



**SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION  
2021 OFFICIAL RUNOFF ELECTION BALLOT  
WEST RIVER AT-LARGE REPRESENTATIVE  
TERM: JULY 1, 2021 TO JUNE 30, 2024**

**West River At Large Representative-** to be filled by an Athletic/Activity Director

This position is currently vacant. The West River At-Large nominee may be from any SDHSAA member school with a high school attendance center physically located West of the Missouri River in South Dakota. This position must be filled by an Athletic/Activity Director. This is a THREE (3) YEAR POSITION. **Any member school may nominate a person for this position and all member schools have the opportunity to vote.**

You may vote for one candidate.

The deadline for the return of this ballot is **August 27, 2021.**

Kelly Messmer, Harding County

Todd Palmer, Sturgis Brown

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Name of Member School

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Date

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Signature (Superintendent or Principal)

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Signature (School Board President)

**Unless there are TWO signatures, this ballot will be unacceptable and declared void.**

**Kelly Messmer, Harding County**

My name is Kelly Messmer and I am the Principal and Athletic Director at Harding County High School. I have been in education and athletics for 24 years, with my last 11 at Harding County. I have been a teacher, coach, and administrator in both large and small school districts, and I understand the dynamics of both settings. I have a passion for high school extra-curricular activities and believe students who participate in both fine arts and/or athletics become well-rounded adults and contributors to society.

I will always have an open ear and an honest answer for anyone wanting to give suggestions or ideas to make our great organization even better. I would be honored and humbled to be elected to the SDHSAA Board of Directors and be a voice for all members.

**Todd Palmer, Sturgis Brown**

My name is Todd Palmer and I am currently the Director of Activities for the Meade School District. My career in education started in the fall in 1992 when I was offered my first teaching/coaching contract at Stanley County. In the 29 years since, I have had the opportunity to serve the students of South Dakota as a teacher, coach, official and administrator. During those years I have also been fortunate to server the SDHSAA in many different capacities. I have served on the Native American Advisory Council as the official representative. I was the Region 5 officials coordinator for both basketball and volleyball. I served on the Calendar Committee that was commissioned by SDHSAA to look at revamping the calendar due to new NFHS protocols pertaining to football. I was asked by then Executive Director Wayne Carney to sit on one of the interviewing committees for the new Executive Director. As the AD in Chamberlain, I hosted numerous SoDak 16 contests in both Volleyball and Basketball. I currently serve as the Awards Chairperson for the SDIAAA and am the secretary for the Black Hill Conference. I am humbled to be nominated for the West River At-Large position as an AD and take the task of representing all the schools of South Dakota, as do all the sitting board members and former board members.

I was honored to be nominated with all of the quality individuals that were nominated at the Annual Meeting in Pierre on April 20, 2021. If you have any questions of myself, please feel free to email ([todd.palmer@k12.sd.us](mailto:todd.palmer@k12.sd.us)) or call (605-381-0698) and I would be happy to visit with you. To carry on the long-lasting servant leadership that all of those who have served our state as a member of the board is what I look forward to doing if your school would feel so inclined to cast your vote for myself. If one of the other very qualified nominees is chosen by the membership, I will support them 100 percent.