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## Grant County Football Classification

1 message

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**Thompson, Steve** <steve.thompson@grant.kyschools.us>

Wed, May 7, 2014 at 3:59 PM

To: "jtackett@khsaa.org" <jtackett@khsaa.org>

Cc: "Siple, Kevin" <kevin.siple@grant.kyschools.us>

Mr. Tackett,

After sharing your e-mail from this week with our head football coach, I request that Grant County move up to class 6A for football. We feel that doing so is in the best interests of our program. If this is not possible, then we would like to be able to participate as an independent for two years and then reevaluate where our program is.

Please let me know if you need anything else from us regarding this issue.

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**Re: Grant County Football**

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**Tackett, Julian** <jtackett@khsaa.org>

Mon, May 5, 2014 at 8:36 PM

To: "Thompson, Steve" &lt;steve.thompson@grant.kyschools.us&gt;

Hi Steve,

Right now, there are two schools that have made the request to the Board of Control that schools that withdraw from play are only out 2 years. That seems fair to all involved as it addresses the contract cycle.

If you are sincerely interested in playing up, I would make that request with a letter to me and email it in within the next day or so. Otherwise, I would write a note on letterhead that simply asks for permission to be out only two years if you withdraw. You wouldn't be officially withdrawing at that point, just requesting. That way, if they happen NOT to approve the two year provision (instead of four), then we can come back to you and see what you want to do.

Hope that all makes sense. If not, give me a call at the office.

On Mon, Apr 28, 2014 at 11:24 AM, Thompson, Steve <steve.thompson@grant.kyschools.us> wrote:

Mr. Tackett,

With the redistricting of football for 2015, I wanted to see what some of our options at Grant County would be. We are a 5A school, but football is not the main sport here and probably never will be. Also, we are a rural school district. As far as the number of our students who participate in football is concerned, we are more of a 3A or even a 2A school in reality. Last year in our district we were outscored on average of 48-7. We don't anticipate being able to compete any better by having to play traditional football powers such as Highlands and Covington Catholic. I have seen the athletes that our boys have to compete against and they are just usually so much bigger and stronger than our boys, let alone much quicker. As a result we get more injuries (and players quitting) and by the end of the season we are just depleted. Our coaches here do a wonderful job, but they are just able to do so much.

I wanted to see what are options might be. Our coach has wondered if we might even be better off by playing up at 6A with the feeling we can likely compete better against the schools we have been playing against than against Highlands, Covington Catholic, and Dixie. Would it also be possible for us to play for a few years without being eligible to the playoffs while we try to build a football program here that will compete?

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Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

*"It is not the critic who counts, not the one who points out how the strong man stumbled or how the doer of deeds might have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred with sweat and dust and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes up short time and time again; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, and spends himself a worthy cause; who if he wins knows the triumph of high achievement; and who, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory or defeat." — Teddy Roosevelt*

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