



# Annandale Public Schools 876

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Dear Activities Director Bauman:

This letter is to formally express the desire of ISD 876, Annandale Public Schools, to partner with ISD 877 in cooperatively sponsoring high school boys and girls hockey beginning the 2017-18 season. We recognize that this is a significant request to the Buffalo, Hanover, Montrose Schools and its hockey program and will require thoughtful consideration by all relevant parties. We are excited about the opportunities this partnership might provide to students in the Annandale Schools and hope you will seriously consider our request.

For the past several years, ISD 876 has cooperatively sponsored boys hockey with the Monticello and Maple Lake school districts and girls hockey with the Monticello and STMA districts. These partnerships have been successful and benefited all member schools. However, due to the recent MSHSL classification of MAML boys hockey into class AA for 2017-19, it appears that the partnership between our three high schools is no longer in the best interests of all. Given this, the Monticello School Board proposed dissolving the partnership beginning in 2017-18 at their May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

We would greatly appreciate the opportunity to discuss joining the Buffalo, Hanover, Montrose schools in cooperatively sponsoring boys and girls high school hockey. Please let us know if this is something that interests you and your school district and, if so, possible dates we could meet with you to discuss this in greater detail.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Niklaus".

Steve Niklaus, Superintendent  
ISD 876