



# Larimore Public Schools

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Dear President Dahlen and Members of the NDHSAA Board:

We have written this letter to ask the NDHSAA Board to reduce the amount of the late fee that has been levied on the Hatton, Northwood and Larimore Cross Country Cooperative agreement. Larimore High School fully understood that we would receive a late fee penalty because we filed the agreement post season. However, we (Larimore) believe that a late fee of \$500 for each of the boys and girls cross country teams is excessive. As you know, cross country for most school districts, if not all, is a non-revenue sport and there is very little opportunity to generate revenue for this sport. Larimore only had four students involved for the 2017 season and will only have three students participating this coming fall. We are extremely thankful to Hatton-Northwood for their willingness to enter into a cooperative agreement with Larimore for cross country in order that our students can continue with this great activity. In addition, Larimore's general fund budget has been running in the red for the past three years and it was necessary to make several adjustments to our expenditure budget this year and next. However, we did not reduce the number of activity opportunities we have for our students. Our school board strongly believes in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities for their students.

Therefore, our request, we are asking that the board reduce the late fee from \$1000, \$500 for the boys and \$500 for the girls; to a single late fee of \$500 for both boys and girls.

We want to thank the board for all you have done and continue to do for girls and boys activities in our great State of North Dakota. I also want to thank you for your consideration of our request. I hope to be present at your board meeting to answer any questions that you might have for me.

Sincerely,

Dr. Steven W. Swiontek  
Superintendent