

Supporting Information for the PRP Proposal in KHSAA Football Realignment 6A District 3 Proposal: Demographic Rationale

The proposed 6A District 3 alignment—comprising Fairdale, Fern Creek, Pleasure Ridge Park (PRP), and Southern High Schools—represents a well-supported and forward-thinking decision grounded in geography, demographics, and travel efficiency.

From a geographic standpoint, this alignment minimizes travel demands for student-athletes, families, and school communities. The close proximity of these schools allows for reduced transportation time and costs, fewer missed instructional hours, and increased opportunities for community engagement. The four schools are connected by one main highway, I-265 (Gene Snyder Freeway). Shorter travel distances also promote higher attendance at games, strengthening school spirit and local support.

Demographically, these schools share a clear and rapidly evolving connection. According to data published by Jefferson County Public Schools (JCPS), each school serves a growing Hispanic male student population:

2024–2025 Hispanic Male Student Enrollment:

Fairdale – 286

Fern Creek – 190

Pleasure Ridge Park – 165

Southern – 349

These figures stand in contrast to other nearby programs, many of which have significantly smaller populations in this demographic. This alignment reflects a shared and evolving community profile that should be recognized in district formation.

The rate of growth further underscores this point. In the 2020–2021 school year, PRP enrolled just 43 Hispanic male students. In five years, that number has increased substantially, with the population rising from 2.6% to 10%. Similar trends are evident across this group of schools, and projections indicate continued growth. Aligning these schools acknowledges not only where they are today, but where they are heading.

Student-athletes across PRP, Fairdale, Fern Creek, and Southern are increasingly interconnected through competition and shared activities. This is reflected in the growth and connections in boys' volleyball at Southern and Fern Creek, as well as the development of competitive, emerging soccer rivalries. All four schools are currently competing in the same basketball region, and PRP and Fairdale are long-time district rivals. These trends demonstrate the emergence of natural rivalries and a shared identity—key components of a strong and sustainable district.

Our four schools are in agreement that playing annually in the same football district would enhance participation. As the community shifts demographically, new opportunities for rivalries and community connections are emerging. This shift is occurring rapidly, and soon all four

schools will be even more similar. Jefferson County is unique within the state of Kentucky, and these population changes should be considered in realignment decisions.

For these reasons, the proposed District 3 alignment is not only logical—it is the most appropriate, equitable, and sustainable path forward.

Sources:

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