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Grand Forks Public Schools will provide an environment of educational excellence that
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Date: July 20, 2016

To: Matt Fetsch, NDHSAA Executive Director

NDHSAA Board of Directors

Re: High School Clay Target League

On behalf of Grand Forks Public Schools, with supporting letters from Garrison, Grafton, and Shanley High Schools in addition to verbal support from Wahpeton High School, I am requesting that the NDHSAA Board of Directors form a committee to explore the feasibility of adding Clay Target Shooting underneath the umbrella of NDHSAA sponsored activities.

In North Dakota, the ND State High School Clay Target League operates within the USA High School Clay Target League and consists of a competitive regular season and state shoot in the spring of each school year. The ND league consisted of only four schools during the 2015 season but grew to twenty-three schools for the 2016 season and is expected to continue growing prior to the 2017 season. The Minnesota High School Clay Target League experienced similar growth from 2009-2013 but then grew at an extremely rapid pace following the Minnesota State High School League's sponsoring of the state shoot in 2014.

Clay target shooting is an activity that's inclusive regardless of gender of the participant or size of the school. While the most recently added NDHSAA activities have stalled in growth, clay target shooting has the potential to continue growing. The league currently consists of small Class B schools up to large Class A schools without the need for any participating school to co-op. I believe that some form of NDHSAA sponsorship would contribute to the positive growth of the activity. Students across the state who are already competing underneath their schools' colors would be given the opportunity to compete for NDHSAA championships the same as their classmates in other sports and activities.

If you would like more information about the cost, structure, or cooperation between the school and the gun club in Grand Forks, I would be willing to answer any questions I can.



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To Whom It May Concern,

Please consider this letter as a letter of support that Grafton High School is in favor of making trapshooting a sanctioned sport by the North Dakota High School Activities Association.

Randy Rice

Activities Director Grafton High School

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To: NHDSAA Re: Clay shooting

NDHSAA Board

Garrison High School supports Mr. Rerick's motion that the NDHSAA consider adding Clay Target Shooting to the list of events sponsored by the NDHSAA.

Jason Ermer, CAA

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To whom it may concern:

Shanley High School would encourage the North Dakota High School Activities Association to include the activity of Trapshooting to its list of sponsored activities. At this moment, Shanley offers Trapshooting only as a club activity. Although the 2015-2016 school year was the first year we have offered this activity, we had 65 students participate and we anticipate nearly 90 students next year.

John Eldridge, Shanley's Trapshooting advisor/coach, has become a registered hunter's safety instructor and has taken his role very seriously. I see many benefits to both the students and the NDHSAA in this activity falling under the umbrella of the North Dakota High School Activities Association. Please consider this request.

Thank you,

Michael Breker, Activities Director

Shanley High School

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