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## **Maize USD 266 to host Special Olympics Kansas Summer Games 2017**

Representatives from Special Olympics Kansas, the City of Maize, and Maize USD 266 announced at a joint press conference this morning that the organizations will work together for the upcoming Summer Games, Special Olympics Kansas largest event.

Maize USD 266 will host the 48<sup>th</sup> Special Olympics Kansas Summer Games on June 2 through June 4, 2017. Maize South High School will serve as the primary host. The move to Maize USD 266 will provide more venues for events and competitions, as well as added event flexibility.

Last year, 1,333 athletes and 397 certified coaches representing 61 programs participated.

“The Maize School District will provide a number of new opportunities, which are exciting to Special Olympics Kansas, and will offer new endeavors to fulfill our mission of improving the quality of life for individuals with intellectual disabilities,” said Chris Hahn, Special Olympics Kansas President and CEO. “This move will allow our program to work closely with a public high school, which is a point of emphasis for the Special Olympics organizations across the country. This opportunity, to work closely with high school students on the integration of regular and special needs students, is very compelling.”