KHSAA Board of Control - November 13, 2025 Public Comment Sheri D. Satterly, Ed.D.

The Frankfort Independent School District urges the KHSAA Board of Control to approve the proposal to move Frankfort High School (FHS) from the 41st District/11th and 9th Regions to the 8th Region for all non-classed athletics. This realignment is strongly supported by both geographic and financial reasoning.

Geographically, this move makes sense because of the following:

- In the current 11th and 9th (golf) regions, **Franklin County** (where FHS is located) is the only county that **doesn't border Fayette** County.
- Franklin County borders several counties in the 8th region.
- The realignment would result in an average travel difference of only **7.9 miles** less per trip for FHS compared to its current alignment.
- According to KY Statistics, all Region 11 districts are aligned with the Central Kentucky Educational Cooperative (CKEC), with the exception of Frankfort Independent and Franklin County.
- According to KY Statistics, the Frankfort Independent district is aligned with the Ohio Valley Educational Cooperative (OVEC), which is also the affiliation of most other Region 8 districts.
- Woodford County is in the 8th region, while Frankfort Independent is in the 11th; therefore, we cross each other to reach our respective regions.
- Woodford County borders NO Region 8 districts, yet Frankfort Independent borders four (including Eminence Independent).

Financially, this small mileage difference is critical, as the Frankfort Independent School District is the highest taxing district in Kentucky; yet, it loses approximately \$8 million in revenue because over 75% of its properties are tax-exempt. Although transportation reimbursement only covers mileage, relocating to the 8th Region is anticipated to reduce bus driver hours due to lower traffic, providing much-needed operational savings for our financially constrained district.

We ask for your favorable consideration to grant this official request to leave the 11th Region. Thank you.