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Dear Mr. Brue and Members of the PORTA Board of Education:

Greetings from A-C Central. The A-C Board of Education has requested that I approach the PORTA School District in order to discuss potential changes/improvements in the co-op agreement between the two school districts. I'm sure that word has reached your community that A-C Central has been discussing the future of athletics in our district and the role that the co-op might have in this future. Our co-op has been in place for 4 years, and it has been successful in numerous aspects, but members of the A-C Board have expressed that the co-op in its current arrangement does not reflect as equitable of an arrangement as they would like. The A-C Board is hoping to improve some aspects of the arrangement before they make their decision regarding their future participation. Some suggestions for this improvement are below:

1. A-C Central to host more Varsity events in the main sports of Basketball, Volleyball, Baseball and Softball – Especially those sports where A-C's student participation is higher such as Volleyball, etc.
2. Consider A-C being the host school for Volleyball (realizing that this would also require approval of the Sangamo Conference).
3. Consider how the co-op might better incorporate the colors, mascots, logos and names of the two schools together in uniforms, spirit attire, and other general "marketing" efforts in order to foster a more cohesive culture between the 2 communities.
4. In sports where A-C will become the host site for more games, consider holding some practices in the A-C facility to ease some of the practice transportation costs for A-C Central.

I believe the A-C Central School Board would like to settle this issue in the near future in order to close this chapter and move on to other school business. Your responses to these requests would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Timothy M. Page
Superintendent, A-C Central Schools