

## **Executive Summary: Byron Swim Cooperative Renewal (FY27 & FY28)**

This summary outlines the renewal of the cooperative intergovernmental agreement between Byron Community Unit School District #226 (District 226) and several neighboring districts, including our high school, to provide students with the opportunity to participate in a competitive Swim and Dive program. This renewal covers the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school years.

### **Program Structure and Oversight**

- Host School: Byron Community Unit District #226 serves as the host school and is responsible for the operation, administration, and coaching staff of the program.
- Team Identity: The cooperative team will compete as the Byron High School Tigers.
- Sports Offered: The agreement covers both Girls and Boys Swim and Dive.
- Participating Districts: In addition to District 226 and our district, the co-op includes Meridian #223, Oregon #220, Amboy #272, Polo #222, Pecatonica #321, Winnebago #323, Dixon #170, and Hiawatha #426.

### **Financial Obligations**

- Participation Fee: District 226 will bill our district \$200 per participant.
- Inclusions: This fee covers activity fees, uniforms, and swim caps.
- Host Responsibilities: District 226 covers all coaching and officials' salaries, worker stipends, facility maintenance, and transportation to away contests.

### **Logistics and Transportation**

- Practice and Home Events: Athletes are responsible for arranging their own transportation to and from Byron High School for all practices and home contests.
- Away Contests: District 226 provides transportation to away contests. Transportation will originate and end at the host school, and all athletes are expected to ride District 226 transportation to these events.
- Supervision: District 226 is responsible for supervising student-athletes during activities and contests.

### **Eligibility and Compliance**

- Guidelines: Athletes must meet the eligibility requirements of District 226 and follow IHSA guidelines.
- Disciplinary Codes: Students are subject to the athletic disciplinary codes of both the host school and our own district.
- Mandatory Documentation: No student may practice or participate until they provide proof of insurance and a current physical to the host school.

**Agreement Term and Renewal**

The agreement is effective from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2028. It is scheduled for review during the 2027–2028 school year to determine future participation. Under IHSA rules, this renewal ensures that participation opportunities are maintained across all cooperating schools without requiring a full new application, provided no major changes are made to the co-op structure.

**Recommendation**

The administration recommends the board of education consider the approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement and Co-op Renewal Application for the Byron Swim Co-op for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school year.