



Kentucky High School Athletic Association

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January 22, 2019

Dr. James Evans, Jr.
Superintendent, Lee County Schools
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Dear Dr. Evans,

Please allow this to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 15 regarding your recent student interest survey. The decisions regarding addition or deletion of athletic programs lie with the local school district through the various regulations regarding extra-curricular activities. The survey is a regular part of the Title IX Education program mandated by the Kentucky Board of Education but serves only as guidance for the districts.

In the opinion of our audit team, Lee County met at least one prong of the three-prong Title IX tests last year, and as such, the addition of programs is not as essential as if a different conclusion had been reached by the audit team. I would encourage you and your staff to continually review such items as the Bass Fishing program, which is a very low-cost program to implement, just in case, your annual report should, in the future, reveal that your underrepresented gender (currently males) should be offered more opportunities within the constraints of Title IX.

Thank you again for your continued work on behalf of students.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julian Tackett', written over a horizontal line.

Julian Tackett
Commissioner

xc: Principal Debra Smith, Lee County High School
Designated Representative Danny Wright, Lee County High School and Lee County Schools
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RE: Interest Surveys for Lee County School District Athletics

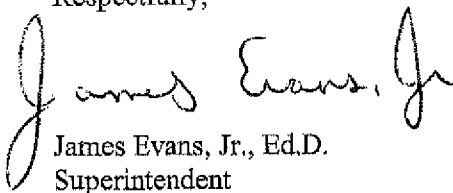
Dear Commissioner Tackett:

Interest surveys completed at Lee County Middle High School indicated an interest among the student population for adding the sports of bass fishing and soccer. Following exploration of both sports, I believe not adding either bass fishing or soccer to the district's athletic program at the present time to be in the best interest of the district.

Lee County Schools is currently operating on a very tight budget. Lee County has experienced not only a substantial population decline within our community, but also within our student body. Loss of enrollment has been so extreme the district faced the difficult decisions of closing a school and consolidating two schools within the past five years. I feel that adding these two activities at the present time will impact the solvency of our athletic department, as well as the district's ability to sustain athletic programs currently offered.

The Lee County School District remains committed to providing quality athletic programs to our students, and we are open to re-evaluating the addition of new sports as the situation warrants. Please feel free to contact me at 606-464-5000 should you have questions.

Respectfully,


James Evans, Jr., Ed.D.
Superintendent

cc: Debra Smith, Lee County Middle High School Principal
Danny Wright, Lee County Schools Athletic Director

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in partnership with students, staff, parents, and the community.

