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Commissioner, I just wanted to take a moment to advocate for a particular "idea" regarding the upcoming changes to district alignments that are rumored to be up for discussion.

The rumor is that within the 6th Region, Bullitt East may be moved into the 23rd District, joining us, North Bullitt, Moore, and Southern. This move would make room for Evangel's jump to the 24th where they now geographically reside.

I would like to propose that Bullitt East remain in the 24th, and that if a school is to be moved out to make room for Evangel, that it be Whitefield Academy that comes over. First and foremost in the long list of things to be considered is the health of our girls programs, and the balance of district programs by gender. Moving Whitefield would bring girls teams to the 23rd that Evangel currently can't produce. Considering that Mercy is in the 24th already, Evangel's lack of girls' offerings wouldn't be as impactful, and leaving Bullitt East in place ensures that economically, district tournaments in the 24th remain strong as well. In addition, adding Evangel to the 24th and moving a public school out, puts 3 private schools in the same district. If asked to choose, I would prefer the addition of Whitefield, and their girls programs, over another county school. I know North Bullitt feels that same. Economically it makes more sense for both districts in question, and it preserves a better balance of power as it relates to girls sports programs and offerings.

I've spoken with Chris Vaughn at Whitefield about this issue, and he and I are in full agreement that this would be the most practical and financially sound solution to the necessary shifts in the 23rd and 24th districts. I've also copied Chris on this email as well, so if I've misspoken hopefully he will add corrections.

Of course I can always be reached by cell phone at 502-724-8851, and I would welcome a call if you feel that more input is needed. I know this is a tough task, and that there are many moving parts. I just wanted to take a moment to reach out and advocate for our little corner of the state.

Thanks for all you do and I'll look forward to talking with you at the next opportunity.



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