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Re: KHSAA COMMISSIONER JULIAN TACKETT

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Mon, Feb 9, 2026 at 1:32 PM

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Superintendent Williams,

Let this reflect that your letter has been received.

This information will be shared as an information-only item at our next KHSAA Board of Control meeting. No action will be taken. The processes for basketball alignment are considered during the Board meetings held from as early as July to as late as December each year, with any changes implemented the following school year after approval in January. This timeline and practice have been consistently applied for multiple decades, so you are advised to plan for no action until the 2026-2027 school year, with any approved action to take effect no earlier than the following year.

For this type of change, the recent practice has been very consistent with the following steps -

- Include all impacted schools and districts in all discussions from the outset. This type of requested school moves impact every school, and if travel is a legitimate issue, the Board should consider not only aggregate mileage but also specific routes, ongoing construction, the number of required trips, and other factors.
- Determine the opinions of all schools involved regarding the motivating factors, stated and unstated, for the request.
- Review of the past scheduling practices of the schools involved to determine if the request is consistent with what is happening in all sports, and that the same requested travel considerations are part of the current practice.
- Ensure, through both internal and external research and discussion, that issues revolve solely around geographical logistics and that competitive factors are not in any way a factor.
- Determine, first and foremost, if there is a consensus solution among all schools in the region before any Board of Control action is taken.
- More particularly, it is critical to analyze and evaluate consensus among any schools that are requested to be moved, especially when such is done by a school or schools that would not be moving.

Being extremely familiar with this area and past decisions on alignment and tournament format, I should reiterate that this discussion involves every school in the region, not just two schools being discussed for change by a third. If such a discussion is held, it would almost certainly bring other factors to the table, including the number of teams in each district

and the longstanding desire of the member schools to minimize the number of three-team districts and exhaust all options to balance teams across all districts.

The February Board meeting is a public meeting, and your letter and documents will be entered into the record as written public comment. When decisions are made about when (or if) to place this item for further consideration by the Board of Control, I will be sure to inform you well in advance, as will all other schools in the 15th region, so that all have a chance to participate in the discussions. To ensure transparency, this response, along with the original letter, is copied to all impacted member schools currently aligned in Region 15, through the Superintendents, Principals, Designated Representatives, and Athletic Directors, as currently listed in the KHSAA360 (ArbiterSports) data system.

Best of luck for the remainder of this school year and in the future for all of the athletes, coaches and administrators in your school district

On Fri, Feb 6, 2026 at 1:59 PM Williams, Tonya (Floyd Co. Supt) <tonya.williams@floyd.kyschools.us> wrote:

Good Afternoon,

I hope you are enjoying this beautiful snowy winter day. 😊

After much discussion and consultation with our Board members, I am writing, in my role as Superintendent of Floyd County Schools, to formally request consideration for a realignment of the 58th District. Please see the attached letter outlining the reasons and rationale for this request.

Each of you will also receive a copy of this letter by mail.

This request is made with the best interests of our students at the forefront of our decision-making, and we appreciate your time and thoughtful consideration.

Thank you for your continued support of Floyd County Schools.

Sincerely,
Tonya Williams
Superintendent
Floyd County Schools

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Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

"I Am Only One, But I Am One. I Cannot Do Everything, But I Can Do Something. And Because I Cannot Do Everything, I Will Not Refuse To Do The Something That I Can Do. What I Can Do, I Should Do. And What I Should Do, By The Grace Of God, I Will Do." - Edward Everett Hale

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