

SCOTT COUNTY  
SCHOOL DISTRICT



January 23, 2015

Dear Warrior and Warriorette Nation Parents and Fans,

It is always good to review the goals of our athletic programs as they relate to sportsmanship. As an educational institution, SCSD2 is committed to teaching our student-athletes about striving for excellence while handling the adversity that they encounter along the way.

The greatest obstacle to good sportsmanship is adversity. When things are not going as we would like them, it is always the easiest to shift the blame. In particular, to shift it away from our team to our opponents and in too many instances, the game officials. When we let this infiltrate our thinking, our focus shifts from how can we play harder or better to how can we overcome poor officiating. As administrators and coaches, we feel that it is essential that our student-athletes always maintain a positive approach to handling adversity. In addition, we need our parents and fans as role models in this endeavor if we are to accomplish this.

At times this year, some parents, including myself, have become vocal at games. This type of behavior is counter-productive to what we are trying to teach our young student-athletes. In addition, it creates an uncomfortable environment for the fans that have come out to support their team and enjoy the game. Lastly, it does not represent our schools, our players, and our community well.

We love the passion and energy that our fan base has for Warrior and Warriorette Nation. We are asking all of our fans to keep the energy and enthusiasm in a positive and upbeat manner. Our student-athletes need your positive, encouraging, and uplifting words.

Sincerely,

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Marc Slaton, Ed.D.  
Superintendent  
Scott County School District 2