Kentucky High School Athletic Association 2280 Executive Dr. Lexington, KY 40505

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for Coach Mike Harris in recognition of his outstanding contributions to high school athletics in Kentucky. As a former player on several of Coach Harris's state championship teams at Glasgow High School, I have firsthand experience of his paralleled dedication, leadership, and ability to inspire excellence in his athletes.

During his tenure at Glasgow High School, Coach Harris achieved extraordinary success, guiding our teams to multiple tournament wins and state titles. His record of accomplishment speaks for itself, but it is his character, mentorship, and profound influence on his players that truly set him apart. Under his guidance, we were not only athletes striving for victory but also individuals learning valuable life lessons about discipline, teamwork, and perseverance.

Coach Harris's approach to coaching extended far beyond the game itself. He instilled in us a belief in our potential, fostering an environment of respect, determination, and camaraderie. His ability to tailor his coaching to the unique needs of each athlete helped develop our skills while also building our confidence both on and off the course. To this day, the lessons I learned under Coach Harris have shaped me as an individual and continue to influence my life in meaningful ways.

Coach Harris's legacy at Glasgow High School is defined not only by his championship victories but also by the positive impact he has had on countless students, families, and the broader community. His dedication to excellence and his ability to inspire those around him make him a truly exceptional figure in Kentucky high school athletics.

It is with the utmost gratitude and admiration that I recommend Coach Mike Harris to the KHSAA Hall of Fame. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

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KHSAA Hall of Fame Selection Committee Kentucky High School Athletic Association 2280 Executive Drive Lexington, KY 40505

Dear KHSAA Hall of Fame Selection Committee.

I am writing to enthusiastically recommend Mike Harris for induction into the KHSAA Hall of Fame. With over two decades of coaching experience in girls and boys athletics, Mike has made an indelible impact at the high school level in Kentucky.

Accomplishments as a Coach:

## Girls Golf (1988-2008):

- State Championships: Mike led his teams to five KHSAA State Championships (1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2008) and secured third place in two additional state championships (2002, 2007).
- Regional Success: He coached 14 Region 3 and 4 championships and 18 District 15 championships, showcasing his ability to guide teams to victory consistently.
- Individual Achievements: Under his mentorship, players achieved significant milestones
  including two KHSAA individual state champions, two Miss Golf of Kentucky players, and
  four first-team all-state players.
- Coaching Recognition: Mike has been honored as a five-time Kentucky Coach of the Year in girls golf and has received multiple national coaching accolades.

## Boys Golf (2011-2014):

Mike was instrumental in securing two District 15 Championships and one Region 3
 Championship, along with several runner-up finishes. His coaching also produced one Mr.
 Golf of Kentucky player and recognition as the Region 3 Boys Coach of the Year in 2013.

## Girls Basketball (1992-2005):

• He achieved the first District 15 Championship in school history in 1996 and led the team to the Region 4 semi-finals. His innovative coaching style earned him the title of Coach of the Year in 1996-97.

In addition to these accomplishments, Mike has inspired many of his players to pursue collegiate sports, with several former players competing at the collegiate level in both golf and basketball.

Mike's dedication to the development of his athletes extends beyond just winning championships. His commitment to fostering sportsmanship, teamwork, and personal growth in his players has left a lasting legacy within the community. He is not only a coach but a mentor who has positively influenced the lives of countless young athletes.

In conclusion, Mike Harris exemplifies the qualities of a Hall of Fame coach through his numerous achievements in athletics, unwavering dedication, and positive influence on student-athletes. I wholeheartedly support his nomination for the KHSAA Hall of Fame and believe that his contributions to high school athletics in Kentucky should be recognized.

Thank you for considering this recommendation.

Sincerely,

Chad Muhlenkamp

Superintendent

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