

The school district began a decision making process regarding the activities conference membership in September. The process was designed to include all stakeholders and is outlined below:

1. (Sept-Oct) The school district gathered information to compare the conference options including: enrollment, Becker's historical standing in the M8 by activity, activities offered, mileage, and maps. The information was posted on the district's website.
2. (Nov 1 & 2) The Becker coaches and directors were surveyed. Nineteen of the twenty-seven coaches/directors prefer to move to the newly formed Granite Ridge Conference.
3. (Nov 3) The Activity Advisory Council (comprised of parents, coaches, advisors, and students) studied the issue to make a recommendation. The committee recommended that Becker join the newly formed Granite Ridge Conference. The Activity Advisory Council's recommendation was posted on the District website along with the other conference information.
4. (Nov 29) A public forum was conducted for parents, community members, and students to express their ideas and opinions. The school board was present to listen.
5. (Dec 6) The school board should make a decision regarding the activities conference.

I recommend the school board consider the information gathered by the school district, the recommendations of the activities advisory committee and the coaches, along with the public input from the forum. The options available to the school board are:

- a. Remain in the Mississippi 8 Conference.
- b. Join the newly formed Granite Ridge Conference