Subject: SBDM request

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To: Wofford, Connie, Walters, Tracy

Please submit the following to the SBDM council for me. I apologize for not having turned this in this past Monday. Things were just too busy.

Dear SBDM council members,

I would like to request permission from you (which would be affirmed by the Board of Education) for the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade bands to take an instructional trip to Washington D.C. in the Spring of 2013.

The bands would be performing in our capital in one of three locations for either a competition, exhibition, and/or for the pleasure of our esteemed senators (this is the most likely at this point, as Sen. Rand Paul has indicated he might be able to make it work for us). In addition to the performance, we would also tour several historical sites and participate in many other cross-curricular experiences.

I have approached several trip coordinators, and the trip should cost somewhere in the neighborhood of \$50,000, or roughly \$450 per child. While this, I know, seems like a large amount, I should mention we were able to raise this sum of money in 1/3rd of the time three years ago for a trip to DisneyWorld with the band.

We plan to raise this large sum of money with several fundraisers, including Krispy Kreme doughnut sales, a dinner theater event, donations (beginning effectively after BOE approval), and other outlets to be determined before the school year begins. It is also likely that parents will have to pay at least some of this amount, as well. A grant request from last school year also requests funding for travel on this trip.

I will be glad to come and answer questions as necessary in the future, but at this time would simply request permission to continue with plans to take this trip.

Thank you!

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