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Topic

Attendance on Behalf of KHSAA

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**Meeting_Session
Attended**

NFHS Middle School Committee

**Takeaways to help
Board and Staff**

The Committee met October 14-15 in Indianapolis and I currently serve as committee chair. The Committee continues to work towards providing resources for middle school athletics across the country. The NFHS MS Committee was given a review of the current state of officials across the country. We also heard updates from NFHS Learn, performing arts, and emergency action plans. The committee was divided into three sub-committees to review the position statement drafts. The following are the position statements being developed:

- Framework for the Value of Middle School Involvement in State Associations
- Similarities and Differences between Middle School and High School
- Similarities and Differences between Education-Based Activities and Club/Youth Sports

The Committee also finalized goals and initiatives for the 2024-25 school year which includes:

- Add a middle school category to NFHS awards program (starting with the Performing Arts).
- Develop mental health resources and share materials created by SMAC and the Learning Center.
- Collaborate with the Learning Center to create and produce the Parent Seat Video.
- Emphasize an “all-out awareness” campaign with all entities to highlight the middle level by attending state conferences, national conventions and establishing relationships with organizations.

General Commentary

The committee's adjusted it's goals for the future with a continued emphasis on the communication pipeline for middle schools across the country. That is something we struggle with in Kentucky as well, contacts for middle school administrators. The seasonal newsletter containing resources and articles from around the nation continues to be developed seasonally.