

ATTACHMENT NO. IX-A

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Potential motion: Move to approve the introduction of Boys and Girls Cross Country at the Middle School with coaching stipend in Group IV on the stipend schedule.

Recommended action: Approve the motion.

We are asking the Board to approve the introduction of Boys and Girls Cross Country as a fall sport at the middle school. We are proposing a coaching stipend in Group IV on the stipend schedule, which will be incorporated into the current negotiations. There is strong student interest in the program, it is offered by other schools in our conference and will make for a nice transition for students that will participate at the high school level.

This item was tabled at the May 23, 2017 Board meeting, pending the receipt of the following information.

There will be 10-12 students interested in cross country

Transportation costs would be approximately \$500.00, depending on home vs. away meets.

No new uniforms will need to be purchased.

The cost will be minimal to run this program.



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May Bd.  
Meeting*

April 25, 2017

To: Members of the NB CUSD School Board  
Mike Greenlee, Superintendent

Please accept this proposal to institute Boys and Girls Cross Country as a new sport at NB Middle School for the upcoming 2017-2018 school year.

There are several reasons behind making this proposal to add a sport at this particular time. The main purpose in developing this program is due to the current growth of the Mid-Northern Conference in which NBMS is a member. We recently added two new schools to the conference this past year which now puts us at 10 schools. Currently, 6 of the member schools (Harvard, Marengo, Genoa Kingston, Westminster, Fox River Grove and Prairie Grove) have a cross country team which now makes it an official conference sport. I have listed a few other reasons below as to why I believe this would be a good addition.

- Startup costs would be minimal. We already have track uniforms which would be used for Cross Country. We already have a host site at NB High School and we can utilize their site for no charge. Transportation charges would be minimal as we would only be adding approximately 5-6 additional trips as several meets would be in conjunction with high school meets where we would probably only use one bus (based on numbers). Entry fees for Cross Country are fairly minimal compared to other sports since there is very little overhead and meet officials and worker expenses are just a fraction of what other sports demand.
- I have talked with some students on the possible interest of having a cross country team and I believe we should have a program that will continue to grow over the years.
- I have already reached out to several other local schools and we would have several viable invitational meets available to us for this upcoming year if we chose to compete, so scheduling would not be an issue.
- I don't believe that our current football, soccer or volleyball programs would suffer greatly, if at all, by adding this sport in the same season.

With the current growth of the Cross Country program at NB High School, I think this would serve as a great feeder system into that program.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, comments and/or concerns you may have regarding this proposal. Thank you again for everything you do for our Student-Athletes!

Sincerely,

MS Athletic Director  
NB CUSD #200

MS/VE Principal  
NB CUSD #200

