

- TO: Board of Education
- FROM: Dr. Jay Morrow
- DATE: July 7, 2025

RE: Girl's Swim Athletic Cooperative – Port Byron (Riverdale)

As shared in an earlier communication, Port Byron (Riverdale CUSD 100) has approached UTHS about a cooperative girl's swim agreement.

Cooperative athletic agreements are very common, especially with lower enrollment school districts. Recently, however, larger/smaller districts have been cooperating for low enrollment sports.

Our current girl's swim numbers are low and additional student athletes from another school will not negatively impact UTHS students' swim opportunities. Our swim coach is supportive of this proposal, as is the administration.

In the Western Big Six, several school districts already coop in swim, including Galesburg (Monmouth), Sterling (Morrison) and Rock Island-Milan (Rockridge).

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve this cooperative swim agreement for the 2025-26 and 2026-27 school years. If approved, UT and Riverdale will submit the appropriate approval forms to the IHSA.