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**Subject:** FW: MIAA Football Playoffs

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Hi Scott:

I'm sure you've heard conversation about start times and distances schools need to travel. My concern is arrival times to home for student-athletes.

7 pm start in Danvers for a Vocational School encompassing 60 square miles is a tough ask.

The Danvers AD and I had a conversation, and I understand his point, that he may have a soccer game on Friday. He was really good and we had a great conversation following his discussion, so this really isn't an issue with Danvers.

With that said, at TMC, this has to be addressed with Soccer/Football/FH vying for time on Friday to start their respective tournaments.

The student-athletes of BVT's Football Team are leaving Upton at 3:30 pm so we will not be stuck in traffic like we were when we went to Stoneham 2 years ago.

I believe we have to travel on Route 495, Route 90, and Route 95 near the Route 3 split. At least 1 ½ hours by bus without traffic.

This means we will probably sit round for an hour plus at Danvers High prior to getting on the field for warmups.

Then the return trip home, game from 7-9 pm, 1 ½ hours home, change in locker room and then some kids have a 45+ minute commute home due to our school encompassing 60 square miles.

It just doesn't end from the waste of time appealing last year to the misalignment of our program to Division 5 . Can adults that serve on committees and the liaison's at the MIAA pretend that they want to learn about the challenges of vocational schools and their coaches and student-athletes?

Can't adults figure this out? Soccer should start Saturday if Football is a Friday night money maker. My kids should not be subjected to arriving home at midnight or later after starting their day at 6 am. Where is the safety of our students in that situation?

Discussion needs to be had at the TMC level and an understanding needs to be reached so schools, coaches, and student-athletes are not subjected to this lack of care and concern for those attempting to manage these situations. If I was driving on 495 in a straight shot, then that's one thing, but to travel on 3 different highways and have to play at 7 pm instead of 6 pm because of a potential soccer game, and have our student-athletes arrive home close to or after midnight is flat out unnecessary.

We need to add a 6<sup>th</sup> Pillar to Educational Athletics – Common Sense!

Thanks,

Mike