



LAKE OF THE WOODS
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Jeff Nelson, Superintendent

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Lake of the Woods School ISD #390
236 15th Ave SW
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Minnesota House of Representatives
Commerce Committee

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of the Lake of the Woods School District #390, we would like to state our support of the Baudette Arena Association and the Lake of the Woods International Arena in seeking liquor license exemption.

Prior to construction, the International Arena sought our approval to allow the sale of alcohol for specific events held at their facility. As outlined in the User Agreement, the Lake of the Woods School Board agreed to consider, on a case-by-case basis, to allow alcohol on the arena premises for special events. The Board would only consider approving such a request during those times when school is out of session and there are not any youth activities taking place on the school grounds.

With your approval, the International Arena could host events involving alcohol – such as weddings, reunions, and senior hockey tournaments – that would significantly increase operating revenue for the organization. Being a non-profit, this revenue would be reinvested in the community in the form of additional services and offerings through the Arena.

We have seen a positive impact that the Arena has had on our school and community. It has provided increased opportunities for physical education classes. We have seen an increase in attendance at high school hockey games, as well as, a place for students to go for free open skating after school. We look forward to the growing partnership between the Arena and our School.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jeff Nelson

Superintendent