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Daniel B. Ross, Ph.D.  
Commissioner  
Ohio High School Athletic Association  
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Dear Dr. Ross,

I appreciate you and your compliance staff for meeting with me and Lauretta Williams, Chair of the Dayton Unit NAACP Education Committee. As you and your staff probably noticed, we have a burning passion to secure equality and justice for the athletes and students in the Dayton Public School District.

To be clear, the intent of our request is to shift the burden to all coaches and athletic directors who are directly responsible for the infractions and not sanction all athletic programs in the entire school district for which one school (Dunbar) was responsible. As stated during our meeting, we have no problem with penalty numbers 3, 4, 5 or 6 as outlined in the DPS Ruling Letter dated April 6, 2017. Our concern is with the language in penalties 1 and 2. You might consider for example:

1. The athletic director and football coaches of Dunbar High School, along with the district athletic director, within the Dayton Public School District are placed on probation for three years through the 2019-2020 school year.
2. The probation means that any further activity of this nature or any other violation of Bylaw 3 will place these individual coaches and ADs of this District in jeopardy. Should there be no violations of Bylaw 3 during the first two years of the probationary period, the District may petition the Commissioner’s Office to waive the final year of probation.

As you and Associate Commissioner Deborah B. Moore stated during the meeting, as commissioners, you can prohibit coaches and ADs from participating in playoff competitions.

If you need additional information, please contact me directly at (937) 307-8351 or [dlfoward@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dlfoward@sbcglobal.net). I look forward to speaking with you soon.

Have a Blessed Year of 2017!!!

Your community servant,

Derrick L. Foward, M.C.E.  
President  
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CC: Lauretta Williams, Education Chair, Dayton Unit NAACP  
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