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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

### DAVID L. CHERRY – KSHSAA RETIREMENT ANNOUNCEMENT



David L. Cherry, Assistant Executive Director of the Kansas State High School Activities Association, has announced his decision to retire from the KSHSAA staff effective July 1, 2018. He has served in this position since joining the staff on July 1, 1996. During his tenure, Cherry has been responsible for the administration of soccer, swimming & diving, scholars bowl activities, wellness and health promotions, coaches education programs, director for the student advisory team and student council program. Cherry was also involved with general interpretation of KSHSAA rules for the member schools of the Association.

A native of Wichita, Kansas, Cherry earned his Bachelor of Arts degree at Bethany College prior to completing a Master of Arts in Health and Human Performance, Sports Administration and Sports Medicine at Fort Hays State University. Cherry began his career as a health and physical education teacher and coach at Emporia-Lowther Middle School and Emporia High School. He later became a teacher and coach at Whitewater-Remington High School and served as a teacher, coach and athletic director at Ellis High School prior to joining the Association staff.

During his 22-year career with the KSHSAA, Cherry filled his summers with Student Council Leadership Workshops for which he administered hundreds of students each year. In addition, he was responsible each August for organizing the KSHSAA Coaching School, a coaching clinic held annually for 85 years. While administering swimming and diving Cherry watched the state championship grow from one class to two classes for both boys and girls. In soccer the boys program grew from two classes to three and the girls from one to three classes competing for a state championship.

Cherry was an active contributor to the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) as well, serving on the NFHS Coaches Education Committee, NFHS Coaches Association Advisory Committee, and the NFHS Records Committee.