



The NFHS Voice



Shift to Positive Behavior by Fans in High School Sports Must Occur to Retain Officials

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Periodically, The NFHS Voice will be presented in the form of video. This week, NFHS CEO Karissa Niehoff says the boorish behavior of fans who attend sporting events is being normalized and even encouraged. A shift to positive behavior by fans in high school sports must occur if officials

are going to be retained. Parents and other fans must come to high school games to cheer for their team's players – not against the officials or opponents.

Dr. Karissa L. Niehoff is in her fourth year as chief executive officer of the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) in Indianapolis, Indiana. She is the first female to head the national leadership organization for high school athletics and performing arts activities and

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