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We are disappointed that Oakwood Adventist Academy has sued the AHSAA. Oakwood's membership in the AHSAA is 100% voluntary. When Oakwood applied for membership, there was a very specific discussion concerning the fact that playoff games were usually on Friday and Saturday. Knowing this, Oakwood acknowledged in writing that they were "expected to participate in all scheduled playoff games without petition or forfeit" and their request to join the AHSAA was granted with the understanding Oakwood "agrees to participate in all championship play without petition or forfeit."

The Regional Championship basketball schedule, including possible game days and times, was posted on the AHSAA website on July 28, 2021, which was six (6) months before the February 19, 2022, game. Therefore, Oakwood had known for six months that the game could be at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 19, 2022. Yet, Oakwood waited until Wednesday, February 16, 2022, just three days before the game, to voice any concerns. AHSAA offers 13 championship programs for boys and 12 championship programs for girls. Schedules are set months in advance so that student-athletes, member schools, families, venues, spectators, fans, and vendors may plan accordingly. Absolute chaos would ensue if from now on any of the 25 championship schedules can change just days before a game at the request of one team.

Oakwood was requesting preferential treatment over all of the other AHSAA member schools and the hundreds of student-athletes who abide by set championship schedules. This, after Oakwood put in writing they would not do so.

AHSAA is a voluntary association of member schools that make the rules. AHSAA encouraged Oakwood to participate in the AHSAA legislative process and submit a proposal for a rule change dealing with this issue. Unfortunately, Oakwood has instead chosen to file this lawsuit. The AHSAA is still hopeful this matter can be resolved without expensive and time-consuming litigation.