

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 271  
Bloomington, Minnesota


**REQUEST FOR SCHOOL BOARD ACTION**

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DATE OF BOARD MEETING: May 13, 2019

SUBJECT: Wrestling Cooperative Sponsorship

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENTS: Academic Services


APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE CABINET MEMBERS: Eric Melby, Ed.D.   
Assistant Superintendent

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**RESOLUTION FOR BOARD TO ADOPT:**

RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves ending the Wrestling Cooperative Sponsorship for Jefferson and Kennedy High Schools effective with the 2019-2020 school year.

**RECOMMENDATION OF SUPERINTENDENT:**

Approve. 

**DETAILED BACKGROUND:**

In 2017, the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) made two changes to its Cooperative Sponsorship (co-op) post season rules. The rules took effect starting in the 2018-2019 school year.

1. A regular season co-op team must compete as a co-op team in Sections and Finals.
  - Unlike prior years, a co-op team cannot separate to compete as separate teams in Sections and Finals.
2. Section placement is based on 100% enrollment of the larger school in the co-op and 50% of the enrollment of the smaller school.
  - Unlike prior years, our wrestlers are now placed and compete in a tougher competition section.

Our students on other co-op teams are not negatively impacted like our wrestlers by these rule changes.

The participation by Jefferson High School students in the co-op wrestling team has declined over the past few years. Next year, no Jefferson students are expected to turn out for wrestling.

Therefore, our high schools' principals and activities directors agree that our co-op wrestling program should end.