



Mandaree School
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"Home of the Warriors"



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North Dakota High School Activities Association
Board of Directors
Matthew Fetsch, Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Fetsch:

Mandaree School was moved to Region 7 this school year as a result of decisions made by the Realignment Committee. Every Regional meeting this past school year with Athletic Directors there were always 2-3 comments about the rationale for the move to Region 7 and how puzzling it is to those not on the Executive Board.

There are several talking points to consider when asking for this return to Region 8.

1. Geography: Mandaree is on the fringes of Region 7 and closer to the schools in Region 8. The distances we traveled this year meant that students lost more instructional time than we had in the past. We are a Tier I school and lost instructional time is a definite concern for teachers and administrators. The distances meant that we were on the road later at night during winter months. It necessitated an emergency stay over in Williston because icy conditions made the roads treacherous.
2. Enrollment: Mandaree's student enrollment mirrors the schools in Region 8. So we have similar talent pools.
3. Best interest: Mandaree's student athletes had crushing defeats every game. This was hard on the athletes. While winning isn't the only reason we have a sports program it is good for the athletes when the team enters a "W" in their stats.

Mandaree School respectfully requests that we be returned to Region 8 for the 2016-2017 school year. Please contact me for any information you need to reach a favourable conclusion.

Respectfully submitted,

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