

January 3 2007

Mr. Daryl Rinne, Principal
Kearney High School
715 E. 19th Street
Kearney, MO 64060

Dear Mr. Rinne:

I am writing in regard to the letter I received from you on December 4, 2006, concerning the Riverfront Times Article addressing issues surrounding Vashon High School. In your letter you raised the issues about the players you competed against in the finals of the Class 4 Basketball Championships in 2004. The documentation that you provided to our office, the athletes that you listed were on the Vashon eligibility rosters the preceding year. Therefore, they would have established their eligibility the previous year and would have been eligible at the varsity at the time they competed against your team. However, our office is looking into the allegations made in the Riverfront Times article addressing the Vashon High School boy's basketball team. If you have any additional firsthand information about the Vashon issue, then I would be very appreciative to receive such.

I understand the frustration with reading the article, but I know there are two sides to every story. I have to provide the member school with the opportunity to present their side. I want to reassure you that our office is taking the allegations very seriously and will take the appropriate actions should any violations be found.

Respectfully,

Dr. Kerwin Urhahn
MSHSAA Executive Director

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cc: Dr. Paul Kinder, MSHSAA Board of Directors, Kansas City District