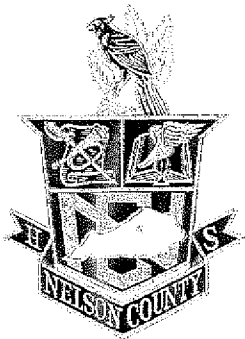


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Ms Brigid DeVries, Commissioner
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*They added wrestling
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Ms. Brigid DeVries:

This letter concerns the Title IX compliance issues at Nelson County High School, specifically those related to the Wrestling program. Nelson County High School received a recommendation earlier in the school year from the KHSAA (Larry Boucher) advising the school not to start a wrestling program without first pursuing a swimming program.

Currently there are over 50 students interested in participating in a wrestling program. There are 15 students who have prior wrestling experience. The documented demand is high, and we feel that it would be an injustice not to provide these students with the opportunity to wrestle.

We believe that swimming would be a beneficial addition to Nelson County High School Athletics. However, we do feel that swimming will take longer to implement and the logistics regarding facility use -- thirty miles away -- transportation etc. are challenging. The Athletics Department is exploring the options related to swim team implementation and it may well become a reality in few years.

The "homework" regarding wrestling has already been done. The team could easily start as soon as next season. We are asking the KHSAA to allow us to begin the wrestling program next season. This sport would provide a winter sport option to both males and females. While we certainly respect the opinion of the Title IX regulators, we would like to begin implementation of a successful wrestling program, and phase in a swim team later.

The Nelson County Board of Education holds in high regards the opinion of the KHSAA, and is waiting for your approval before starting a wrestling team. We appreciate the continued support for the KHSAA and the consideration with the aforementioned concerns.

Respectfully,

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Athletic Director

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Jason Detre
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