implement a “Super” Regional Tournament. With the addition of Jenkins a few years ago, the likelihood that The David School will join the KHSAA or Piarist will field a team, (based on All “A” information) the 15th Region should have 16 teams.

As far as districts, the KHSAA would determine the placement of teams within each district (57th, 58th, 59th, 60th).

My proposal is to take the last week of the regular season to play the district tournaments. Each district would crown a district winner and also conduct a 3rd place game. At the conclusion of each district tournament, the following week would be the Sweet 16 of our regional tournament (held at the top seed host site). This would trim the tournament to 8 teams, in which the 8 teams would play at the Appalachian Wireless Arena.

Seeding:

- The district champions of each district would be ranked 1, 2, 3 and 4 based on KHSAA RPI
- The district runner ups of each district would be ranked 5, 6, 7, and 8 based on KHSAA RPI
- The 3rd place teams in each district would be ranked 9, 10, 11, and 12 based on KHSAA RPI
- The 4th place teams in each district would be ranked 13, 14, 15, and 16 based on KHSAA RPI

1st Round of Region (Sweet 16):

- 1 host 16
- 2 host 15

- 3 host 14
- 4 host 13
- 5 host 12
- 6 host 11
- 7 host 10
- 8 host 9

2nd Round through Championship of the 15th Regional Tournament would be hosted at the Appalachian Wireless Arena

➤ Pros

- Each team in region would compete in the “Super” Region
- Addition of a 3rd place district tournament game
- Bring a buzz and excitement around the 15th Region
- Be the first region in state of Kentucky to create a “Super” Region
- Reward district champions and runner ups in our region.

➤ Cons

- Lose maximum of a week of regular season
- Some districts may not have a team in the Elite 8 (Appalachian Wireless Arena)
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A “Super” Region was discussed several years ago and the number of suggestions was overwhelming. I believe in making a decision thinking about the environment and longevity of the game. I’m not thinking of this year’s team or next year or the year after. I feel like this change would be a great experience for our student athletes, coaches, families, communities, and schools.

“The secret of change is to focus all of your energy not on fighting the old, but on building the new” -Socrates