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*Superintendent of Schools*

To: RIMSD 41 Board of Education  
From: Dr. Sharon Williams  
Date: May 27, 2025  
Re: Intergovernmental Agreement - Swimming Cooperative

Cooperative high school sports programs, also known as “co-ops”, offer several advantages for both schools and individual athletes. They provide scholars with opportunities to participate in sports that their school may not otherwise offer, ensuring access to a broader range of athletic programs. Co-ops can also help schools maintain competitive teams by pooling resources and player talent with other schools, leading to a more consistent and viable athletic program. Co-ops enable scholars to participate in sports their school may not offer, broadening their options and interest.

Another advantage of co-ops is that scholar athletes collaborate with teammates from different backgrounds, enhancing communication and social skills, which are valuable in various aspects of life. Cooperatives encourage collaboration between schools, fostering stronger relationships and potentially expanding community resources fostering a strong sense of community pride among participating schools.

The intergovernmental agreement between the Rock Island-Milan School District 41 and the Rockridge School District 300 specifies the agreement between the school districts and outlines all terms of agreement/renewals. The agreement must be presented and approved by each of the Boards of Education. Once approved, our Athletic Director, Mike Emendorfer, will submit the agreement and an application to the other conference Athletic Directors (ADs) and the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) for approval. The IHSA deadlines to submit for the 2025 - 2026 school year are August 1 for girls and October 1st for boys.

**Agreement Period: 2025 - 2026 and 2026 - 2027 school years**  
**Total Investment: N/A**  
**Funding Source: N/A**

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