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MEMO

TO: Julian Tackett, Commissioner

FROM: Sarah Bridenbaugh, Assistant Commissioner

DATE: November 5, 2026

RE: Bylaw 11 Updates; Annual Financial Aid Report

At your direction, I have completed the annual financial aid reports from the member schools for the 2025-2026 academic year. As of November 5th, we have several member schools that have yet to submit a complete survey. A reminder was sent to the schools that had not submitted prior to the October 15th deadline and again November 3rd. At this time, I am following up with these schools while also conducting a thorough review of the data for the 2025-26 school year. I will have updated report for you at the January meeting.

Those member schools that have not submitted a report are listed below:

- Bullitt East
- Clay County
- Community Christian (Independence)
- Community Christian (Paducah)
- DeSales
- Francis Parker
- Heritage
- Holy Family
- Kentucky School f/t Blind
- Leslie County
- Rockcastle County
- Sayre
- Seneca
- Somerset Christian
- Whitefield Academy

Additionally, I recommend that KHSAA staff conduct a Zoom conference with tuition-charging schools. During a review of KHSAA Bylaw 11 approved agencies, it was determined that several organizations responsible for evaluating need-based financial aid have undergone name changes, while others are no longer in operation. The purpose of this meeting would be to collaborate with member schools in assessing the current availability and status of approved agencies and to discuss any necessary updates to the approved list.

This meeting would also provide an opportunity to reinforce the requirements and restrictions outlined in Bylaw 11, while soliciting feedback from school representatives who work directly with these agencies on a regular basis. Such input will help ensure that KHSAA policies remain practical, effective, and aligned with current industry practices. If approved, this meeting would be held November 17th at 2:00 PM ET.