

# Alexander Public School

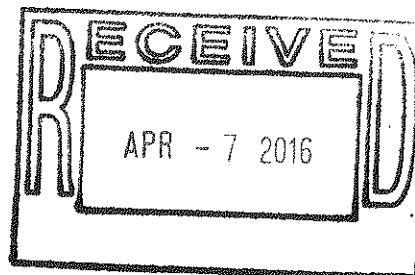
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Mr. Matthew Fetsch  
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Dear Mr. Fetsch,

This letter is in response to the penalties administered to Alexander High School with regard to the girls' basketball game against White Shield High School on February 5, 2016.

Prior to the game, I spoke with the White Shield Athletic Director, James McGill. That phone call was to cancel the game as we had experienced loss of players due to injury and ineligibility. These losses greatly impacted our girls' basketball team, leaving us with only young players. I told Mr. McGill we would have to cancel as we did not have a junior varsity team available to play. Mr. McGill was insisted we still play a junior high game so they could end their season with a game; I naturally assumed he meant the junior high.

After the game, the junior varsity coach for Alexander contacted me to explain what occurred. I also had parents contact me to describe the scene. The next morning, Mr. McGill contacted me through email and profusely apologized, accepting the blame for what had happened. I accepted his apology and we moved on.

I was given notice that White Shield had "turned themselves in" for the incident and then received a letter of reprimand and notice of probation for Alexander's part in this event. I would like the Executive Committee to reconsider the penalties administered as we entered the event as a junior high game, not a high school game.

Sincerely,

Shannon Faller  
HS Principal, Athletic Director  
Alexander High School

Superintendent – Leslie Bieber      Elementary Principal – Karen Shaide  
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"Alexander Kids are No. 1"