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**RE: notes for board of control**

1 message

**Herald, Claudette** <claudette.herald@oldham.kyschools.us>

Wed, Nov 5, 2025 at 12:25 PM

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Cc: "Tackett, Julian" <jtackett@khsaa.org>, Jon Ryan Morris <rmorris@gallatinky.org>, "Herald, Claudette" <claudette.herald@oldham.kyschools.us>

Please see attached document. Thanks.

**From:** Herald, Claudette <claudette.herald@oldham.kyschools.us>**Sent:** Monday, November 3, 2025 11:31 AM

**To:** greg.howard@warren.kyschools.us; damon.kelley@fayette.kyschools.us; brandy.carver@rowan.kyschools.us; Courtney, Brian E <brian.courtney@bardstown.kyschools.us>; Crum, Noel <noel.crum@johnson.kyschools.us>; Herald, Claudette <claudette.herald@oldham.kyschools.us>; jdemler@shdhs.org; dmoir@shslou.org; chuck@kyriverprop.com; Phillips, Michael <michael.phillips@spencer.kyschools.us>; jeremy.roach@caldwell.kyschools.us; Thompson, Russell <russell.thompson@pineville.kyschools.us>; gavin.washington@midway.edu; matt.wilhoite@kenton.kyschools.us; Yeast, Terry <terry.yeast@clark.kyschools.us>; david.zuberer@jefferson.kyschools.us

**Cc:** Herald, Claudette <claudette.herald@oldham.kyschools.us>; Tackett, Julian <jtackett@khsaa.org>; Jonathan Jones <jonathan62.jones@gmail.com>

**Subject:** FW: notes for board of control

Please see below. Thanks.



**From:** Jonathan Jones <[jonathan62.jones@gmail.com](mailto:jonathan62.jones@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Monday, November 3, 2025 11:18 AM

**To:** Herald, Claudette <[claudette.herald@oldham.kyschools.us](mailto:claudette.herald@oldham.kyschools.us)>; Jon Ryan Morris <[rmorris@gallatinky.org](mailto:rmorris@gallatinky.org)>

**Subject:** Re: notes for board of control

Please forward my letter to Julian Tackett and the members of the board of control. I have been involved with Gallatin County athletics for over 30 years as a teacher, principal, athletic director and coach.

Dear Board of Control,

The Athletic Directors of the 8th region have made a proposal to you regarding adjustments to the districts to make them more equitable. I am asking you to reject this proposal. My reasoning is as follows:

1. The current alignment of the 31st district is far more equitable than the proposal. The existing members of the 31st district were asked to accept Trimble County into their district a few years ago. The members were polled individually but the response was similar from each member school. We appreciate the predicament of Trimble County, and as small schools within the region, we are willing to accept Trimble County into our district, forming a 6 team district, as long as none of us are moved out as a result of this accommodation. I believe you can talk to Kirby Smith and he will reaffirm this statement. We have honored our end of this agreement and now the proposal will ask you to move Gallatin out of the 31st district. I would ask you to poll the ADs of the 31st district and see if they are still willing to continue this agreement. I believe the original plan should be honored until there is a statewide realignment.
2. The problems of the 29th and 30th districts are separate from the 31st. How you resolve the 3 team district and the other 6 team district should be resolved from shifting a school or schools from the 30th to the 29th.
3. The 31st district needs to remain the same for athletic, demographic and educational reasons. These six schools share membership in OVEC. They share membership in a vocational school. They share membership in the ILEAD Academy. They share co-op opportunities within this area. They generally have the same academic calendar. Snow day policies are very similar. All six schools are rural schools of similar size. Most of the students within these six schools will likely work within this district for most of their lives in the US 42 corridor. Moving any school out of this district will have a negative effect on the school and the students of the six member district.
4. The impact on sports other than basketball will be significant. The rural schools have limited access to volleyball facilities, soccer fields and baseball parks. It is very difficult for any of the smaller, rural schools to compete with the larger urban schools in these sports.
5. I appreciate your desire to get input from the individual athletic directors but I think you received a response that is somewhat predictable. Each athletic director is an employee of their respective school and they will vote in a manner to protect the interests of their school. No blame is assigned to anyone for this. Our AD voted in our interest as well, but the point is this, this is an issue that should be resolved by an independent body. Thus, it is a policy board issue.

Thank you for your time and consideration as you make this difficult decision.

Jon

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On Nov 3, 2025, at 10:01 AM, Herald, Claudette <[claudette.herald@oldham.kyschools.us](mailto:claudette.herald@oldham.kyschools.us)> wrote:

The attached notes of concern are all valid points. I encourage the AD to be present at our November 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.



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**From:** Jon Ryan Morris <[rmorris@gallatinky.org](mailto:rmorris@gallatinky.org)>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 31, 2025 2:28 PM  
**To:** Arvin, David <[david.arvin@gallatin.kyschools.us](mailto:david.arvin@gallatin.kyschools.us)>; Jonathan Jones <[jonathan62.jones@gmail.com](mailto:jonathan62.jones@gmail.com)>  
**Cc:** Herald, Claudette <[claudette.herald@oldham.kyschools.us](mailto:claudette.herald@oldham.kyschools.us)>  
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You don't often get email from [rmorris@gallatinky.org](mailto:rmorris@gallatinky.org). [Learn why this is important](#)

See attached some notes (pay no attention to the grammar) I made for discussion and letters for KHSAA

In my efforts to get email addresses for each member of the board of control see the response below from Commissioner Julian Tackett

*There is not a published email listing due to so many issues with spam and malware in so many of their districts. But we will gladly ensure that anything you would like to send, we can forward to each of them. Glad to help.*

Jon "Ryan" Morris

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