


INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 271
Bloomington, Minnesota

REQUEST FOR SCHOOL BOARD ACTION

DATE OF BOARD MEETING: May 22, 2017

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


ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Chad Nyberg
Jefferson High School Activities Director

APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE CABINET 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 Jefferson and Kennedy Girls' Hockey program effective with the 2017-2018 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 numbers at schools are not sufficient to field a team. Jefferson and Kennedy high schools have agreed to cooperative sponsorship of the Girls' Hockey program for the 2017-18 school year. Jefferson, with the greater number of Girls' Hockey participants, will serve as the host school, and the team will compete as the Jefferson Jaguars. Under MSHSL bylaws, we are petitioning bylaw 403.00 so that we can compete in regular and post season as one team.

This is a renewal of a cooperative agreement for Girls' Hockey. The schools currently have cooperative agreements for Alpine Ski, Competitive Cheerleading, Dance, Gymnastics, Girls' Golf, Nordic Ski and Wrestling. Girls' Hockey and Dance need annual renewal.

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 hockey season, which is October 30, 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 Girls Hockey
 beginning with the 2017 - 2018 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:	Jefferson	1699	Bloomington	3AA	2AA
High School #2:	Kennedy	1657	Bloomington	3AA	2AA
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 #'s @ JFK

4. 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	9	7	2
High School #2			2		1	
High School #3						
High School #4						

= 24
= 3

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

Bloomington Jefferson HS

6. Team Colors: Columbia Blue / Silver Team Mascot: Jaguars

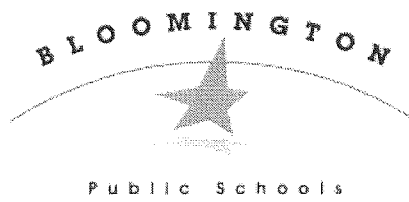
7. Host School (school that will receive revenue share check): Bl Jefferson

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



We help students thrive and dreams come alive

February 23, 2017

Dave Stead
 Minnesota State High School League
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Dear Mr. Stead,

The Bloomington School District is seeking to renew cooperative sponsorship in **girls' hockey** with Kennedy and Jefferson High Schools, per the Bylaw 403.00 2c AA Exception.

Kennedy and Jefferson High Schools are first-ring suburban schools located in Bloomington, Minnesota and are members of the South Suburban Conference. Our high schools are a member of Bloomington Public Schools, Independent School District 271. Kennedy is the ESL/LEP magnet high school in the district and also hosts one of the alternative learning centers. The demographics of both high schools are listed in the charts below.

Jefferson

SCHOOL YEAR	COUNT STUDENTS	AMERICAN INDIAN	ASIAN	HISPANIC	BLACK	WHITE
2012	1830	18 (1%)	126 (6.9%)	86 (4.7%)	202 (11%)	1397 (76.3%)
2013	1775	13 (0.7%)	142 (8%)	88 (4.8%)	194 (10.9%)	1340 (75.5%)
2014	1913	9 (0.6%)	143 (8.9%)	68 (4.2%)	176 (10.9%)	1217 (76.4%)
2015	1071	9 (0.5%)	103 (9.6%)	86 (5.1%)	196 (18.9%)	1215 (72.7%)
2016	1801	12 (0.7%)	158 (9.9%)	68 (5.5%)	174 (10.9%)	1189 (73%)
2017	1699	11 (0.6%)	170 (10%)	93 (5.5%)	217 (12.8%)	1208 (71.1%)

Kennedy

SCHOOL YEAR	COUNT STUDENTS	AMERICAN INDIAN	ASIAN	HISPANIC	BLACK	WHITE
2012	1765	20 (1.1%)	209 (11.8%)	268 (15.2%)	459 (26%)	808 (45.8%)
2013	1721	28 (1.6%)	198 (11.5%)	296 (17.2%)	450 (26.1%)	749 (43.5%)
2014	1483	31 (2.1%)	172 (11.6%)	284 (19.2%)	356 (24%)	640 (43.2%)
2015	1543	28 (1.8%)	178 (11.6%)	327 (21.2%)	379 (24.6%)	629 (40.8%)
2016	1574	32 (2%)	162 (10.3%)	385 (24.5%)	374 (23.8%)	621 (39.5%)
2017	1657	34 (2.1%)	168 (10.2%)	434 (26.2%)	401 (24.2%)	619 (37.4%)

Source: Bloomington Public School's Data Site on the HUB

Kennedy will continue to increase in minority students, ESL/LEP students, and Free/Reduced lunch students, as the feeder schools for the high school are very diverse with significant free/reduced lunch numbers. Information on Kennedy High School's Free/Reduced lunch students for the 2016-2017 school year is listed below.

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JFK F/R Lunch:

SCHOOL YEAR	COUNT STUDENTS	FR LUNCH	REG LUNCH
2012	1785	838 (47.5%)	926 (52.5%)
2013	1721	856 (49.8%)	863 (50.1%)
2014	1483	807 (54.4%)	676 (45.6%)
2015	1541	853 (57.3%)	658 (42.7%)
2016	1574	861 (54.7%)	713 (45.3%)
2017	1657	801 (48.3%)	856 (51.7%)

Source: *Bloomington Public School's Data Site on the HUB*

Based on the information above, you can see that Kennedy is a very diverse school, the ESL/LEP magnet in the district, and also has a free/reduced lunch rate of 48.3%. These numbers will continue to increase. Kennedy also has a very mobile student population. Students are often moving in and out of our district, many times due to economic factors for our student's families. All of these factors negatively affect our girls' hockey participation numbers. Our free and reduced lunch rate shows that over half of our student population is living in poverty. Instead of participating in activities, many of our students are working or need to assist their family after school and during the evenings. The cost of participating in hockey is an issue for these families.

Over the past few years, the Bloomington east side student's participation in girls' hockey has drastically decreased. The Bloomington Youth Hockey Association is consistently dominated by students in the Jefferson attendance area, with a handful of students from the Kennedy attendance area. We would like to continue to have these students attend Kennedy High School, but also provide them an opportunity to play hockey, so we are seeking this cooperative sponsorship with the other high school in our district.

Information on the girls' hockey participation numbers for the past five years are listed in the chart below. Without this cooperative sponsorship, Kennedy students would not have an opportunity to play hockey and participate in this team sport.

Jefferson and Kennedy High School Girls' Hockey Participation Numbers:

Jefferson	Students	Kennedy	Students
2008-09	25	2008-09	28
2009-10	27	2009-10	32
2010-11	30	2010-11	25
2011-12	30	2011-12	23
2012-13	30	2012-13	16
2013-14	31	2013-14	10
2014-15	22	2014-15	7
2015-16	33	2015-16	2
2016-17	24	2016-17	3

It is our hope that by continuing to offer a combined Kennedy/Jefferson girls' hockey team, we would be able to:

- 1) Offer Kennedy students a chance to be a part of a girls' hockey team that competes in the Metro West and at the section level.
- 2) Continue to keep students enrolled at Kennedy High School that are interested in playing girls' hockey instead of transferring to a different high school that does offer a program.

Jefferson High School 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 student-athletes at Kennedy 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. For the past number of years at Kennedy and on the east side of Bloomington, we have tried numerous recruiting, promotion, and team-building activities; below is a comprehensive list. The Kennedy numbers have just continued to decrease.
 - i. Parent meetings;
 - ii. Recruiting meetings at freshman orientation;
 - iii. Offering youth camps and clinics within the Kennedy enrollment area;
 - iv. Advertising at Kennedy athletic events, middle schools and elementary schools to increase awareness;
 - v. Provide leadership and involvement from Kennedy coaches and students in the youth program;
 - vi. Work with the Bloomington youth program to assist with promotion and recruitment on the east side of Bloomington.
 - b. Written response from the Metro West Conference and 2AA girls' hockey section:
 - The Metro West is in full support of the proposed cooperative sponsorship;
 - Section 2AA is in full support of the proposed cooperative sponsorship.
 - c. A Student Interest Survey was conducted in the spring of 2005, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2013 and 2015. We will conduct another survey again in the spring of 2017, but all surveys have indicated a decreased student interest in girls' hockey at Kennedy.
 - d. History of participation in the Jefferson and Kennedy girls' hockey programs: See table above.

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

Sincerely,

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