

## **High School Class B Baseball/Softball Season Change Proposal** **2018-19**

### **Proposal**

- Make baseball/softball a 12-week high school season starting at the same time, but adding a week to the end of the season.
- Week one could be used for pitchers and catchers to report and start getting their arms in shape
- The regular season could finish one week later with the state tournaments being pushed back one week

### **Rationales**

- Region tournaments have been during the same time as finals in many schools, causing issues with student/athletes and teacher/coaches
- Regions have had trouble securing qualified umpires for their tournament games because many of these games are played while school is in session and many of our good umpires are teachers, athletic directors, etc in the school.
- The last couple of seasons have caused teams to try to get all of their league games in during a 3 week window. One extra week could allow more flexibility in scheduling and give more time to get games in.
- Allow for conflicts with various spring school events to not have such a huge impact on the season - i.e. prom, graduation, field trips, Sr. trips, music concerts, night of the arts. We would have more available dates to play.
- An extra week provides possibilities for better weather
- Possible reduction in weather-related injuries to throwing arms because the extra week will allow more time to get arms in shape
- Create a better experience for the student-athletes in school and on the field

### **Considerations**

- At the time, this would be for class B only
- All in attendance at the coaches meetings at Fargo North were in favor of this move (both baseball and softball coaches)