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## FW: New State Tennis Proposal

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### External Message

Mr. Wilhoite,

I'm the girl's tennis coach at Bourbon County. I'm emailing you as recommended by my AD in your capacity as a member of the KHSAA board of control. We recently received the email on what appears to be a proposal that is under consideration to change the way the Tennis State Tournament operates. I've been calling the proposed change a "Super Regional" because I believe calling it a "First Round of State" is a grievous mischaracterization of what it would actually be. If any of the 4 regional groupings would consistently contain a large enough group of the state's best players, then the groupings are no longer a representation of the first round. Instead, it is more like we would be eliminating some of the best players long before they should be and lowering the overall quality of the state tournament, in particular the final rounds. When looking at the last 3 years of tennis in the state, the groupings of regions 5-8 and 9-12 consistently have a larger portion of players in the top 20, 16, and 8. I believe that changing the state tournament in a way that is more prohibitive of these top players reaching later rounds will be a detriment to the sport. It is my understanding from several sources that Louisville has facilities in place that are more than capable of hosting our state tournament as it is already established and I don't think I am alone in wanting that route to be pursued over changing the post season tournaments in a negative way.

I am happy to share this data and have a conversation about this with anyone and at any time. Thank you,

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