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Effective fall of 2017, the Northland Pines School district will once again be offering the following competitive district sponsored Middle School Athletics: Football, Volleyball, Cross Country, Track and Field, Cheerleading, Girls Basketball and Boys Basketball. Dating back more than 14 years the Northland Pines School district transitioned away from competitive Middle School athletics and made sports intramurals. During that time, many local organizations formed youth organizations and picked up the void and the monetary cost for team uniforms, entry fees, and travel costs. Northland Pines will continue to work cooperatively with the Northland Pines Youth Football & Cheer and the Northland Pines Basketball Association on fundraising and booster club efforts. Over the last eight years the district began to transition back toward school sponsored sports which included Volleyball, Track and Field and Cross Country.

With the 7th & 8th grade students moving to the High School building, the Board of Education (BOE) felt it was the right time to bring back school sponsored athletics and supported adding Middle School sports to the annual budget. The Northland Pines Activities Director will now assume the responsibility of posting positions, hiring coaches (including background checks & drug screening), scheduling practices and games, transportation and hiring officials.

Also included in the proposal approved by the BOE at the May 22nd meeting was the restructuring of Athletic Fees for the 2017-18 school year. Middle and High School athletes will be charged \$30 per sport to participate with an annual max of \$60 per athlete (no family max).

All Middle School Parents will be registering their athlete using a new Online Registration through the school website. This will be available by the end of June and notices of this will be sent out to the families of Middle School & High School students. Physicals are required for athletes in grades 7 through 12. Marshfield Clinic in Eagle River is offering a Walk-in Sports Physical day on Wednesday July 26th from 2:00 – 7:00 p.m. No appointment necessary.