


INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 271
Bloomington, Minnesota

REQUEST FOR SCHOOL BOARD ACTION

DATE OF BOARD MEETING: February 27, 2017

SUBJECT: Cooperative Sponsorship for Kennedy/
Jefferson Girls' Badminton Program


ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Matt Hanson
Kennedy High School Activities Director

APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE
COUNCIL MEMBER: Eric Melby 
Assistant Superintendent

RESOLUTION FOR THE SCHOOL BOARD TO ADOPT:

RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves a cooperative sponsorship for the Kennedy and Jefferson Girls' Badminton program effective with the 2016-2017 school year.

REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Approve. 

DETAILED BACKGROUND:

The Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) allows two or more member schools to form a cooperative sponsorship of an activity and /or sport when student participation at schools are not sufficient to field a team. Kennedy and Jefferson high schools have agreed to cooperative sponsorship of the Girls' Badminton program for the 2016-17 school year. Kennedy, with the greater number of Badminton participants, will serve as the host school, and the team will compete as the Kennedy Eagles. Under MSHSL bylaws, we are petitioning bylaw 403.00 so that we can compete in regular and post season as one team.

The high schools currently have cooperative agreements for Alpine Ski, Competition Cheerleading, Dance, Girls' Golf, Girls' Hockey, Gymnastics, Nordic Ski, and Wrestling.

All schools in the Metro West Conference approved the request.

The cooperative sponsorship application will be submitted to the MSHSL for approval once the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves this resolution. Approval of the agreement must be granted prior to the start of the badminton season, which is March 6, 2017.

Application for Cooperative Sponsorship

Application must be submitted to the League office not later than the first day of practice for that sport season.

The governing boards of each participating school must jointly make application for cooperative sponsorship.

On behalf of the following schools, we hereby apply for cooperative sponsorship of Badminton
 beginning with the 20 16 - 20 17 school year. (activity) (boys' or girls) (Adapted-CI or PI)

List **ALL** schools included in the cooperative sponsorship. *Attach another form if necessary.*

	School	Enrollment (9-12)*	City	Administrative Region**	Competitive Section**
High School #1:	Bloomington Kennedy	1150	Bloomington, MN	3AA	N/A
High School #2:	Bloomington Jefferson	1513	Bloomington, MN	3AA	N/A
High School #3:					
High School #4:					

*Enrollment reported to the State of Minnesota on October 1 of the previous school year.

**Current (Number and Class)

- Do any of the above schools belong to a conference in this activity?
 Yes This application must include a review and comments from the conference(s) of which the schools are members.
 No
- Do any of the above schools currently have a cooperative agreement in this activity?
 Yes An application for dissolution must be submitted for the existing agreement.
 No
- Describe the conditions which have prompted your request to co-sponsor this activity. (See model resolution at [www.mshsl.org/About MSHSL/Membership Information: A History & Model Resolution for School Boards](http://www.mshsl.org/About%20MSHSL/Membership%20Information%20A%20History%20&%20Model%20Resolution%20for%20School%20Boards))

Lack of numbers and funding at Jefferson

- List the number of students, by grade level, who participated in this activity during the previous year. *If the school did not sponsor the program last year, indicate the number of students expected to participate in this cooperatively-sponsored activity this year if approved.*

	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
High School #1			6	8	6	1
High School #2						
High School #3						
High School #4						

- Team Identification: (Indicate how cooped schools should be identified in tournament programs): _____

Bloomington Kennedy

- Team Colors: Navy Blue + Gold Team Mascot: Eagles

- Host School (school that will receive revenue share check): Bloomington Kennedy 2/7/17

Board of Education (or designee)

School

Date

Signed _____

Signed _____

Signed _____

Signed _____

Official Action of the MSHSL Board of Directors

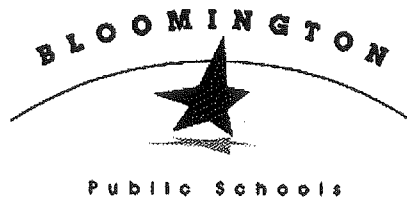
Approved

Not Approved

Signature: _____

Date: _____

MSHSL Executive Director



February 7, 2017

We help students thrive and dreams come alive

Dave Stead
 Minnesota State High School League
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 Brooklyn Center, MN 55430-1735

Dear Mr. Stead,

The Bloomington School District is seeking a cooperative sponsorship in badminton with Kennedy and Jefferson High Schools, per the Bylaw 403.00 2c AA Exception.

Last year was the first year that Bloomington Kennedy has offered badminton as a varsity sport. We hope that the numbers from both schools increase during this upcoming school year. If we are forced to split at this time, Jefferson would not have enough numbers to support a program. Our hope is that in the near future, Jefferson will have enough students to field their own team. Information on the badminton participation numbers from last year is listed in the chart below. Without this cooperative sponsorship, Jefferson students would not have an opportunity to participate in this team sport.

Jefferson	Students	Kennedy	Students
2015-16	0	2015-16	21

This co-op is truly about providing the Jefferson students an opportunity to participate on the Kennedy badminton team, and potentially building their program to one day sustain their own team.

Year:	Conference Results:	Section Results:
2015-2016	No conference affiliation	No section affiliation

It is our hope that by starting a combined Kennedy/Jefferson team we would be able to:

- 1) Offer Jefferson students a chance to be a part of the Badminton team that competes with other schools in the area and allows them a chance to compete at the State tournament at the end of the year.
- 2) Continue to increase interest in Badminton at Jefferson so that Jefferson can field its own competitive team in the future.

Kennedy would be the host school for this co-op. We are seeking this cooperative agreement because we believe it is in the best interests of the student-athletes at Jefferson High School.

Class AA Exception:

- 1) Identify and document the reasons for the appeal: See above information.
- 2) Provide a summary of what each of the applying schools has done to promote participation in the activity in their school:

- a) Kennedy's team is a full-strength, independent program.
 - b) At Jefferson this fall/winter, we have tried numerous recruiting, promotion, and team-building activities; below is a comprehensive list. To date, Jefferson has only had a few students who have shown interest in the sport.
 - i) Parent meetings (upcoming)
 - ii) Recruiting meetings at freshman orientation.
 - iii) Offering winter youth clinics within the Jefferson enrollment area.
1. Written response from the Metro West Conference:
 - a. The Metro West Conference is in full support of the proposed cooperative sponsorship;
 - b. There is not a section attached.
 2. A Student Interest Survey was conducted in the Spring of 2015. We will conduct another survey again in the spring of 2017, but surveys have indicated a continued student interest in badminton at Jefferson.
 3. History of participation in the Jefferson/Kennedy badminton program: (none to this point)

Please feel free to contact us if you have need any further information or have any questions.

Sincerely,
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