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The following is a
summary of my findings
in relation to the football
field question at Rowan
County High. I will place
a copy in their file. I
hope this is satisfactory.

Jay

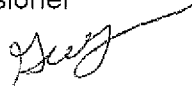


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TO: Larry Boucher, KHSAA Assistant Commissioner

FROM: Gary Lawson, KHSAA Title IX Audit Team 

DATE: May 17, 2005

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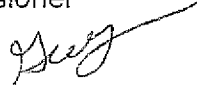


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