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Subject: bcc: re: Title IX concern

Will i Please file 1833 In Test Three we usually look to whether a school is playing all KHSAA high school sport If not, there is a good possibility one won't pass Test Three. We also would want to look at the student interest questionnaire to see if there is a student interest that is not being addressed? Also, does the student interest survey indicate enough interest that more than one level of team (Varsity, JV or Freshman) could be offered. One also has to look at the student's interest and see if it is feasible to provide a sport that only schools 150 miles away play....no regional competition. If all else fails, we would certainly look to see if a school is continually making every effort to sponsor sports and/or teams. If they are....as evidenced by the school's documented efforts.....and inadequate numbers/students are interested or no one shows up at the schools promotions to attract students to sports offerings.....then we would probably say that school is addressing all of the accommodations desired by the students. I will copy this response to our audit staff and should one of them have more to offer in the way of advice or help I will ask them to send their thoughts to you and me. Yes, I would always answer the forms correctly and leave the issues up to us to work with you about how we can best advise you to overcome your concerns and needs.

On Monday, February 07, 2005 12:14 PM, Proctor, John wrote: >Date: Mon, 7 Feb 2005 12:14:32 -0500 >From: Proctor, John >To: "'lboucher@khsaa.org'" <lboucher@khsaa.org> >Subject: Titlfe IX concern >Larry,

After doing some work with our preliminary participation numbers, it >has become obvious that we will not longer reap the benefits of staying >above the 25% figure in Column 5, Row 4, of Form T2. I have assumed in the >past that this kept us "compliant" with the "three-pronged test" because we >have been able to "demonstrate a history and continuing practice of >expanding its sports offerings for women." Our addition of Volleyball and >Swimming 6 years ago made the achievement of the 25% possible, but now that >is lost. Even though we will field a 9th grade Fastpitch this Spring, the >current percentage is only 10%.

If we look to the first prong, substantially proportionality, for >compliance, we fall woefully short there: 41% participation compared to 49% >enrollment. Strike two.

That leaves prong three. Are we "fully and effectively >accommodating the athletic interest and abilities"? I'm not sure how this >is to be answered. Using the information on our most recent student >surveys, do we complete Form T3 as honestly as we can and leave the question >of compliance to your reviewers? Do we declare ourselves to be compliant or What do we do next if we are not?

I guess we simply need a little direction at this point and would >appreciate your input.