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Lawrence County Schools-response to 58th district realignment request

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Sir,

Good afternoon. Congratulations to you and all those who work with you for the recent completion of the girls' and boys' state basketball tournaments. I can't imagine the work that goes on to make those so successful for kids and their schools.

In February our district received notice that Floyd Co Schools has requested realignment of the 58th district. I also received a copy of their communication to you about their reasons for the request. After much thought and some research, I am reaching out to KHSAA and you to put in writing our reasons for being opposed to this request. Attached you will find both a letter outlining the reasons LC is opposed, as well as copies of the data referenced in the letter. I will also be sending hard copies of those same items to you. I will also be sharing this with Mrs. Williams, Floyd Co. Superintendent, as she did with me on her request.

If you have any questions, please let me know. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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3/24/26

Dear Commissioner Tackett,

I am writing to you today as the Superintendent of Lawrence County Schools to formally express my opposition to a recent request by Floyd County Schools to realign the 58th District, and move Lawrence County High School.

Lawrence County High School has been a proud member of the 58th District since the 2017-18 school year. Over the years, our district's single high school has shown great flexibility. We moved from the 15th Region to the 16th in the 1970s, and then back to the 15th in the early 2000s. Since then, we have moved between the 57th, 60th, and now the 58th Districts. We have always made these moves willingly. However, our district is tired of being the one constantly moved around. It often feels as though Lawrence County and its student-athletes are the ones no one wants to keep, and we value the stability and rivalries we have built in our current home.

The reason given for this realignment request is the travel distance for students, specifically the drive from Floyd Central to Lawrence County. To address this fairly, our athletic officials reviewed Floyd Central's travel to away games since the 2017-18 season. We looked at the average travel distance for all "optional" away games—non-district, non-postseason matchups—where schools choose their own travel.

For reference, the distance used from Floyd Central to Lawrence County is 55.11 miles. Our data shows that in almost every sport, Floyd Central has consistently chosen to travel further than the distance to our school for optional away games:

Sport	**FC Avg. Optional Travel (Since 17-18)**	**Difference vs. Lawrence Co. (55.11)**
Volleyball	61.54 miles	**+ 6.43 miles**
Baseball	58.83 miles	**+ 3.72 miles**

Driving Distance between Floyd Central High School, Eastern, KY, 41622, USA and Lawrence County High School, 100 Bulldog Lane, Louisa, KY, 41230, USA (Kentucky,US)	**55.11 miles**		using: https://distancecalculator.globefeed.com/US_Distance_Calculator.asp	
Miles traveled by Floyd Central Teams	**Avg distance traveled**	**Avg distance traveled (minus the Covid year)**	Optional away games only---not required district games, KHSAA district tournament, or KHSAA regional tournament	Does include 2A tournament **(optional tournament)**
VB (optional away games since 17-18)	**61.54**	**62.97**		
Boys Bball (optional away games since 17-18)	**57.82**	**59.92**		
Girls Bball (optional away games since 17-18)	**52.7**	**54.82**		
Baseball (optional away games since 17-18)	**58.83**	**58.83**		
Softball (optional away games since 17-18)	**41.81**	**41.81**		

Baseball

17-18		18-19		19-20		20-21		21-22		22-23		23-24		24-25		25-26	
Other Locations Traveled To:	Distance to:	Other Locations Traveled To:	Distance to:	Other Locations Traveled To:	Distance to:	Other Locations Traveled To:	Distance to:	Other Locations Traveled To:	Distance to:	Other Locations Traveled To:	Distance to:	Other Locations Traveled To:	Distance to:	Other Locations Traveled To:	Distance to:	Other Locations Traveled To:	Distance to:
Pike County Central	24.45	Sheldon Clark	41.39	COVID		Johnson Central	28.56	Belfry	45.73	East Ridge	48.2	Paintsville	27.4	@ Myrtle Beach Cal Ripken Experience Tournament	466.09	Pike County Central	24.45
Pikeville @ Belfry	45.73	Powell County	86.83			Pike County Central	24.45	Martin County	41.39	Johnson Central	28.56	Johnson Central	28.56	Pike Central @ Prestonsburg (2A)	16.2	Baseball City @ St. Pete, FL	874.13
Man, WV and Belry @ Belfry	45.73	Pike County Central	24.45			Magoffin County	32.72	Wolfe County	64.88	Wolfe County	64.88	Harlan	82.19	Wolfe and Johnson Central @ Johnson Central	28.56	2A @ Prestonsburg	16.2
Shelby Valley @ Pikeville	23.84	Phelps	51.67			Phelps	51.67	Letcher County Central	45.28	Pike County Central	24.45	Leslie County	52.53	Knott @ Alice Lloyd	18.16	Shelby Valley	35.19
Pikeville and Morgan Co@ Pikeville	23.84	Johnson Central	28.56			Perry County Central	33.39	East Ridge	48.2	Magoffin County on 4/5	32.72	@ Myrtle Beach Cal Ripken Experience Tournament	466.09	Magoffin County	32.72	Breathitt	59.12
Knott County Central	19.15	Belfry	45.73			Jenkins	44.61	Johnson Central	28.56	Magoffin County on 4/8	32.72	Pike County Central (Kentucky 2A)	24.45	Paintsville	27.4	Johnson Central	28.56
Hazard	36.64	Knott County Central	19.15			Shelby Valley	35.19	Paintsville	27.4	Perry County Central	33.39	Breathitt County	59.12	Hazard	36.64	Hazard	36.64
Sheldon Clark	41.39	Leslie County	52.53			Martin County	41.39	Letcher County Central	45.28	East Ridge	48.2	Russell @ Breathitt County	59.12	Berea and Estill @ Jackson County	100.92	Perry County Central	33.39
Johnson Central	28.56	Hazard	36.64			Leslie County	52.53	Shelby Valley	35.19	Leslie County	52.53	Shelby Valley	35.19	Shelby Valley	35.19	Rowan County	92.7
		Raceland	93.66			Letcher County Central	45.28	Knott County Central	19.15	East Carter	70.52	Belfry	45.73	Belfry	45.73	Belfry	45.73
								Johnson Central	28.56	Martin County	41.39	Magoffin County	32.72			Martin County	41.39
										Breathitt	59.12	Perry County Central	33.39			Paintsville	27.4
		Avg Miles (optional games)	**48.061**							Paintsville	27.4	Hazard	36.64			East Ridge	48.2
Avg Miles (optional games)	**32.14777778**					**Avg Miles (optional games)**	**38.979**	**Avg Miles (optional games)**	**39.05636364**	Belfry	45.73	Knott County Central	19.15			Magoffin County	32.72
		Distance to Lawrence	**55.11**											**Avg Miles (optional games)**	**80.761**	Knott County Central	19.15
Distance to Lawrence	**55.11**					**Distance to Lawrence**	**55.11**	**Distance to Lawrence**	**55.11**	**Avg Miles (optional games)**	**43.55785714**	**Avg Miles (optional games)**	**71.59142857**			**Avg Miles (optional games)**	**94.33133333**
														Distance to Lawrence	**55.11**		
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Boys Basketball

17-18		18-19		19-20		20-21 (covid season)		21-22		22-23		23-24		24-25		25-26	
Other Locations Traveled To:	Distance to:	Other Locations Traveled To:	Distance to:	Other Locations Traveled To:	Distance to:	Other Locations Traveled To:	Distance to:	Other Locations Traveled To:	Distance to:	Other Locations Traveled To:	Distance to:	Other Locations Traveled To:	Distance to:	Other Locations Traveled To:	Distance to:	Other Locations Traveled To:	Distance to:
In season tournament @ Knott Central	19.15	Perry Co Central	33.39	Hazard	36.64	East Ridge	48.2	Phelps	51.67	Elliott County	62.98	In season tournament @ Knott Central	19.15	In season tournament @ Paintsville	27.4	Martin County	41.39
In season tournament @ Knott Central	19.15	Fleming County	114.79	George Rogers Clark	115.58	Magoffin County	32.72	Buckhorn	53.94	Johnson Central	28.56	In season tournament @ Knott Central	19.15	In season tournament @ Paintsville	27.4	Belfry	45.73
In season tournament @ Knott Central	19.15	In season tournament @ Perry Co Central	33.39	In season tournament @ Pigeon Forge	218.73	Johnson Central	28.56	Leslie County	52.53	Gatlinburg TN	226.46	Shelby Valley	35.19	Gatlinburg TN	226.46	East Carter	70.52
Pike Central	24.45	In season tournament @ Perry Co Central	33.39	2 A tournament @ Lawrence	55.11	Powell County	86.83	Morgan County	56.61	In season tournament @ Belfry	45.73	Gatlinburg TN	226.46	Powell County	86.83	Lewis @East Carter	70.52
In season tournament @ Rowan County	92.7	Pike Central	24.45	East Ridge	48.2	Menifee County	81.26	In season tournament @ Pineville	106.35	In season tournament @ Belfry	45.73	In season tournament @ Belfry	45.73	West Carter	85.95	@ UVA Wise Tournament	71
In season tournament @ Lexington Cath	132.74	In season tournament @Corbin	102.44	Pike Central	24.45	Morgan County	56.61	Perry Central	33.39	In season tournament @ Belfry	45.73	In season tournament @ Belfry	45.73	Knott @ Carr Creek	28.06	@ Lawrence for 2A	55.11
Paintsville	27.4	Magoffin County	32.72	Magoffin County	32.72	Phelps	51.67	Shelby Valley	35.19	2A @ Pike Central	24.45	Pike Central	24.45	Breathitt County	59.12	@ Lawrence for 2A	55.11
North Laurel	89.99	Magoffin County	32.72	Paintsville	27.4	June Buchanan	18.16	Jackson City	59.86	Rowan County	92.7	Magoffin County	32.72	Pikeville	23.84	Rowan Co.	92.7
Frederick Dougla	126.33	Pikeville	23.84	Shelby Valley	35.19	Pike Central	24.45	Martin County	41.39	Estill County	102.69	Paintsville	27.4			Phelps	51.65
Scott County	142.43	Johnson Central	28.56	Jenkins	44.61	Belfry	45.73	Magoffin County	32.72			Martin County	41.39			Magoffin Co	32.72
		Belfry	45.73			Knott Central	19.15									Shelby Valley @ Virgie	28.44
				Avg Miles (optional games)	**63.863**	Shelby Valley	35.19							**Avg Miles (optional games)**	**70.6325**		
Avg Miles (optional games)	**69.349**	**Avg Miles (optional games)**	**45.94727273**													**Avg Miles (optional games)**	**61.52555556**
				Distance to Lawrence	**55.11**	**Avg Miles (optional games)**	**44.04416667**	**Avg Miles (optional games)**	**52.365**	**Avg Miles (optional games)**	**75.00333333**	**Avg Miles (optional games)**	**51.737**	**Distance to Lawrence**	**55.11**		
Distance to Lawrence	**55.11**	**Distance to Lawrence**	**55.11**													**Distance to Lawrence**	**55.11**
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Girls Bball

17-18

Other Locations Traveled To:	Distance to:
In season tournament @ Lexington Catholic	132.74
In season tournament @ Montgomery Co	102.94
Harlan	82.19
Martin County	41.39
Magoffin County	32.72
Avg Miles (optional games)	**78.396**
Distance to Lawrence	**55.11**

18-19

Other Locations Traveled To:	Distance to:
Magoffin County	32.72
Mingo @ Belfry	45.73
In season tournament @ Montgomery Co	102.94
Magoffin County	32.72
Martin County	41.39
Owsley County	75.72
Shelby Valley	35.19
Perry County	33.39
Knott County	19.15
Avg Miles (optional games)	**46.55**
Distance to Lawrence	**55.11**

19-20

Other Locations Traveled To:	Distance to:
In season tournament @ Knott County	19.15
In season tournament @ Knott County	19.15
Fleming Co @Pike Central	24.45
Tournament @ Sevierville TN	215.46
Hazard @Pike Central	24.45
Magoffin County	32.72
East Ridge	48.2
Martin Co	41.39
Paintsville	27.4
Avg Miles (optional games)	**50.26333333**
Distance to Lawrence	**55.11**

20-21 (Covid Season)

Other Locations Traveled To:	Distance to:
Perry County	33.39
Pike Central	24.45
Hazard	36.64
Tournament @Perry County	33.39
Tournament @Perry County	33.39
Paintsville	27.4
Belfry	45.73
East Ridge	48.2
Johnson Central	28.56
Avg Miles (optional games)	**34.57222222**
Distance to Lawrence	**55.11**

21-22

Other Locations Traveled To:	Distance to:
Belfry	45.73
Berea Tournament	127.23
Raceland Tournament	93.66
East Ridge	48.2
2A @ Lawrence	55.11
East Ridge	48.2
Pike Central	24.45
Paintsville	27.4
Perry County	33.39
Shelby Valley	35.19
Pike Central	24.45
Avg Miles (optional games)	**51.18272727**
Distance to Lawrence	**55.11**

22-23

Other Locations Traveled To:	Distance to:
Knott County Tournament	19.15
Knott County Tournament	19.15
Perry Central	33.39
Pike Central	24.45
Gatlinburg Tournament	226.46
Berea Tournament	127.23
Boyd (2A)	
Paintsville	27.4
Belfry	45.73
Johnson Central	28.56
Shelby Valley	35.19
Avg Miles (optional games)	**58.671**
Distance to Lawrence	**55.11**

23-24

Other Locations Traveled To:	Distance to:
Paintsville	27.4
Belfry	45.73
Jenkins	44.61
Boyle County	148.62
Berea Tournament	127.23
Pike Central 2A	24.45
Pike Central	24.45
Shelby Valley	35.19
Magoffin County	32.72
Letcher Central	45.28
Avg Miles (optional games)	**55.568**
Distance to Lawrence	**55.11**

24-25

Other Locations Traveled To:	Distance to:
Breathitt County	45.73
Gatlinburg Tournament	226.46
Letcher Central	45.28
Pike Central	24.45
Shelby Valley	35.19
Paintsville	27.4
Pikeville	23.84
Magoffin County	32.72
Perry Co Central	33.39
West Carter	85.95
Shelby Valley	35.19
Avg Miles (optional games)	**55.96363636**
Distance to Lawrence	**55.11**

25-26

Other Locations Traveled To:	Distance to:
Paintsville	27.4
Knott Central Tournament	19.15
Knott Central Tournament	19.15
Johnson Central	28.56
Perry Central Tournament	33.39
Perry Central Tournament	33.39
Perry Central Tournament	33.39
Tournament @ Rocky Top Sports World	229.06
2A @ Lawrence	55.11
Martin County	41.39
Pikeville	23.84
Rowan Co	92.7
Avg Miles (optional games)	**53.04416667**
Distance to Lawrence	**55.11**

Softball

17-18

Other Locations Traveled To:	Distance to:
East Ridge	48.2
Shelby Valley	35.19
Perry County Central	33.39
Jenkins	44.61
Buckhorn	53.94
Leslie County	52.53
Paintsville	27.4
Morgan County	56.61
Avg Miles (optional games)	**43.98375**
Distance to Lawrence	**55.11**

18-19

Other Locations Traveled To:	Distance to:
Perry County Central	33.39
Morgan County	56.61
Knott County Central	19.15
East Ridge	48.2
Jackson City	59.86
Hazard	36.64
Jenkins	44.61
Buckhorn	53.94
Magoffin County	32.72
Cordia	36.96
Sheldon Clark	41.39
Avg Miles (optional games)	**42.13363636**
Distance to Lawrence	**55.11**

19-20

Other Locations Traveled To:	Distance to:
COVID	

20-21

Other Locations Traveled To:	Distance to:
Perry County Central	33.39
Morgan County	56.61
Martin County	41.39
Buckhorn	53.94
Paintsville	27.4
Hazard	36.64
Magoffin County	32.72
Pike County Central	24.45
Knott County Central	19.15
East Ridge	48.2
Avg Miles (optional games)	**37.389**
Distance to Lawrence	**55.11**

21-22

Other Locations Traveled To:	Distance to:
Martin County	41.39
Magoffin County	32.72
Phelps	51.67
Belfry	45.73
Elliott County	62.98
Knott County Central	19.15
Paintsville	27.4
East Ridge	48.2
Leslie County	52.53
Belfry	45.73
Avg Miles (optional games)	**42.75**
Distance to Lawrence	**55.11**

22-23

Other Locations Traveled To:	Distance to:
Leslie County	52.53
Paintsville	27.4
Belfry	45.73
Hazard	36.64
Knott County Central	19.15
Phelps	51.67
Elliot County	62.98
Martin County	41.39
Magoffin County	32.72
Avg Miles (optional games)	**41.13444444**
Distance to Lawrence	**55.11**

23-24

Other Locations Traveled To:	Distance to:
Martin County	41.39
Phelps	51.67
Pike County Central	24.45
Magoffin County	32.72
Paintsville	27.4
Pikeville	23.84
Pike County Central	24.45
Knott County Central	19.15
Shelby County	35.19
Western Hills	153.74
Avg Miles (optional games)	**43.4**
Distance to Lawrence	**55.11**

24-25

Other Locations Traveled To:	Distance to:
Paintsville	27.4
Pike County Central	24.45
Pikeville	23.84
Lestlie County	52.53
Shelby Valley	35.19
2A @ Prestonsburg	16.2
Knott County	19.15
Elliott County	62.98
Magoffin County	32.72
Breathitt	59.12
Pikeville	23.84
Avg Miles (optional games)	**34.31090909**
Distance to Lawrence	**55.11**

25-26

Other Locations Traveled To:	Distance to:
Pike County Central	24.45
2A @ Prestonsburg	16.2
Elliott County	62.98
East Ridge	48.2
Magoffin County	32.72
Shelby Valley	35.19
Hazard	36.64
Martin County	41.39
Knott County Central	19.15
Paintsville	27.4
Pikeville	23.84
Oldham	206.59
Breathitt	59.12
Avg Miles (optional games)	**50.785**
Distance to Lawrence	**55.11**

Volleyball

17-18		18-19		19-20		20-21 (Covid season)		21-22		22-23		23-24		24-25		25-26	
Other Locations Traveled To:	Distance to:	Other Locations Traveled To:	Distance to:	Other Locations Traveled To:	Distance to:	Other Locations Traveled To:	Distance to:	Other Locations Traveled To:	Distance to:	Other Locations Traveled To:	Distance to:	Other Locations Traveled To:	Distance to:	Other Locations Traveled To:	Distance to:	Other Locations Traveled To:	Distance to:
Johnson Central	28.56	Belfry	45.73	In season tournment @ Wolfe County	64.88	Wolfe County	64.88	2A tournament @ Lawrence	55.11	East Ridge	48.2	Johnson Central	28.56	Pikeville	23.84	Hazard	36.64
Phelps	51.67	In season Tournament @ Pikeville	23.84	Pike Central	24.45	Hazard	36.64	Wolfe County	64.88	Martin County	41.39	Knott County Tournament	19.15	Knott County	19.15	Johnson Central	28.56
Lafayette	132.02	Pike Central	24.45	In season tournament @ Sevierville TN	215.46	In season tournament @ Pikeville	23.84	Paintsville	27.4	Pike Central	24.45	Pikeville	23.84	Johnson Central	28.56	In season tournament @ Pikeville	23.84
Belfry	45.73	Johnson Central	28.56	Martin County	41.39	Pikeville	23.84	2A state @ Kentucky Wesleyan	306.15	2A state tournament v Logan (Owensboro)	305.75	Pike Central	24.45	Pulaski County	123.25	Shelby Valley	35.19
Shelby Valley	35.19	Martin County	41.39	In season tournment @ Lafayette	132.02			Pike Central	24.45	Belfry	45.73	Knott County	19.15	Pike Central	24.45	Pike Central @ Lawrence (2a tournament)	55.11
Lafayette	132.02	In season tournament at Johnson Central	28.56	Knott Central	19.15			Johnson Central	28.56	Kentucky Challenge @ Lexington	129.62	2 A @Pike Central	24.45	Shelby Valley	35.19	Letcher Central	45.28
		Paintsville	27.4	Letcher Central	45.28			Tournament @ Rowan County	92.7	Johnson Central	28.56	2 A @Pike Central	24.45	2 A @ Kentucky Wesleyan	306.15	Perry Central	33.39
		Wolfe County	64.88					Pikeville	23.84	Pikeville	23.84	2A state tournament v Logan (Owensboro)	305.75	In season tournmanent @ North Oldham	203.54	Pikeville	23.84
		Letcher Central	45.28							Paintsville	27.4	Shelby Valley	35.19	Paintsville	27.4	Paintsville	27.4
		In season tournament @ Leslie County	52.53									Paintsville	27.4				
Avg Miles (optional games)	**70.865**	**Avg Miles (optional games)**	**38.262**	**Avg Miles (optional games)**	**77.51857143**	**Avg miles (optional travel)**	**37.3**	**Avg miles (optional travel)**	**77.88625**	**Avg miles (optional travel)**	**74.99333333**					**Avg miles (optional travel)**	**34.36111111**
												Avg miles (optional travel)	**53.239**	**Avg miles (optional travel)**	**87.94777778**		
Distance to Lawrence	**55.11**	**Distance to Lawrence**	**55.11**	**Distance to Lawrence**	**55.11**	**Distance to Lawrence County High School**	**55.11**	**Distance to Lawrence County High School**	**55.11**	**Distance to Lawrence County High School**	**55.11**					**Distance to Lawrence County High School**	**55.11**
												Distance to Lawrence County High School	**55.11**	**Distance to Lawrence County High School**	**55.11**		

Boys Basketball	57.82 miles	**+ 2.71 miles**
Girls Basketball	52.70 miles	- 2.41 miles
Softball	41.81 miles	- 13.30 miles

As the data shows, in four out of the five district sports, Floyd Central's average travel for optional games is higher than or nearly identical to the distance to Lawrence County. I have attached a detailed spreadsheet and summary for your review. In most cases, if you remove the COVID-affected years, average travel distances would actually increase further.

Furthermore, the travel burden falls to a greater extent on Lawrence County when it comes to district play. Each Floyd County school travels to us only once per sport, per year. Lawrence County High School, however, must travel to Floyd County three times in order to play each of their schools. Additionally, a Floyd County school hosts the district tournament three out of every four years. We have accepted this as part of our commitment to the 58th District.

Despite Lawrence County doing the heavier lifting regarding mileage, we are not the ones requesting a move, and are opposed to it. We believe the 58th District is working well as it is and do not wish to be moved again based on a reason that data does not support. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Katie H. Webb; Superintendent
Lawrence County Schools

Cc:Tonya Williams, Floyd County Superintendent
Dr. Robbie Fletcher, KDE Commissioner
Chris Meadow, Magoffin County Superintendent

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