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## HIGH SCHOOL

# AISA executive director and Lt. Gov to be in attendance of AHSAA private school meeting on Jan. 30



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## Key Points

- The Alabama High School Athletic Association will split public and private schools for postseason play starting in the 2026-28 fall sports season.
  - AHSAA private schools have scheduled an in-person meeting to discuss their response, including potentially leaving the organization or taking legal action.
  - Alabama Lt. Governor Will Ainsworth and AISA executive director Michael McClendon will attend the private schools' meeting.
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The [Alabama High School Athletic Association](#) made the biggest decision in the organization's history on Jan. 23 to split member private and public schools in postseason play for the 2026-28 fall sports season.

The decision has triggered a [meeting between AHSAA private schools](#) that was originally set for Tuesday, Jan. 27 in the form of a Zoom meeting to discuss what the best course of action is for private schools going forward.

The [Montgomery Advertiser](#) has learned from sources that the meeting has been moved to an in-person meeting on Friday, Jan. 30, at Faulkner University. Lt. Governor Will Ainsworth and AISA executive director Michael McLendon will join the private schools in attendance.

The meeting will serve as an opportunity for [private schools to discuss how they feel about the AHSAA's decision to split private and public schools](#) for postseason play.

The decision to split AHSAA private and public schools in the postseason also came with the elimination of the multiplier and competitive balance formula that's been applied to private schools. AHSAA executive director Heath Harmon also said funds from the CHOOSE Act would no longer impact athletic eligibility.

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The multiplier, competitive balance and CHOOSE Act interpretation were all issues that three AHSAA private school representatives touched on in a [Dec. 15 meeting with the AHSAA Central Board of Control](#). But the representatives were hoping the issues could be addressed without the need for a split.

