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Co-op Update and Review

Good morning,

Over the past few months, the LCSD School Board has discussed and ultimately decided that the boys sports teams at NSP and Berthold should be co-oped. In what follows, is a brief review of where we are at in the process.

NSP is currently co-oped with Parshall in football, boys basketball, baseball, track, and cross country.

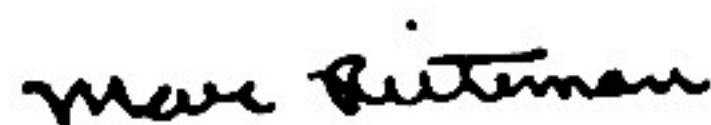
At a recent meeting, the LCSD School Board voted to end the co-op with Parshall and pursue a new co-op between NSP and Berthold in football, boys basketball, and baseball.

The current agreement between NSP and Parshall does not expire until 2025. To dissolve a co-op early, NDHSAA bylaws require both districts to agree and, in this case, Parshall refused to consent.

The LCSD Board then appealed to the NDHSAA for early dissolution. Last week, the NDHSAA denied the appeal, so the NSP-Parshall co-op will continue in its current form until the end of this school year.

That said, the plan is still for NSP and Berthold to co-op in football, boys basketball, and baseball beginning next season. Many of the details still need to be worked out and the district will develop a plan for the co-op in the coming months. I will continue to send out updates as decisions are made.

Sincerely,



Marc Ritteman, Supt.
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