

January 16, 2023

Rep. Adam Thomas  
House Committee on Education Chair

RE: WRITTEN COMMENTS ONLY  
HB2003 KSHSAA Modifications

Mr. Thomas and other committee members,

I am writing to the Committee of Education regarding HB2003. This has been an ongoing discussion for approximately 15 years, and it is finally coming to fruition. I have trusted the process and have been along for the long haul. I have spoken at KSHSAA meetings, sent countless emails, and made too many calls to count. This bill started years ago and never got past the KSHSAA board members but that has finally changed.

This bill has been voted on and passed by the following:

- KSHSAA Board of Directors 43-21
- KSHSAA Member Schools 353-216 and 4/6 classifications
- Kansas State Board of Education 6-4

The bill is well thought out and is more than fair to both private and public schools. KSHSAA needs the authority to take into account not only attendance, **but attendance and OTHER FACTORS (K.S.A. 7114 (5))**. A multiplier has been needed in the State of Kansas for many years. The majority of Kansas schools agree.

Please vote in favor of this Bill HB2003.

Best regards,



Jenny Diederich  
USD 416 Patron/Parent