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To: Osmond Community School Patrons
Re: Cooperative Update - Junior High with Plainview
From: Steven Bremer, on behalf of the Board of Education

Dear Patrons,

Over the past several years, the School Board of Osmond Community Schools has worked diligently to establish cooperative partnerships to benefit our students. Cooperatives allow districts to collaborate and share resources to not only maximize opportunities for students but also to enhance activities with a larger pool of participants.

A decision was made at the May 12, 2025 board meeting to move towards co-oping all junior high sports with Plainview Public Schools beginning this fall, 2025-2026 school year. A second vote to finalize this all junior high sport cooperative with Plainview will be held at our June 9, 2025 board meeting (8pm start time). There will be an informational patron meeting preceding this on Wednesday, June 4th at 8pm in the school gym at OCS.

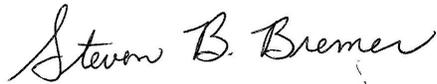
We have been working collaboratively with Wausa Public Schools to explore opportunities for additional cooperative programs. We sincerely appreciate the time, effort, and openness Wausa Public Schools has shown throughout these discussions. While Wausa Public Schools has expressed a preference for reaching a contractual agreement on future consolidation before moving forward with further co-ops, the Osmond Board believes that establishing and operating co-ops first would provide a stronger foundation for any future conversations about consolidation.

When we were unable to reach a cooperative agreement with Wausa for high school basketball for either this year (2024-2025) or next (2025-2026), it became necessary to explore basketball co-ops with other districts. We reached out to Plainview, who also expressed interest in establishing co-ops for bowling and unified bowling. During our meetings, the conversation expanded to explore additional possibilities for future co-ops between our districts. Given these discussions – and our board not being comfortable with setting a contractual agreement to a future consolidation with Wausa prior to cooperative agreements being established – our board made the decision to move forward with junior high sports co-ops with Plainview. We are also continuing conversations regarding potential high school co-ops with Plainview.

Your Osmond Community Schools is a strong district - academically and fiscally. OCS consistently ranks high on NDE's education profile as can be found at <https://nep.education.ne.gov/>, type Osmond in the "Search NEP" for our annual report and see our "Excellent" rankings. Projected enrollment data shows our district remaining fairly constant over the next few years. Our district is committed to providing consistent opportunities for students to participate in a wide range of extracurricular activities and will continue to work diligently to achieve this goal.

If you have questions or would like to discuss this further, patrons are encouraged to reach out to any of our board members or administration and attend the June 4th meeting at 8pm; we are committed to providing open communication and answering your questions as best as we can.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven B. Bremer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small flourish at the end.

Steven (Skip) Bremer
Superintendent, Osmond Community Schools