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DATE: June 10, 2008
TO: U.I.L. Legislative Council
FROM: Texas High School Coaches Association
RE: Proposed Placement of Pre-Determined Site Issue on Referendum Ballot

Considering that the pre-determined site was in the 2nd year of a 2-year pilot, we felt it was important to give the Legislative Council some feedback from our Board and our coaches. We reported to the U.I.L. staff at the February 19, 2007 "championship football committee" meeting, the results of a survey we sent to our Board in early February 2007. We also reported the results of that same survey to the Council's Standing Committee on Athletics at the June 12, 2007 meeting. The survey indicated that 93% of our Board said their regions were opposed to the pre-determined site. The survey asked them to respond to the following question:

"Through your contact and communications with the coaches in your region, do you believe they would be in favor of the UIL controlling the pre-determined site and state championship weekend as they did in 2006? Or do they favor the state championship process as it has been in the past?"

Results:

UIL Controlled = 2 (7%)

As it has been in the past. = 25 (93%)

We surveyed our coaches at our annual convention in July, 2007, by asking them the same question as above. The survey indicated that 85% of our coaches attending their regional meetings were opposed to the pre-determined site. We reported the results of both surveys to the full Legislative Council in October.

Results:

UIL Controlled = 560 (15%)

As it has been in the past. = 3,282 (85%)

Dr. Breithaupt suggested at the October 2007, meeting that the pre-determined site is a 5A issue and pointed out that we had surveyed coaches in all classifications. We do not see this as being only a 5A issue, but an issue that could eventually affect all football classifications. We then submitted the following survey to only 5A head coaches.

"Would you be in favor of the UIL controlling the pre-determined site and state championship weekend or would you favor the schools and coaches being in control of the state championship process as it in the past?"

Results:

UIL Controlled = 19%

As it has been in the past. = 81%

As a result of these surveys it is our duty in representing the Texas high school football coaches that we ask this council to consider placing this on the next referendum ballot to determine if the member schools want to move forward with the pre-determined sites for championship games.