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Bethlehem High School	Gilly Simpson	Designated Representative / Athletic Director	No	<p>On behalf of Bethlehem High School, I am submitting the following response to the recently announced 2027 and 2028 Football Reclassification plan. As you know, Bethlehem High School is a Christ-centered college preparatory school built upon Catholic teachings.</p> <p>Utilizing the 1.35 multiplier, which forms the basis for the reclassification plan, Bethlehem High School is to move up to Class AA for the 2027 and 2028 football seasons. Bethlehem High School was one of eight private schools which is to be reclassified based on the multiplier.</p> <p>The reclassification plan is deficient and problematic on several grounds:</p> <p>1. The Board of Control has articulated that the motivation behind the use of the multiplier is to "level the playing field" between private and public schools due to the perceived advantage private schools have in recruiting student-athletes regardless of a student's residence. If this is the true motivation for the use of the multiplier, the reclassification plan must apply the multiplier to independent city schools, which utilize open enrollment and/or allow non-resident students to attend with the payment of tuition. As such, for purposes of the reclassification plan and the application of the multiplier, there should be no distinction between a private school and an independent city school. To my knowledge, the Board of Control has not articulated any difference between private schools and independent city schools, yet it has decided not to apply the multiplier to independent city schools. The result is an arbitrary application of the multiplier.</p> <p>2. The 1.35 multiplier was seemingly developed in 2000 by the Alabama Athletic Association, which had as its source so-called "eligible athletic rolls" in Alabama which indicated to the AAA that the athletic participation rate among private schools was 35% higher than that in public schools. The Board of Governors, in developing its reclassification plan, has not relied on any studies of Kentucky schools and certainly has not demonstrated a disparity of participation rates between private and public schools. Instead, the Board of Governors has relied on a study conducted by an athletic association of another state (the similarities of which to Kentucky athletics have not been articulated) and which was conducted twenty six years ago. The action by the Board of Governors to institute an enrolment multiplier in Kentucky applicable to only private schools, without reference to the applicability or timeliness of the AAA statistics and based merely on the Board of Governor's statement that the multiplier has passed undescribed court cases (without further explanation of the legal arguments previously made or holdings made) appears, at best, to be arbitrary, capricious, and without a reasonable basis.</p> <p>3. Of even greater significance to the Bethlehem High School community, of the eight private schools which will be impacted by the 2027-28 multiplier, seven are religiously affiliated. Therefore, the application of the multiplier will have a disparate impact on religiously affiliated schools. This fact alone will form the basis for a legal challenge to the application of the multiplier, and will likely result in Board of Control's action being held to be in violation of law. Compounding any defense the Board of Control may present is the fact secular independent city schools have not been subject to the multiplier.</p> <p>In light of the above, we request that the Board of Control "table" the 2027 and 2028 Football Reclassification plan, at this time, so that it can spend more time studying this issue, seeking further input from constituents and formulating a plan that truly and fairly addresses any perceived inequities in the current structure of KHSAA football.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration of this submittal.</p>	2A	4

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Kentucky Country Day High Sch	Amy Elliott	Designated Representative / Athletic Director	No	<p>Dear Commissioner Tackett,</p> <p>Please find the attached formal proposal concerning Classification Sustainability in Class A Football.</p> <p>This document represents a collaborative effort among several Class A programs to provide the KHSAA Board of Control with data-driven insights regarding the enrollment multiplier. Our goal is to ensure the classification system remains an accurate reflection of competitive reality for the Commonwealth's smallest football programs while protecting long-term participation and student-athlete safety.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and for your continued leadership of high school athletics in Kentucky.</p> <hr/> <p>CLASSIFICATION SUSTAINABILITY IN CLASS A FOOTBALL</p> <p>I. PRELIMINARY STATEMENT</p> <p>KCD is submitting this proposal to collaborate with the Board of Control in refining the application of the enrollment multiplier. Our objective is to ensure that the classification system remains an accurate reflection of competitive reality, particularly within the Commonwealth's smallest and most vulnerable football programs. We advocate for a data-driven evolution of the current policy to protect program participation and long-term viability.</p> <p>II. ANALYSIS OF COMPETITIVE TRENDS (1959–2025)</p> <p>To assist the Board in its ongoing evaluation of "athletic advantage," we submit the following historical performance data for Class A. This data suggests that within this specific classification, institutional type (Public vs. Non-Public) has not been the primary driver of championship-level success:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Program Consistency: Since 1959, public institutions have secured 92% (62 titles) of Class A championships. While four non-public programs have achieved championship success in Class A since 1960, the data confirms this is the exception, not the rule. Even since 2005—a period of perceived shift—public institutions have secured more than 75% of all Class A titles. This confirms that the current classification structure already fosters a highly competitive environment for the Commonwealth's smallest public and independent schools. Despite the success of a few high-profile programs, public schools continue to win Class A championships at a 3-to-1 ratio over the last two decades. This data suggests that institutional type is not the primary driver of competitive dominance at this level. • The "Independent" Variable: The historical data suggests that competitive dominance in Class A is more closely correlated with long-term institutional stability and community-wide athletic infrastructure than with governance type. While several public independent districts have maintained the highest levels of performance through these resources, they remain appropriately classified by enrollment. Applying a multiplier solely to non-public institutions—regardless of their actual infrastructure or historical performance—creates a classification disparity that the data does not support. <p>III. THE "CLASS A FLOOR" & PARTICIPATION RISK</p> <p>In the smallest classification, roster depth is the primary metric of program survival. A flat 1.35 multiplier creates a "statistical inflation" that does not reflect the actual number of available student-athletes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operational Attrition: At the Class A level, a marginal shift in enrollment does not equate to a linear increase in athletic participation. • Risk of Forfeiture: Forcing "rebuilding" or "dormant" programs into higher classifications based on an enrollment proxy—rather than on-field capacity—risks creating non-competitive schedules. This directly impacts the Association's goal of maximizing student-athlete participation and safety. <p>IV. PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE REFINEMENTS</p> <p>We respectfully propose two technical adjustments to the current classification model to better align with the KHSAA's mission of equitable competition:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establishment of a "Class A Floor": We propose that the 32 smallest football-playing schools (by raw male enrollment) be exempt from the multiplier. This ensures that the state's most "roster- thin" programs are not displaced by a mathematical formula that does not account for their actual participation numbers. 2. Transition to a Success-Based Metric: We recommend the Board evaluate a "Success Multiplier" model (similar to the IHSAA). This would move programs between classes based on demonstrated on-field performance (objective data) rather than enrollment potential (speculative data). This creates a self-correcting system where successful programs move up, and struggling programs are permitted to recalibrate within their natural enrollment class. <p>V. REQUEST FOR COLLABORATIVE DATA REVIEW</p> <p>In the interest of administrative transparency and procedural excellence, we request that the Board of Control authorize a formal Class A Impact Study before the next realignment cycle. This would allow the KFCA and member schools to provide the Board with specific participation-to-enrollment ratios, ensuring the 1.35 metric is achieving its intended goal without unintended consequences for program retention.</p> <p>VI. CONCLUSION</p> <p>We offer these recommendations not as a critique of the Board's intent, but as a resource for its implementation. Our goal is a classification system that is as precise as it is fair. We look forward to discussing how these refinements can strengthen the "Small School" experience in Kentucky.</p>	2A	4

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Magoffin County High School	Braxton Howard	Designated Representative / Athletic Director	No	<p>Morgan County appreciates the opportunity provided by the Kentucky High School Athletic Association to review and respond to feedback regarding the 2027–2028 football alignment. After reviewing the proposal submitted by Prestonsburg High School, we respectfully disagree with the suggested changes and believe the current draft alignment should remain as originally constructed.</p> <p>The current draft alignment places Morgan County in Class 2A, Region 6 alongside Jackson County, Lewis County, Powell County, and West Carter, while Prestonsburg is placed in Region 7 with Breathitt County, Magoffin County, and Martin County.</p> <p>This structure creates two logical, geographically consistent groupings: Region 6: I-64 / northeast corridor schools Region 7: Mountain / Floyd–Magoffin–Martin cluster</p> <p>Moving teams between these regions, as suggested, would disrupt a clear geographic boundary and create unnecessary travel complications for multiple schools—not just one.</p> <p>While concerns about travel may have been cited in Prestonsburg’s proposal, those concerns are not unique to one school. Morgan County—and others in Region 6—already face: Significant travel distances across rural areas Limited direct routes between schools Increased transportation costs and missed instructional time</p> <p>The current alignment distributes those challenges as evenly as possible across all member schools. Adjusting the alignment to benefit one school would shift that burden disproportionately onto others.</p> <p>The KHSAA alignment process is designed to balance: Enrollment-based classification Geographic proximity Competitive equity</p> <p>The current structure meets those criteria effectively. Altering it based on individual preference risks: Creating competitive imbalances Triggering additional realignment requests from other schools Undermining the consistency of the classification system Maintaining stability is critical, especially with scheduling already impacted by the alignment process and the existing scheduling moratorium.</p> <p>If adjustments are made in response to one school’s concerns, it sets a precedent that could: Encourage widespread appeals Complicate future alignment cycles Reduce confidence in the process as a whole</p> <p>Morgan County believes strongly that all schools should be held to the same standard, and that the current alignment reflects a fair application of those standards.</p> <p>Morgan County High School respectfully recommends that the KHSAA retain the current proposed alignment without modification. The existing structure: Preserves geographic consistency Balances travel demands across schools Maintains competitive fairness Supports long-term stability for scheduling and program development</p> <p>We appreciate the work of the KHSAA in developing this alignment and believe the current proposal best serves the interests of all member schools—not just individual programs.</p>	2A	7
Martin County High School	Charles White	Designated Representative / Athletic Director	No	<p>After reviewing the new alignment and districts we feel that geographically and financially it would be more manageable for us to be in 2A district 8 along with Belfry, Pike County Central and Shelby Valley. Martin County borders Pike County and those commutes would be much more manageable than the current district that we are in. Placing Martin County in District 8 and moving Leslie County and Knott County to District 7 would balance out the districts and give all teams in both districts shorter commutes to their district opponents.</p> <p>Current travel for district games: Knott County 324 miles round trip Leslie County 524 miles round trip Martin County 310 miles round trip</p> <p>Travel for those teams under our proposal Knott County 260 miles round trip Leslie County 400 miles round trip Martin County 280 miles round trip</p> <p>With our proposal all teams would save valuable time and money that can be used to benefit the growth and development of their programs.</p>	2A	7

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Prestonsburg High School	Marco Pacheco	Designated Representative / Athletic Director	No	<p>Dear KHSSA,</p> <p>I am writing to provide feedback regarding the proposed 2027 2028 draft realignment for Regions 6, 7, and 8. We appreciate the time and effort that has gone into developing this proposal and the continued commitment to creating fair and competitive alignments across the state.</p> <p>As currently proposed, the alignment is as follows:</p> <p>Region 6: Jackson County High School, Lewis County High School, Morgan County High School, Powell County High School, West Carter High School Region 7: Breathitt County High School, Magoffin County High School, Martin County High School, Prestonsburg High School Region 8: Belfry High School, Knott County Central High School, Leslie County High School, Pike County Central High School, Shelby Valley High School</p> <p>We would like to respectfully request consideration for an adjustment to Region 7. Specifically, we are requesting that Morgan County High School be moved into Region 7 and Breathitt County High School be reassigned out of Region 7. From a geographic standpoint, this creates a more logical and efficient regional structure, aligning schools with closer proximity and reducing overall travel demands.</p> <p>To further support this request, below are approximate round trip travel distances from Prestonsburg High School to each school in the current and proposed Region 7 alignment:</p> <p>Prestonsburg High School to Morgan County High School approximately 70 miles round trip Prestonsburg High School to Magoffin County High School approximately 50 miles round trip Prestonsburg High School to Martin County High School approximately 60 miles round trip Prestonsburg High School to Breathitt County High School approximately 110 miles round trip</p> <p>These distances demonstrate that Morgan County High School is geographically closer and a more natural fit within Region 7 compared to Breathitt County High School.</p> <p>Additionally, if this adjustment is not feasible, we would like to request consideration for placement in Region 8 in place of either Knott County Central High School or Leslie County High School. Prestonsburg High School is located in close proximity to Pike County schools and would align well geographically with that region.</p> <p>Supporting round trip distances from Prestonsburg High School to Region 8 schools include:</p> <p>Prestonsburg High School to Pike County Central High School approximately 50 miles round trip Prestonsburg High School to Belfry High School approximately 60 miles round trip Prestonsburg High School to Shelby Valley High School approximately 70 miles round trip Prestonsburg High School to Knott County Central High School approximately 90 miles round trip Prestonsburg High School to Leslie County High School approximately 140 miles round trip</p> <p>These distances further illustrate that Prestonsburg High School has stronger geographic alignment with Region 8 schools than some current members of that region.</p> <p>We believe either of these adjustments would improve travel efficiency, strengthen regional cohesion, and better serve student athletes and school communities.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration. Please let us know if any additional information is needed.</p>	2A	7
Knott County Central High School	Jeffery Honeycutt	Designated Representative / Athletic Director	No	<p>Dear Commissioner Tackett and the KHSSA board,</p> <p>After reviewing the current proposal for 2027-2028 2A alignment, we feel that travel could be shorter if an adjustment was made to regions 7 and 8. The current proposal is below, with the distance, for each school in region 8.</p> <p>Region 8 Knott County Central-Pike Central: 86 miles round trip Knott County Central to Shelby Valley: 82 miles round trip Knott County Central to Leslie County High School: 80 miles round trip Knott County Central to Belfry High School: 128 Miles round trip. Total Miles: 378 Miles</p> <p>We would like to request an adjustment as we are currently splitting the Pike County schools who are in close proximity to Martin and Prestonsburg High School. As Martin has requested to join region 8 and Prestonsburg as well, if Morgan from region 6 cannot replace Breathitt County. Our proposal below cuts down on travel for all teams in region 7 and 8. Martin County High School and Prestonsburg High School border the pike County schools as Knott County and Leslie County will be splitting the pike county schools, who are all in a cluster with each other. Travel for fan base could also be an issue as the current proposal puts more of a strain on fan base travel as well as shortage on bus drivers in our county. We are lucky to get a bus by 5:45pm on most Friday's, therefore getting to the current teams locations in a timely manner and doing our pre-game could put a strain on the kids as well.</p> <p>Region 7 (These miles are from Knott County Central high to all teams that would be in district 7, if an adjustment would be made) Breathitt County High School: 94 miles round trip Leslie County High School: 80 miles round trip Magoffin County High School: 118 miles round trip Total: 292 Miles</p> <p>Region 8 Martin to Belfry: 60 Miles round trip Martin to Prestonsburg: 60 miles round trip Martin to Pike Central: 102 Miles round trip Martin to Shelby Valley: 120 Miles round trip Total Miles: 332</p> <p>Prestonsburg to Martin: 60 miles round trip Prestonsburg to Pike Central: 52 miles round trip Prestonsburg to Shelby Valley: 64 miles round trip Prestonsburg to Belfry: 72 miles round trip Total: 239 miles</p> <p>These distances show that Knott County Central is closer to the teams in district 7, if adjustments were to be made. It also demonstrates that Prestonsburg and Martin are closer to region 8.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration to our concern, due to travel expenses. Please let us know if there is any other information that is needed from us.</p>	2A	8

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Leslie County High School	Mark Collett	Principal	No	<p>Commissioner Tackett and Board of Control,</p> <p>In reviewing the current proposed alignment for 2A Region 4 Districts 7 & 8, along with the proposal from Martin County to move to District 8, Leslie County petitions to be placed in District 7.</p> <p>District 8 poses heavy travel burdens on our transportation department monetarily and with our shortage of bus drivers early departure times required are extremely difficult to achieve.</p> <p>District 8 Travel</p> <p>Hyden to Belfry (202 miles round trip)</p> <p>Hyden to Shelby Valley (171.4 miles round trip)</p> <p>Hyden to Pike Co. Central (150 miles round trip)</p> <p>Hyden to Knott Co. Central (76.4 miles round trip)</p> <p>District 8 total distance of travel (599.8 miles)</p> <p>District 7 Travel</p> <p>Hyden to Breathitt Co (94 miles round trip)</p> <p>Hyden to Magoffin Co. (152 miles round trip)</p> <p>Hyden to Prestonsburg (134 miles round trip)</p> <p>District 7 total distance of travel (380 miles)</p> <p>Commissioner Tackett and Board of Control, thank you for your time and consideration of our request.</p> <p>Superintendent Brett Wilson and Principal Mark Collett</p> <p>Leslie County Schools</p>	2A	8
Bath County High School	Kelly J Wilson	Designated Representative / Athletic Director	No	<p>On behalf of the Bath County School District, I am writing to respectfully request your consideration in appealing the proposed football realignment recently introduced by the KHSAA for Bath County High School. Our request is based on several key factors—including travel demands, enrollment trends, and program sustainability—I believe a reconsideration is both necessary and justified.</p> <p>Specifically, I would like to advocate for placing Bath County in the proposed 2A, District 6 with Lewis County High School, West Carter High School, Morgan County High School, Powell County High School, and Jackson County High School. This preferable alignment creates a more geographically connected Eastern Kentucky district that significantly reduces travel time. Most away contests would fall within approximately 35 minutes to 1 hour, compared to the current projected alignment which includes trips 2 hours one way. These extended travel demands place a considerable burden on our student-athletes both academically and physically.</p> <p>Additionally, the financial burden associated with extended travel cannot be overlooked. Travel to Lloyd Memorial (115 miles), Pendleton County (73 miles), and St. Henry (116 miles) exceeds our board-approved limit of 100 miles round trip. This creates added financial strain on boosters and families to cover excess transportation costs, further impacting our program and community.</p> <p>Moreover, from an enrollment standpoint, the proposed Eastern Kentucky district presents a more balanced and equitable competitive environment. The average enrollment in that grouping is approximately 278, compared to 338 in the alternative alignment—a difference of over 60 students. Competing against consistently larger schools places Bath County at a structural disadvantage, particularly given our current and projected roster limitations.</p> <p>Looking ahead, our male enrollment is projected to decline from (current numbers) 267 to 251 over the next four years. If the male student enrollment totals were incorporated from the 24/25 school year of 316, that further proves an even more significant overall decline of 65 male students. While the current decrease of 16 male students may appear minimal in larger districts, it is significant for a program of our size. Just two years ago, we were only able to field 21 players, and this past season we had a roster of 34, with only 12 upperclassmen available for Friday night competition after JV commitments. A continued decline could directly impact our ability to safely and sustainably field a team.</p> <p>For these reasons, I believe it is important that we advocate for a reevaluation of the current proposed district alignment. Our requested Eastern Kentucky alignment not only promotes competitive equity but also supports student-athlete well-being, fiscal responsibility, and long-term program sustainability.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration.</p>	3A	6
Floyd Central High School	Tony Isaac	Designated Representative / Athletic Director	No	<p>To Whom It May Concern,</p> <p>I am writing on behalf of our school and community to respectfully request consideration for reclassification from Class 3A to Class 2A.</p> <p>This request is based primarily on two concerns that are significantly affecting our students, athletes, families, and school resources: student enrollment numbers and extensive travel requirements associated with our current classification.</p> <p>First, our current student population and participation numbers are more comparable to schools competing at the 2A level. Remaining in 3A places our students at a disadvantage when competing against larger schools with greater enrollment, deeper athletic rosters, and broader available resources. We believe that a move to 2A would provide a more balanced and equitable competitive environment for our student-athletes.</p> <p>Second, the travel demands required under our current alignment have created ongoing challenges for students, families, coaches, and staff. Long travel distances result in increased transportation costs, excessive time away from classrooms, later return times on school nights, and additional strain on our athletic programs and community support systems. A reclassification to 2A would help reduce these burdens while improving student well-being and maintaining stronger regional competition opportunities.</p> <p>Our goal is to ensure that our students are placed in an environment that best supports fair competition, academic success, student safety, and community involvement. We respectfully ask that our circumstances be reviewed carefully and that serious consideration be given to approving this request.</p> <p>Thank you for your time, consideration, and continued support of our students and athletic programs. Please feel free to contact us if additional information or documentation is needed.</p> <p>Sincerely, Tony Isaac Athletic Director Floyd Central High School Cell – 606-791-2741</p>	3A	7

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Letcher County Central High Sch	Blake Mason	Designated Representative / Athletic Director	No	<p>I am writing to respectfully advocate for the placement of Letcher County Central High School in Class 3A District 7 rather than Class 3A District 8 as part of the ongoing district realignment process. A primary factor in this consideration is the travel time and distance required for student-athletes, staff, and families. When comparing the two district options, District 7 presents a more balanced and practical travel schedule overall.</p> <p>District 7 Travel (One-Way):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Russell: 2 hours 37 minutes (161 miles) East Carter: 2 hours 20 minutes (114 miles) Lawrence County: 1 hour 52 minutes (99 miles) Floyd Central: 57 minutes (46 miles) <p>District 8 Travel (One-Way):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bell County: 1 hour 30 minutes (75 miles) Rockcastle County: 2 hours 12 minutes (121 miles) Knox Central: 1 hour 42 minutes (86 miles) Clay County: 1 hour 35 minutes (80 miles) Perry Central: 49 minutes (37 miles) <p>While both districts include longer travel destinations, District 8 requires more frequent mid-range trips in the 1.5 to 2+ hour range across a greater number of schools. This results in increased cumulative travel time, more missed instructional time for students, and added transportation costs. District 7, by contrast, offers a more manageable structure with fewer total opponents and a clearer balance between one shorter trip (Floyd Central) and longer trips that, while significant, are fewer in number. This structure allows for more efficient scheduling and reduces the repeated strain of extended travel throughout the season. Additionally, minimizing travel demands is essential for student well-being, academic success, and community involvement. Long and frequent travel can create fatigue, limit participation, and place unnecessary burdens on families and school resources.</p> <p>For these reasons, District 7 represents a more practical and sustainable alignment for Letcher County Central High School. I appreciate your time and thoughtful consideration of this matter.</p>	3A	8
Perry County Central High Schoc	Harold Brashear	Designated Representative / Athletic Director	No	<p>Perry County Central High School Proposal for Football District Re-Alignment</p> <p>Current Proposed Alignment (2027-2028) Class 3A Region 7 – East Carter, Floyd Central, Lawrence County, Russell Class 3A Region 8 – Bell County, Clay County, Knox Central, Letcher County Central, Perry County Central, Rockcastle County</p> <p>Request In the proposed alignment for the upcoming football season, Region 8 is the only region in 3A with six teams. Its "sister" region only has four teams. Perry County Central would like to request a move to Region 7 to balance these regions at 5 teams each. We have spoken to many of the teams in Region 8, and all agree that it would be better to balance these regions.</p> <p>Geography In reviewing the alignment map on the KHSAA website, it appears that either Letcher County Central or Perry County Central could make this move. However, it is a much better fit for Perry Central to make this move because of overall distances to regional games being shorter. It is also more convenient for Perry Central due to the proximity to Highway 80.</p> <p>Competitive Fairness If one region has six teams, then two of those teams will not participate in the playoffs, whereas all teams in the 4-team region will be guaranteed a playoff spot regardless of regular season performance. This could penalize a more deserving team.</p> <p>Summary In summary, we (Perry County Central), would like to volunteer to make the move from Region 8 to Region 7 to maintain more balance and fairness across the districts, while maintaining consistent geographic boundaries. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.</p>	3A	8
Calloway County High School	Troy Webb	Designated Representative / Athletic Director	No	<p>We are happy with the realignment. Saves us a ton of travel cost.</p>	4A	1
Breckinridge County High School	Jonathan Bennett	Principal	No	<p>Breckinridge County would like to petition to be moved to Class 4A District 4 from the current District 3 that we have been placed in. The reasoning behind this petition is to ensure that our coaches who drive the bus to transport our players to the game can travel the easiest possible routes. Both of these districts would put us in a 6 team district in the next cycle so that all stays the same as well. In addition travel distances are essentially the same as outlined below.</p> <p>4A District 3: John Hardin- 39 Miles Nelson County- 71 Miles Taylor County- 78 Miles Marion County- 91 Miles Spencer County- 84 Miles Total Mileage- 363 Miles</p> <p>4A District 4: Christian Academy of Louisville- 73 Miles North Oldham- 80 Miles (Current District) Shelby County- 90 Miles Valley- 46 Miles (Current District) Waggener- 69 Miles (Current District) Total Mileage- 358 Miles</p> <p>In addition to the total mileage actually being less in District 4, our coaches will be able to travel familiar better roads in Highway 60, Dixie Highway, Gene Snyder Freeway and Interstate 64 in order to get to all of the schools in District 4. As opposed to smaller, more unfamiliar roads to Marion and Taylor Counties.</p> <p>Finally District 4 also allows us to stay with current District teams in North Oldham, Valley and Waggener from our current alignment helping more with familiarity.</p> <p>In closing we ask for the KHSAA to grant this move for Breckinridge County to District 4 from the current District 3 alignment for the reasons outlined above. Thank you all for your time and consideration.</p>	4A	3

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Garrard County High School	Mark Scenters	Designated Representative / Athletic Director	No	<p>Dear KHSAA Board of Control,</p> <p>Garrard County High School (GCHS) formally submits this appeal requesting the reconsideration and reclassification of our football program from the recently assigned Class 4A to Class 3A for the upcoming alignment cycle. We believe a deeper analysis of our current position within Class 4A, coupled with critical projected enrollment changes, warrants this adjustment to ensure competitive fairness.</p> <p>Enrollment Disparity Within Class 4A GCHS currently ranks as the third smallest school assigned to the 4A classification based on the official enrollment figures used for this cycle. The two schools smaller than GCHS include a private institution whose enrollment is artificially elevated by the KHSAA's classification multiplier, meaning GCHS possesses one of the lowest organic enrollments in the entire class.</p> <p>This placement immediately puts GCHS at a significant resource and personnel disadvantage against the vast majority of our 4A competitors, whose median enrollment figures are substantially higher. Our current structure and size align far more closely with the typical competitive profile of a Class 3A school.</p> <p>Critical Projected Enrollment Decline The most compelling reason for reclassification lies in the severe projected decline in student enrollment that GCHS is facing over the two-year alignment period. While classification is based on historical data, we respectfully urge the Board to consider forward-looking demographic realities that will critically impact our ability to field competitive teams in Class 4A.</p> <p>The Garrard County High School projects a total population loss of nearly 200 students over the next two school years (2026/2027 and 2027/2028), directly leading up to the initial year of the new 2 year alignment being the 2027 Season.. This general decline is reflected acutely in the male enrollment figures, which form the basis for football classification:</p> <p>School Year Projected Decrease in Male Enrollment Cumulative Projected Male Enrollment Loss 2026/2027 Approximately 60 boys 60 boys 2027/2028 Approximately 50 boys 110 boys</p> <p>A projected loss of approximately 110 male students will undoubtedly drop GCHS's true operating enrollment well below the 4A threshold and deep into the established range for Class 3A schools, rendering the 4A classification obsolete and unfair before the alignment cycle even begins.</p> <p>Placement if Reclassified into Class 3A GCHS currently resides in Class 3A District 4: Bardstown, Casey County, Garrard County, Lexington Catholic, and Mercer County.</p> <p>If allowed to Reclassify into 3A, it would appear the most logical placement would be to be placed into 3A District 5 or 4. Under the proposed alignment those are: DISTRICT 4- Bardstown, Elizabethtown, LaRue County, Thomas Nelson DISTRICT 5- Bourbon County, Estill County, Lexington Christian, Mercer County, Western Hills</p> <p>We believe District 5 would make the most sense for Garrard County to be placed in, with the understanding that District 4, already being a 4 Team District (with the possibility of being a 3 Team District depending on if Thomas Nelson decides to remain out of District play as they did in the previous 2 year cycle) would need to likely add a Team to balance things out. It appears that Western Hills, Mercer County or Garrard County could all be options to go to District 4, however we feel District 5 is the most appropriate placement for Garrard County.</p> <p>Proposed Enrollment Calculation Method (Grades 9-11) To offer a more accurate and predictive measure of competitive enrollment for a two-year alignment cycle, GCHS respectfully proposes that the KHSAA calculate classification numbers using only students in Grades 9 through 11 at the time of the official count.</p> <p>Rationale: The current senior class (Grade 12 at the time of the count) will graduate before the two-year alignment cycle begins. Including seniors artificially inflates (or deflates) the count, basing the classification on students who will not participate in the vast majority of the games covered by the alignment. Benefit: Calculating enrollment based solely on Grades 9-11 provides a clearer, more representative picture of the student population that will actually compose the teams throughout the two-year period, offering a more equitable basis for competitive balance. Understanding: While this suggestion may not be feasible for this alignment period due to all the work that has been done, we believe that it certainly should be considered moving forward. Conclusion Garrard County High School's current enrollment is already on the periphery of 4A, and our substantial, well-documented projected loss of over 100 male students over the alignment cycle means that maintaining a 4A classification will guarantee severe competitive disadvantage. We implore the Board to utilize the provided forward-looking data and consider a more representative counting method (Grades 9-11) to accurately place GCHS in Class 3A, where our program can achieve sustainable competitive equity.</p> <p>We are available to present this data and any additional information at a time convenient for the Board.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration of this critical request.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Mark Scenters Assistant Principal/Athletic Director Garrard County High School</p>	4A	5

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Russell County High School	Michael Carpenter	Designated Representative / Athletic Director	No	<p>To: Kentucky High School Athletic Association From: Russell County High School Date: April 27, 2026 Subject: Request for Football District Realignment (District 6 to District 2)</p> <p>Dear Members of the KHSAA,</p> <p>Russell County High School respectfully requests consideration for reassignment from District 6 to District 2 in football. This request is based on student-athlete safety, excessive travel demands, and alignment with existing regional competition.</p> <p>The most significant concern involves traveling to Harlan County High School. This trip requires 2 hours and 44 minutes one way (5 hours and 28 minutes round trip) and includes a time zone change to Eastern Time. With a 3:30 PM departure—the earliest feasible time with district shortage of bus drivers—students face the following schedule: 2 hours and 44 minutes of travel, 2 hours for dressing and warm-up, a 3-hour game, and 1 hour of post-game responsibilities before returning home. This results in a total time commitment of approximately 11 hours and 28 minutes, with students arriving back between 3:00–3:30 AM local time. That is without a stop for food or restrooms</p> <p>This schedule creates clear safety concerns, including fatigue for both drivers and student athletes. Because of Lake Cumberland, Russell County, while small in geographical boundaries, does not have many direct roads that can get students home quickly from the school. Students will be walking into their homes after 4:00 AM.</p> <p>From a broader perspective, District 6 requires approximately 6 hours and 48 minutes of total travel time, compared to 5 hours and 39 minutes in District 2. A reassignment would significantly reduce travel strain and eliminate the most extreme trip currently required.</p> <p>Additionally, Russell County already competes against many District 2-area schools in other sports within the 4th Region, providing a natural geographic and competitive alignment. Adjusting football districts accordingly would improve consistency for students, families, and staff.</p> <p>We have been in contact with all representatives from District 2, all parties have agreed that there would be no problems with becoming a 6-team district. Russell County, being a Central Time Zone team, would have no conflicts in scheduling game times. District 6, Russell County would be the only team in the Central Time Zone.</p> <p>In conclusion, the current alignment places an undue burden on Russell County student-athletes. Reassignment to District 2 would provide a safer, more reasonable, and regionally consistent structure while maintaining competitive balance.</p> <p>We respectfully request that the KHSAA review this proposal and give strong consideration to this adjustment in the best interest of student-athlete safety and success.</p> <p>Thank you once again for your consideration in this matter. Please call, text, or email with any questions you may have.</p>	4A	6
Rowan County Senior High School	Broderick Moore	Designated Representative / Athletic Director	No	<p>We are fine with our current district as of now. I understand schools are not allowed to play up a class but if that was still currently allowed we wouldn't mind to play up a class.</p>	4A	8
Grayson County High School	robert Kinkade	Designated Representative / Athletic Director	No	<p>We would like for the board to consider leaving Grayson County High School in class 5A district 4 like we are now. Or district 3 if that helps keep better balance between district numbers. We are in the central time zone but we neighbor Hardin County where the Eastern time zone starts. We appeal every golf realignment for the same reason. With us being on the Western Kentucky Parkway it is much better for our student athletes to travel by bus on the WK Parkway to I-65 to district 3 or 4 opponents compared to taking Highway 185 / 187 to Warren County.</p> <p>District travel:</p> <p>Based off of Google Maps Barren County High school is 60 miles from GCHS but takes 1 hr 10 mins to get there driving a car because having to take highways to get to the cumberland parkway. While Bullitt Central is the same distance and only takes 55 mins by car because it is all parkway and Interstate.</p> <p>Another example according to Google maps Bowling Green High School is only 43 miles away from GCHS but Google maps says it takes 56 minutes to get to that destination. Where once again Bullitt Central is further in distance but has a shorter arrival time on Google Maps</p> <p>Greenwood High School is 47.5 miles but the destination time is an hour. North Bullitt is 66.4 miles in distance but has the same arrival time as our trip to Greenwood but has much straighter roads.</p> <p>Playoff travel based off of the FB2025 Draft maps show the 4 furthest trips could be</p> <p>District 1 furthest trips</p> <p>Graves County- 150 miles Marshall County- 127 miles Madisonville- 79 Owensboro- 61</p>	5A	2

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Pleasure Ridge Park High School	Nick Waddell	Designated Representative / Athletic Director	No	<p>6A Football District Alignment Proposal for Districts 3, 4, and 5</p> <p>This document outlines two proposed alignment options for Class 6A football districts 3, 4, and 5. Each proposal is designed to improve geographic balance and strengthen existing competitive relationships among schools in the Jefferson, Bullitt, and Oldham County areas.</p> <p>Proposal 1</p> <p>District 3: Fairdale, Fern Creek, Pleasure Ridge Park, Southern District 4: Dupont Manual, Male, Saint Xavier, Trinity District 5: Ballard, Bullitt East, Eastern, Oldham County</p> <p>Proposal 2</p> <p>District 3: Fairdale, Fern Creek, Pleasure Ridge Park, Southern District 4: Ballard, Dupont Manual, Male, Saint Xavier District 5: Bullitt East, Eastern, Oldham County, Trinity</p> <p>Rationale</p> <p>Both proposals aim to create district alignments that more closely reflect the geographic distribution of participating schools. By grouping schools within similar regions of Jefferson County, as well as nearby Bullitt and Oldham Counties, travel demands can be reduced and local rivalries preserved.</p> <p>Additionally, these alignments better mirror existing competition structures in other sports, particularly within the 6th and 7th Region for basketball, where many of these schools already compete against one another regularly.</p> <p>Under both proposals:</p> <p>District 3 represents schools located in "southern" Jefferson County. District 4 represents schools in "central" Jefferson County. District 5 represents schools in "eastern" Jefferson County and surrounding areas. These adjustments are intended to enhance consistency across athletic programs while maintaining geographic rivals in district play.</p>	6A	3
Bullitt East High School	Kenny Hughes	Designated Representative / Athletic Director	No	<p>Due to geographic proximity, Bullitt East respectfully requests that the Board of Control consider moving Fairdale into District 4 and move Male into District 3. District 3 would be made of PRP, Manual, Male, St.X. District 4 would be made of Fairdale, Southern, Fern Creek, and Bullitt East.</p> <p>There are 12 6A schools in the Jefferson/Bullitt/Oldham area. Of those 12 schools there are three groups of three schools that are in relatively close proximity to one another. The fourth school for each district would be a little farther away, but closer to one group of three than any other.</p> <p>A solution would be to have District 3 be composed of Manual, St. Xavier, Male, and PRP. PRP, to the west, would be a school that is farther away than the other three. District 4 would be composed of schools along the Gene Snyder Freeway, which would be Fairdale, Southern, and Fern Creek. Bullitt East, to the south, would make up the fourth team. District 5 would be composed of Trinity, Ballard, Eastern. Oldham County, to the northeast, would make up the fourth team.</p> <p>Our proposal is based on geographical proximity as well as access to major thoroughfares such as Dixie Highway, I-65, and I-264 (District 3); Bardstown Road and Gene Snyder (District 4); and I-71, I-264, and Shelbyville Road (District 5).</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p>	6A	4
Male High School	John Kelsey	Designated Representative / Athletic Director	No	<p>Male would object to any realignment in 6A football that has existed for many years now. The Metro Area AD Association (6/7/8 basketball regions) meets regularly and NO discussion has occurred among these member schools regarding any proposal to revise the geographic placement of teams for Football. Attempts filed to change the districts are self serving and not based on valid geographic reasons. Attempts to change the alignment due to competitive reasons is not the procedure which should be utilized to draw district boundaries.</p>	6A	4