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FRANCINE MARTIN – KSHSAA RETIREMENT ANNOUNCEMENT



Francine Martin, Assistant Executive Director of the Kansas State High School Activities Association, has announced her decision to retire from the KSHSAA staff effective June 30, 2023. She has served in this position since joining the staff 18 years ago. During her tenure, Martin has been responsible for the administration of basketball, cross country, baseball, and softball programs as well as with the KSHSAA Coaching School, KIAAA liaison, and officials' administration. Martin was also involved with general interpretation of KSHSAA rules for the member schools of the Association.

During the 2022-23 school year, her final year of faithful service to the Association, Martin will transition into a new responsibility. Her focus will be to develop a new administrative position which will support those serving as officials in all programs administered by the KSHSAA. As a long-standing priority of the KSHSAA, this work will include the systemic development impacting the breadth and depth of the officiating pool through recruitment and education. In addition, Martin will continue to foster the positive relationship between schools, officials and other stakeholders. Following the development of the official's education administrator position and transition, Martin will retire in June of 2023.

After her graduation and successful prep career as a student athlete in Clay Center, Martin attended and graduated from Hutchinson Community College and the University of Nebraska Omaha, where she participated in basketball and track and field. She completed her administrative degree at Kansas State University. Martin has served Kansas schools as a teacher, coach, and administrator for 38 years working at LaCrosse, El Dorado, and Topeka Seaman High Schools before her tenure as an Assistant Executive Director at the KSHSAA. Her drive for enhancing officiating in the state comes from a place of practice, where she has been a registered official since 1988.