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February 5, 2026

Commissioner Julian Tackett  
Kentucky High School Athletic Association  
2280 Executive Drive  
Lexington, KY 40505

Dear Commissioner Tackett,

On behalf of the community, parents, students, and staff of Floyd County Schools, I am writing to formally request a review of our district alignment within the 15th Region, specifically regarding the 58th District.

Currently, the inclusion of Lawrence County High School in our district places an undue burden on our stakeholders. The geographic distance requires our students and families to travel significant distances for mandatory district competition. For many parents and students, this involves a round trip of approximately 170 miles. Additionally, travel to Lawrence County requires our three high schools to pass by several other high schools, further highlighting the inefficiency of the current alignment.

Enclosed with this letter is a mileage chart for 52 student-athletes from Floyd Central High School who reside in the southernmost portion of Floyd County. Please note that the figures provided reflect one-way travel distances only. Our primary concerns regarding this alignment are outlined below.

### **Student Safety and Wellness**

Most importantly, the excessive travel distance and added miles place our students at increased risk. Long bus rides, often in poor weather and late at night, raise serious safety concerns for our student-athletes and staff. Extended travel times also contribute to fatigue, reduced focus in the classroom, and negative impacts on students' physical and emotional well-being. Protecting the safety of our students must remain our highest priority.

### **Financial Impact**

Floyd County is home to many low-income families, and the current travel requirements create an added financial hardship for our community. Families face increased expenses related to fuel, vehicle maintenance, meals, and missed work hours in order to support their student-athletes. These costs place additional strain on households that are already managing limited resources.

Furthermore, the district incurs significant expenses related to bus maintenance, fuel, and driver mileage. Reducing excessive travel would allow these funds to be redirected toward academic and athletic programming that directly benefits students.

After consulting with Magoffin County Superintendent Chris Meadows, who is in agreement with this proposal, we recommend a realignment that would move Magoffin County High School to the 58th District and place Lawrence County High School in the 57th District. As demonstrated in the

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attached comparison chart, Magoffin County is geographically closer to our schools and would significantly reduce the travel burden on our student-athletes.

We respectfully request that this change be considered and implemented in the best interest of our students who are currently traveling unnecessary miles, especially those who reside in the southern end of our county, the Wheelwright, Kentucky communities.

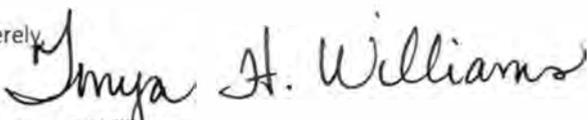
Another potential consideration would be the addition of David School to our district as well, which would create a five-team structure within the 58th District and further support competitive balance and scheduling efficiency.

We also respectfully request that Floyd Central High School, Betsy Layne High School, and Prestonsburg High School remain together in the same district. Maintaining these three Floyd County schools in a unified district supports community identity, traditional rivalries, and equitable competition.

We respectfully request that the KHSAA Board of Control review this proposal and consider implementing this realignment beginning with the 2026-27 school year in order to address ongoing safety concerns and unnecessary travel.

Thank you for your time and dedication to the well-being of Kentucky's student-athletes.

We appreciate the KHSAA's commitment to maintaining the integrity and competitive balance of high school sports across the Commonwealth. We look forward to your guidance on this request and are available to provide any additional documentation required for a formal determination.

Sincerely,  
  
Tonya Horne-Williams  
Superintendent  
Floyd County Schools

Attachments:

1. Student-Athlete Mileage Chart: Detailed one-way travel data for 52 athletes residing in Southern Floyd County
2. Comparative Distance Analysis: Side-by-side comparison of mileage to Magoffin County versus Lawrence County

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Floyd County Board of Education Members  
Chris Meadows, Superintendent, Magoffin County Schools  
Katie Webb, Superintendent, Lawrence County Schools  
Robbie Fletcher, Kentucky Commissioner of Education

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Name	Address	Miles to FCHS	Miles to LCHS	Miles to MCHS
Student athlete 1	92 Weeksbury	30	85	54
Student athlete 2	953 Weeksbury	30	85	54
Student athlete 3	2431 Weeksbury	27	82	51
Student athlete 4	20 Weeksbury	26	81	50
Student athlete 5	77 Melvin	26	70	49
Student athlete 6	381 Printer	25	80	49
Student athlete 7	109 Weeksbury	25	80	50
Student athlete 8	21 Melvin	25	81	50
Student athlete 9	29 Melvin	25	77	50
Student athlete 10	81 Melvin	25	81	49
Student athlete 11	144 Melvin	24	79	50
Student athlete 12	225 Melvin	24	79	49
Student athlete 13	207 Wheelwright	23	78	49
Student athlete 14	81 Melvin	23	78	49
Student athlete 15	81 Melvin	23	78	49
Student athlete 16	324 Melvin	23	78	49
Student athlete 17	162 Wheelwright	23	78	49
Student athlete 18	360 Wheelwright	23	78	49
Student athlete 19	465 Wheelwright	23	78	49
Student athlete 20	465 Wheelwright	22	77	49
Student athlete 21	1734 Wheelwright	22	77	49
Student athlete 22	1226 Wheelwright	22	77	48
Student athlete 23	376 Wheelwright	22	75	48
Student athlete 24	376 Wheelwright	20	75	48
Student athlete 25	308 Wheelwright	20	75	48
Student athlete 26	639 Stanville	20	75	47
Student athlete 27	639 Stanville	20	75	46
Student athlete 28	14338 Beaver	20	75	46
Student athlete 29	220 Minnie	19	71	46
Student athlete 30	188 Beaver	17	72	45
Student athlete 31	129 Leburn	17	72	43
Student athlete 32	92 Burton Hill	17	71	42
Student athlete 33	2259 Bevinsville	16	71	41
Student athlete 34	2249 Bevinsville	16	71	41
Student athlete 35	68 Bevinsville	16	71	41
Student athlete 36	106 Bevinsville	16	71	41
Student athlete 37	1263 Bevinsville	16	71	41
Student athlete 38	324 Melvin	16	71	41
Student athlete 39	207 Wheelwright	16	69	40
Student athlete 40	13818 Hi Hat	14	67	40
Student athlete 41	19152 Hi Hat	12	67	40
Student athlete 42	16477 Hi Hat	12	67	40
Student athlete 43	2902 Printer	12	67	40
Student athlete 44	1369 Wheelwright	12	67	40
Student athlete 45	13764 Hi Hat	12	67	37
Student athlete 46	2222 Printer	10	65	37
Student athlete 47	6981 Minnie	10	65	33
Student athlete 48	381 Printer	10	65	33
Student athlete 49	19 Minnie	8	63	31
Student athlete 50	15 Minnie	8	63	31
Student athlete 51	3867 Printer	8	63	31
Student athlete 52	92 Weeksbury	8	63	31
<b>Average Distance:</b>		1s.s2692J	73.63462	44.34615