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KHSAA STATEMENT REGARDING JEFFERSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS INVESTIGATION

The KHSAA received a copy of the statement released by the Jefferson County Public Schools ("JCPS") Superintendent Sheldon Berman that the JCPS administrative investigation regarding the Pleasure Ridge Park coaching staff has been completed. The release indicates that the JCPS investigation has been extensive and very thorough.

KHSAA Commissioner Brigid DeVries stated, “It is our understanding that the final report from the Jefferson County Public Schools will be forwarded to the KHSAA office in the very near future for a review by the staff and board. It should be noted that the ("JCPS") personnel have been very cooperative with the Association throughout this investigation.”

The entire KHSAA educational and athletic community remains sympathetic to the Gilpin family for their tragic loss. The KHSAA remains committed to providing quality education programs and assistance to member school personnel in areas related to risk minimization and sports safety.

The KHSAA has no further comment at this time. Inquiries should be directed to Lauren Roberts, Public Information Officer for the Jefferson County Public Schools at 502-485-3357.

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS
June 25-July 9   Dead Period
July 9   Sports Safety Work Group Meeting, KHSAA Office, Lexington
July 23-24   KHSAA Board of Control Meeting, Gilbertsville

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About the Kentucky High School Athletic Association
The Kentucky High School Athletic Association was organized in 1917 and is the agency designated by the Kentucky Department of Education to manage high school athletics in the Commonwealth. The Association is a voluntary nonprofit 501 3(c) organization made up of 280 member schools both public and private. The KHSAA sanctions state championships in 19 sports, licenses and trains over 3,900 officials, provides catastrophic insurance for its member school student athletes as well as overseeing coaching education and medical symposium programs.