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Agency: UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE UIL

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: The staff report was far too focused on governance and not enough focused on Texas students and their families.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

1--Most urban, rural and remote communities do not have the physical or fiscal resources available to suburban communities. Often, the only facility available to after-school sports teams are school facilities and the only person with the passion and expertise to coach those students is a school coach.

We need to give those coaches in urban, rural and remote communities the freedom to coach students in their attendance areas during their off seasons.

We also need to give them access to school facilities that have already been paid for by their communities.

2--Many urban schools do not have the financial or community resources to develop the athletic pipeline that suburban schools have. Putting these urban schools in the same classifications as their similarly-sized suburban schools is an affront to parity. Many states have developed an "urban schools" classification. Texas needs to follow that example and develop an "urban" classification for schools requesting it.

3--In today's academic environment, there should not be any 2 semester sports. In order to allow student who need the opportunity to take additional credits for the diploma of their choice, there should be no sports whose competitions overlap 2 semesters. Swimming should be completed the second weekend in December, while soccer and basketball should not commence until the second semester.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree