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Board of Trustees
Nye County School District
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Subject: Request for Board Approval of Activity / Outdoor Recreation Credit for Round Mountain High School Youth Trap Team (Nevada AB 501)

Dear Members of the Board of Trustees and Superintendent,

I am writing on behalf of the Round Mountain High School Youth Trap Team to respectfully request formal approval from the Nye County School District Board of Trustees to grant student activity/physical education credit for participating student-athletes, pursuant to Nevada Assembly Bill 501.

As established under Assembly Bill 501, local school district boards of trustees are authorized to grant academic credit to middle, junior, and high school students who participate in approved outdoor recreational and sports activities conducted outside of standard school hours. The Round Mountain High School Youth Trap Team provides high school students with structured, supervised discipline, firearm safety education, physical stamina training, and competitive marksmanship experience all at our local trap shooting range in Carvers, NV. The Round Mountain High School Youth Trap Team is coached and sponsored by the local trap club, Smoky Valley Lead Wasters. The Head Coach is Eric Merritt, who is a Range Safety Officer and the president of the Smoky Valley Lead Wasters. Other Range Safety Officers Tom Harris and Daniel Dobson also attend the youth events.

Program Overview and Schedule

- **Fall Season:** 6 weeks; weekly practice/competition sessions of approximately 2 hours.
- **Spring Season:** 6 weeks; weekly practice/competition sessions of approximately 2 hours.
- **Total Supervised Time:** Approximately 24+ active shooting and instruction hours per academic year, supplemented by mandatory range safety courses, equipment management, and competitive shoots.

Benefits to Students

Trap shooting requires mental focus, bodily discipline, safe habits, and teamwork. Extending activity/outdoor recreational credit under AB 501 will:

1. Recognize the dedication and physical discipline of our student-athletes.
2. Encourage healthy outdoor engagement and lifetime sportsmanship.
3. Help students fulfill graduation activity requirements while participating in a recognized outdoor youth sport.

We are fully prepared to track attendance, maintain logbooks, and submit proof of completion/participation for each student as required by district policy and state guidelines.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and your continued commitment to supporting diverse outdoor activities and educational opportunities for students in Nye County. We welcome the opportunity to discuss this proposal at an upcoming board meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Holly Merritt', with a stylized, flowing script.

Holly Merritt

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