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North Dakota High School Activities Association
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Dear Mr. Fetsch and NDHSAA Board of Directors,

West Fargo Public Schools would like to thank you for approving the coop applications for Horace High School in the following fall and winter sports that includes: a) boys' soccer, b) boys' tennis, c) boys' and girls' cross country, d) girls' swim and dive, e) girls' golf, f) boys' and girls' hockey, g) wrestling, h) boys' swim and dive. We plan to evaluate all spring 2021 sports to determine stand-alone or coop status for Horace High School in the fall of 2020.

Heritage Middle School and Horace High School will have junior high and ninth grade programs in a) football, b) girls' volleyball, c) girls' basketball, and d) boys' basketball during the 2020-21 school year.

It is our goal to begin junior varsity and varsity programs for Horace High School as soon as interest in participation and completion of facilities allow. The North Dakota High School Activities Association has approved girls' and boys' cross country for the fall of 2020. In our planning and discussions at West Fargo Public Schools, we would ask for consideration to allow the junior high cross country program at Heritage Middle School to function as a stand-alone program in the fall of 2020. This would enable our Horace High to expedite the process of beginning a junior varsity and varsity cross country program in the fall of 2021.

We would like to thank the executive director and NDHSAA Board of Directors for considering the request to allow Heritage Middle School to have their own junior high girls' and boys' cross country program in addition to the varsity high school coop with Sheyenne High School.

Sincerely,

Allen Burgad