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North Dakota High School Activities Association
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Dear NDHSAA:

We are the parents of two boys who attend Shanley High School/Sullivan Middle School and swim with the Fargo South boys' swim team via the co-op. This is our fourth year associated with the team, and our boys look forward to this sports season above all others. We are avid fans not just of our boys, but of the entire team. Our boys swim during the off season with many of the other North Dakota swimmers, and we look forward to watching all of them compete at the various invitational meets and especially the state meet.

We are writing to express our grave concerns regarding the location of the 2011-2012 North Dakota boys' swimming and diving state meet. As we understand, the meet is scheduled to be held at the Jamestown high school pool. We have attended invites at this pool, and though we would agree that it is a nice facility, we feel that it is completely inadequate for hosting a high school state swim meet. There simply is not enough seating to accommodate the spectators that will attend the meet.

Rumors are circulating as to how seating will be handled. We are trying to treat them as just that – rumors. But the idea that we wouldn't be able to watch the entire meet poolside with our family is not acceptable. The state meet must be held at a location able to accommodate the spectators expected to attend the meet. In our experience, only the pools at UND and Bismarck State College are large enough to host the event. Even with the size of those facilities, it is still a tight fit. Our coaches would agree that the state meet should alternate between these two sites.

We are sure that the NDHSAA wants the athletes to have the full support of their families, friends, and community supporters. It would be unthinkable to put any other state championship event in a facility too small to seat the fans. The state swimming championship should be treated in the same fashion. Please consider changing the location of the state meet.

Sincerely,

Dana and Kari Brock
Parents of Fargo South swimmers