



McLean County Unit District No.5

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To: Unit 5 Board of Education

From: Dr. Weikle, Superintendent, Nic Kearfoot, NCHS AD, and Wes Temples, NCWHS AD

Date: September 15, 2025

Subject: Recommendation to Add Boys Volleyball and Girls Flag Football

It is our recommendation that both Normal Community and Normal West High Schools add Boys Volleyball (Spring Sport) and Girls Flag Football (Fall Sport) as IHSA sanctioned sports, beginning in the 2026-27 school year.

This recommendation is based on several factors:

- Student and Parent Interest: A [student interest survey](#) conducted in December 2024, showed support for both sports. There is also an active intramural team for boys volleyball, indicating a strong interest from students and families.
- Growing Popularity: These sports are gaining significant popularity across Illinois, including within our conference, which will provide competitive opportunities for student athletes.
- Enhanced Student Opportunities: Adding these two sports provides additional opportunities for students to be involved and represent their schools.

We believe that the addition of these sports will enrich our athletic programs and provide benefits to our student body.