



# LARIMORE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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*District #44*

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NDHSAA Board  
Att: Matthew Fetsch, Executive Director  
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Dear NDHSAA Board,

As you know we are experiencing one of the worst winters in North Dakota in some time. For a great part of the state a majority of our spring activity outdoor facilities are still covered with a great deal of snow. Unfortunately, it is predicted that we will not have temperatures exceeding 40 degrees until the midpoint of April for a great part of the state. With that in mind the student athletes who are participating in outdoor spring activities will experience a very limited season. Therefore our request, we are asking the Board take immediate action to declare an emergency to the NDHSAA sponsored spring activity seasons by extending the seasons two weeks. We fully realize that this will also produce issues with regional and state competition venues, but we believe most of these potential conflicts can be worked out. The extension of said seasons may also produce conflicts with the American Legion and Babe Ruth baseball seasons. There will also be issues with many students who have already graduated from school districts across ND and still participating in high school activities. But a declaration of an emergency may solve this issue. Our student athletes work very hard and for some this might be the only sport that they are participating in during their school year. They deserve a season no different than fall and winter activity participants, even though the spring season, if extended, would still have to be amended. To close, we are asking that you add our request to your April 4, 2023 regular Board Meeting as an action item to be voted on by the Board.

Thank you for your continued efforts to provide for the great opportunities that are afforded the student activity participants in North Dakota.

Sincerely,

Dr. Steven W. Swiontek  
Superintendent

Cc: Kal Triplett, LHS Principal  
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