



Fw: Realignment Committee Updates

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Julian,

I expect that there will be either discussion or finalization of realignment for basketball and other sports besides football, track and field and cross country. We recognize the need for that to take place as soon as possible, as Fall scheduling is in a holding pattern waiting on this to be finalized.

I was asked to send you the work that was done by a committee in regard to thoughts of what we might like it to look like. Plan 2 is that plan. You may or may not have finalized the alignment for the 6th and 7th regions, but we at least wanted to put this information in your hands. There are several items that were part of this.

Because there was an assumption that in Plan 1, the three Bullitt Counties would be in the same region, one member of the committee asked that Plan 2 separate the Bullitt county schools.

The email below is what was sent out to our 6th and 7th region AD's in regards to the work done by the committee. The two plans are attached.

We did allow each school to vote on one plan or the other. As you probably can guess, that only showed that when it comes to voting, schools look out for their own benefits instead of what might be best for the big picture.

Results for Voting on Realignment Options

Results from Realignment Voting

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Here is the information that came from those votes:

There are 43 schools that are in the 6th & 7th regions. 39 schools voted. The four schools that didn't vote are: Iroquois, Beth Haven, Portland Christian and Presentation. Grace James did vote, but was not included since they are not eligible for post season at this time.

Question 1: If one of the two plans were implemented, would you support either plan?

Yes: 35

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You can see the voting results and some of the comments that were made by some AD's. As you can image, it came out to be about 50% for each plan.

Therefore, as a committee, we didn't do anything else, since we didn't think we had enough support for one plan or another and would put this in the hands of the Board.

Also, Grace James Academy was not put into a region or district. We know that they will need to be put some place when that time comes. We hope that is just a plug in situation when that happens. The JCPS Board met last night and there are going to look at the possibility of putting up a new school for Grace James somewhere on Terry Road. Obviously, we don't know if that will happen, but that is the latest information we have on them.

Good luck with realignment. I know it is never easy and clearly will not make everyone happy. But I wanted to put this information in your hands before your Board of Control Meeting tomorrow. Sorry for the lateness of this info if it will even help or matter.

Thanks.

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Subject: Realignment Committee Updates

I would like to take this opportunity to update you to the process of the Realignment committee and the work that has been done.

The realignment committee has met three times over the past several weeks. As a reminder, each district has a representative on this committee, along with a Bullitt County representative, a private school representative from each region and WEB Dubois. The job of the committee has been to look at the existing alignment, and see what other options that might be available. The committee has done their best to look at this wholistically and not through the eyes of just our school. I will let you know what was discussed as we moved through the process.

We are ready to offer two plans for review for the metro. We know that when you look at these documents, you will be viewing them from the standpoint of your school and how it benefits or challenges your sports. In many cases, where it may be challenging in one sport, it may seem more beneficial to you in other sports. We realize that not everyone is going to love one plan or the other. But we are ready for general feedback from the metro.

On the attachments, you will see the district breakdown for each plan with additional information involving number of schools, number of private schools, break down of some girls sports that needed balancing, and the general breakdown of schools as they relate to travel within the district. There is a sheet that lists all the schools in the potential districts and sport offerings that each offers, and then a map of the schools and where they are located compared to district schools. There is one for each plan.

PLAN 1 - KHSAA

We were informed that Julian Tackett has started a potential realignment for the 6th and 7th region due to the relocation of schools and addition of schools. According to what was given to the committee, his alignment would involve the least movement possible from the present alignment to create an alignment to deal with the new schools and relocation of schools. So essentially, the regions and districts would look very similar to what we presently have. The changes to the existing alignment which we think Julian would make are outlined in PLAN 1. That plan is attached and likely not negotiable on our end.

PLAN 2 - COMMITTEE

Plan 2 is the work of the committee. We started by trying to determine the important pieces of this process. This is what drove our conversations when it came to decisions. These were sort of intertwined with the discussions:

- location (easier access by main roads where possible)
- number of sports offered per school to maximize 5 teams in a district tournament and no less than 3 teams in a district tournament.
- balancing the number of private schools (single sex or coed) as much as possible.

- looking at some of the girls' sports (mainly softball and girls soccer) that have a minimum number of teams and trying to make sure that there were no less than 3
(There was hope that we could figure a way to get more girls sports in the West/South end of town)

Just these items alone made it challenging to create a reasonable balance and try to hit as many of these marks as possible.

THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION ABOUT HOW GOOD A TEAM OR SCHOOL MIGHT BE COMPARED TO OTHER SCHOOLS. THAT IS NOT POSSIBLE UNLESS YOU ARE TRYING TO FOCUS ON JUST ONE SPORT. EVEN THAT CAN RUN IN CYCLES. SO, THAT WAS NOT PART OF WHAT THE PURPOSE OF THE COMMITTEE WAS.

The committee started with trying to break the schools up into two different regions. We started with an east-west line that would create a North side (7th region) and South side (6th region). Grace James is not part of a district at this time since they are not eligible for post season, so they were not put into a district. The line created put 21 schools in the 6th region and 22 schools in the 7th region. You can see on the map that is part of Plan 2 where that line is. The committee felt like this line made sense.

With several different perspectives and many conversations about what would be the driving forces behind placing teams in districts, we finally came to this decision. As much as any one of us wanted to try to separate our schools in conversations about district placements, human nature was going to make that challenging. And no matter what the outcome of the districts were going to be, someone outside that room is going to say that the people inside that room were going to take care of their own schools. Therefore, **The representatives on this committee from the 6th region placed teams from the 7th region into districts and representatives from the 7th region placed teams in the 6th region into district.** Each region made those decisions among themselves. At the present time, what was decided by each group is what you now see for PLAN 2.

THERE WAS A DISCUSSION ABOUT A POTENTIAL THIRD PLAN THAT WOULD CREATE AN EAST-WEST SPLIT AMONG SCHOOLS. WE HAVE NOT MOVED FORWARD WITH THIS IDEA FOR SEVERAL REASONS.

- Where exactly do you draw that line to create an equal number of schools. In the past, the conversation was I-65. With the number of schools that have relocated or have been built in the East End, there is challenge to decide exactly which way that line should go.
- Balancing that with the number of private schools in each region would have skewed quite a bit.
- Trying to get the sports offerings to stay within the goal of maximum of 5 and minimum of 3 per district added to this challenge
- The feeling that adding another plan would likely split votes, which would make our voice to the KHSAA less affective.

AT THIS TIME, WE ASK THAT YOU TAKE THESE TWO PLANS AND DISCUSS THEM WITH YOUR PRINCIPAL AND COACHES. THE COMMITTEE IS OPEN TO GETTING ANY FEEDBACK FROM YOU AT THE NEXT AD MEETING ON THURSDAY, MAY 16, AT CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL. THE COMMITTEE WILL TAKE FEEDBACK AND QUESTIONS BACK TO THE COMMITTEE TO FINALIZE A PLAN 2. WE ARE LOOKING FOR FEEDBACK THAT MAKES SENSE FOR THE GOOD OF THE METRO GROUP AND NOT NECESSARILY MAKES SENSE FOR YOU AND YOUR SCHOOL. IF A THIRD PLAN NEEDS TO BE MADE, THEN THE COMMITTEE WILL WORK ON THAT. AGAIN, WE ARE NOT GOING TO MAKE EVERY METRO SCHOOL HAPPY WITH ANY PLAN THAT IS DEvised.

AFTER THE COMMITTEE MEETS, WE WILL SEND OUT THE FINAL PLANS FOR EACH METRO SCHOOL TO VOTE (ONE VOTE PER SCHOOL). THE RESULTS WILL BE RELAYED TO ALL METRO AD'S AND THEN SUBMITTED TO JULIAN.

AS A SIDE NOTE, IT WAS MENTIONED IN OUR COMMITTEE MEETINGS THAT SUPER REGIONALS MIGHT WANT TO BE CONSIDERED MOVING FORWARD, IF DISTRICT PLACEMENT IS OF CONCERN. THEN ALL SCHOOLS WOULD QUALIFY FOR THE REGION TOURNAMENT REGARDLESS WHERE YOU FALL IN THE DISTRICT.

LET ME OR ANYONE ELSE ON THIS COMMITTEE KNOW IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR FEEDBACK

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23 - Jason Wells
24 - Troy Johnson

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2 attachments

 **2024 Realignment - Plan 1.pdf**
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 **2024 Realignment Plan - 2.pdf**
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