



# **KINDRED PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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To: NDHSAA Board

From: Perry Piatz, AD @ Kindred High School

Re: Early start for football practice

I am writing this letter on behalf of our football coaching staff and athletes. Due to conflicts to find games at the AA level, we decided to schedule Richland for a 2-year cycle starting in the fall of 2015. Next fall our date to play would be Saturday, August 20, 2016.

We are requesting an adjustment to the beginning practice start date of August 10, 2016 for Kindred. Richland is a 9-man team so they will start practice in 2016 on August 8<sup>th</sup>. AA football schools do not start practice until August 10, 2016.

This fall we did not start 2 days early and had issues with getting our 9 practices in prior to the Richland game. We had 10 possible days to practice with one of these 10 days being a Sunday. We would prefer not to use Sunday because of conflicts it creates for our players and we had several who could not play in the Richland game this year due to not making it to 9 practices.

We feel it is not an advantage for Kindred to have practice 2 more days than the rest of the AA division, but rather a chance for our athletes to be prepared to play with the same number of practices prior to the start of games in any division. Also, playing Richland at that time does not allow for a scrimmage like most other teams are able to work into their schedules.

We hope that you will respectfully consider our request. We would greatly appreciate it.

Thank you for your time.

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