



Agenda IV.B.2.
October 8, 2026

To: Board of Education
Dr. Latanya Daniels, superintendent

From: Kevin Kleiner, athletic director

Date: September 26, 2026

Re: Girls Hockey Cooperative Sponsorship Changes

Recommendation: That the Board of Education approves dissolution of our current Girls Hockey cooperative sponsorship with Eastview High School and approves the new cooperative sponsorship in Girls Hockey with Eastview High School and Apple Valley High School.

Notes:

- Apple Valley High School requested an official girls' hockey cooperative with District 196 and Eastview High School, initially targeted for the 2027–28 season.
- Due to Apple Valley's roster dropping to 13 skaters and 1 goalie, an emergency request was made to move the start date up to the 2026–27 season.
- The expedited timing raised some concerns, given that both programs combined have 27 skaters and 2 goalies with previous Varsity experience returning.
- District 196 requested a comprehensive review involving coaches and administrators from all South Suburban Conference and section schools. Current approval milestones include:
 - Majority approval of the other seven (does not include the three involved schools in the proposed co-op) South Suburban Conference Girls Hockey Coaches and Athletic Administrators after reviewing the proposal and all relevant data.
 - Majority approval of the other six Section 3AA Girls Hockey Coaches and Athletic Administrators after reviewing the proposal and all relevant data.
 - Majority approval of the other thirteen Region 3AA Athletic Administrators and the Region 3AA Executive Committee after reviewing the proposal and all relevant data.
 - As a point of clarity, this proposal passed at each level above nearly unanimously.
- The new Girls Hockey Cooperative (co-op) will be known as the Eastview/Apple Valley/Burnsville Valkyries. Our Girls Hockey Youth Program has been formatted and named the same way for several years now so this high school co-op is the natural next step for Girls Hockey in Burnsville along with Apple Valley and Eastview.