

The Activities Committee, Dave Neimi (Activities Director), and I are recommending that Becker join the Mississippi 8 Conference beginning with the 2019-20 school year. Dave Neimi will be at the meeting to provide an overview of the rationale.

Granite Ridge to Mississippi 8: Timeline on how we got to this point

- *Fall of 2017, conversation began in the M-8 that STMA was going to be looking for a new conference home due to their increase in enrollment. Becker AD was informally approached about our interest in returning to the M-8 if STMA leaves.
- *February 2018- Conversation within the M-8 also begins that Rogers and Buffalo will also be looking to apply to other conferences for the 2019-20 school year.
- *March 2018- STMA, Rogers, and Buffalo HS applied for membership to other Conferences. The M-8 Conference approached the Becker Activities Director inviting the Becker Schools to make application to the Mississippi 8 Conference starting with the 2019-20 school year.
- *March 2018- Zimmerman applied to the Mississippi 8 Conference for 2019-20.

Granite Ridge to Mississippi 8: Information included in this presentation:

- *Steps taken since February

- *Rationale for the move

- *Coaches/advisors poll results

- *Mileage Charts/Expenses and Activity Offerings

- *Enrollment data from MSHSL/MDE data

- *Dues Information

Granite Ridge to Mississippi 8: Steps taken since February:

- AD polled 26 activity program coaches/advisors
- AD gathered M-8 activity offering information for comparison
- AD gathered transportation mileage data for GRC and M-8 comparison, including alternate schools. We also included cost information per trip for the Granite Ridge Conference and Mississippi 8.

Granite Ridge to Mississippi 8: Rationale

***Lack of Varsity programs** in all Granite Ridge Conference schools:
boys and girls Soccer, gymnastics, boys hockey, girls hockey, boys and girls lacrosse

***Lack of numbers** in Granite Ridge Conference MS and middle level activities:
10th grade BBB; 10th grade VB; 9th A and B teams; Middle School A and B teams
providing less opportunities for kids to play.

***Due to lack of numbers:** Since we joined the Granite Ridge Conference,
we have played M-8 schedules in Middle School boys and girls tennis
and Middle School boys and girls golf in order for our kids to have opportunities to play.

When football went to district play, we began playing a full M-8 MS schedule- competition

***Increase in travel:** Boys and girls soccer travel to Minnewaska and Melrose; gymnastics
travels to Rush City and Paynesville; boys' hockey to Pine City, Moose Lake, St. Paul.

***Alternate Conferences:** Boys Hockey is in an alternate conference because GRC does not
have enough schools. GRC does not offer boys or girls lacrosse.

***Section play:** We already compete against most M-8 schools for Class AAA and AAAA in
Section competitions. GRC is mainly Class AA schools.

Granite Ridge to Mississippi 8: Becker Activity Poll results

Would you support a move from the Granite Ridge Conference to the M-8?

26 Activities polled: 19 in support (76%)

B & G Soccer

B & G Tennis

Volleyball

B & G Hockey

B & G Basketball

Gymnastics

Softball

Baseball

B & G Golf

Boys Lacrosse

Robotics

Speech

Music

6 opposed (24%)

Girls Swim/Dive

Cross Country

Wrestling

Dance Team

Visual Arts

GLAX- Did not respond

Granite Ridge Conference mileage

School	Becker	Albany	Foley	Little Falls	Milaca	Mora	St. Cloud Cathedral	Zimmerman
Becker		44	20	50	35	55	20	15
Albany	44		38	33	51	73	23	59
Foley	20	38		39	14	35	16	31
Little Falls	50	33	39		46	58	33	65
Milaca	35	51	14	46		21	29	23
Mora	55	73	35	58	21		50	43
St. Cloud Cathedral	20	23	16	33	29	50		34
Zimmerman	15	59	31	65	23	43	34	

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Granite Ridge Mileage Info w/alternate schools

School	Becker	Albany	Foley	Little Falls	Milaca	Mora	St. Cloud Cathedral	Zimmerman	Aitkin	Melrose	Minnewaska	Moose Lake	Paynesville	Pierz	Pine City	Richfield	Rush City	St. Paul
Becker		44	20	50	35	55	20	15	96	56	91	110	52	49	71	55	66	58
Albany	44		38	33	51	73	23	59	94	14	49	127	24	44	92	95	86	96
Foley	20	38		39	14	35	16	31	76	52	87	89	52	29	54	77	56	77
Little Falls	50	33	39		46	58	33	65	59	39	73	108	57	13	78	106	85	107
Milaca	35	51	14	46		21	29	23	63	61	100	76	65	38	41	73	43	74
Mora	55	73	35	58	21		50	43	61	82	122	55	86	45	20	78	29	86
Cathedral	20	23	16	33	29	50		34	91	35	70	105	38	34	70	75	64	76
Zimmerman	15	59	31	65	23	43	34		85	71	105	98	69	60	53	52	44	52
Aitkin	96	94	76	59	63	61	91	85		98	132	50	118	55	80	135	90	135
Melrose	56	14	52	39	61	82	35	71	98		38	137	27	51	107	107	98	108
Minnewaska	91	49	87	73	100	122	70	105	132	38		174	44	86	139	142	133	143
Moose Lake	110	127	89	108	76	55	105	98	50	137	174		140	95	49	122	58	115
Paynesville	52	24	52	57	65	86	38	69	118	27	44	140		68	106	105	100	105
Pierz	49	44	29	13	38	45	34	60	55	51	86	98	68		65	11	72	11
Pine City	71	92	54	78	41	20	70	53	80	107	139	49	106	65		75	10	68
Richfield	55	95	77	106	73	78	75	52	135	107	142	122	105	11	75		66	9
Rush City	66	86	56	85	43	29	64	44	90	98	133	58	100	72	10	66		59
St. Paul	58	96	77	107	74	86	76	52	135	108	142	115	105	11	68	9	59	
Total	943	1042	842	1049	853	999	863	959	1518	1181	1727	1711	1256	826	1178	1383	1159	1379

Bus Travel Costs with 4 hours down time

<u>GRC Conference Schools</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Travel time in minutes</u>
Albany	44	\$203.39	45
Foley	20	\$148.87	25
Little Falls	50	\$221.05	55
Milaca	35	\$184.96	40
Mora	55	\$237.11	65
St. Cloud Cathedral	20	\$148.87	25
Zimmerman	15	\$140.87	25
		\$1,285.12	

<u>Alt. GRC Conference Schools</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Travel time in minutes</u>
Aitkin	96	\$334.95	105
Howard Lake-W-W	39	\$199.42	50
Maple Lake	22	\$160.13	35
Melrose	56	\$230.65	55
Minnewaska	91	\$318.89	95
Moose Lake	110	\$369.44	120
Paynesville	52	\$228.28	60
Pierz	49	\$223.48	60
Pine City	71	\$278.83	85
Richfield	55	\$233.08	60
Rush City	66	\$262.77	75
St. Paul	58	\$241.91	65
Delano	31	\$186.62	50
Orono	37	\$200.25	55
STMA	16	\$142.47	25
Hutchinson	58	\$249.97	75
Sartell	26	\$166.53	35
Mound Westonka	39	\$207.48	60
Rocori	35	\$188.99	45
St. Cloud Tech	19	\$147.27	25

* Boys and Girls Lacrosse

<u>Projected M8 Conf Schools</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Travel time in minutes</u>
Big Lake	8	\$121.61	15
Cam/Isanti	46	\$214.65	55
Chisago Lakes	71	\$274.80	80
Monticello	11	\$130.44	20
North Branch	62	\$252.34	70
Princeton	30	\$172.93	35
St. Francis	33	\$185.79	45
Zimmerman	14	\$139.27	25

\$1,491.83

Projected 2019-20 Mississippi 8 Mileage Info including costs per trip

School	Becker	Big Lake	Cam/Isanti	Chisago Lakes	Monticello	North Branch	Princeton	St. Francis	Zimmerman	Miles	Cost	Travel time in minutes
Becker		8	46	71	11	62	30	33	14			
Big Lake	8		44	62	6	65	25	25	14	8	\$121.61	15
Cam/Isanti	46	44		27	49	22	18	20	27	46	\$214.65	55
Chisago Lakes	71	62	27		64	13	46	30	44	71	\$274.80	80
Monticello	11	6	49	64		67	32	28	20	11	\$130.44	20
North Branch	62	65	22	13	67		33	27	35	62	\$252.34	70
Princeton	30	25	18	46	32	33		23	10	30	\$172.93	35
St. Francis	33	25	20	30	28	27	23		16	33	\$185.79	45
Zimmerman	14	14	27	44	20	35	10	16		14	\$139.27	25
Total	275	249	253	253	357	277	324	202	180		\$1,491.83	

Granite Ridge to Mississippi 8: Enrollment data

MSHSL Student Enrollment Numbers:

GRC and Alternate Schools:

Becker	822
Albany	481
Foley	553
Little Falls	559
Milaca	460
Mora	425
SC Cathedral	438
Zimmerman	589
Aitkin	284
Melrose	480
Minnewaska	285
Paynesville	264
Pierz	347
Pine City	444
Rush City	228

Proposed M-8 (2019-20):

Becker	844
Big Lake	835
Cambridge- Isanti	1302
Chisago Lakes	1017
Monticello	1061
North Branch	776
Princeton	894
St. Francis	1303

Granite Ridge to Mississippi 8: Dues

Granite Ridge Conference \$2,500

AD's work as Liaisons to create the activity schedules, manage post-season coaches meetings, submit post-season award orders, and update the conference bylaws.

Mississippi 8 Conference \$6,000

M-8 Conference pays an Executive Secretary to create activity schedules, hire regular season game officials, host post-season coaches meetings, order post-season awards, maintain and track conference records, and to update the conference bylaws.