# THIS IS A DECISION PAPER

**TO:** Members of the Hardin County Board of Education

**FROM:** Ben Sobczyk, et al

**DATE:** December 10, 2014

**RE:** Request approval for East Hardin Middle School Junior Beta Club students and sponsors to take an educational trip to Louisville, Kentucky via commercial carrier service.

In accordance with policy 09.36, I request approval for East Hardin Junior Beta Club students and sponsors to take a school-related trip to the Galt House and Kentucky Convention Center for the Kentucky State Junior Beta Convention. This trip is scheduled for February 19-20, 2015. For every eight paying students there will be one chaperone, and there will no cost to each parent chaperone. Students and chaperones will leave on a private motor coach bus at 8:20 a.m. on Thursday morning, February 19th, 2015. We arrive back at school at approximately 1:00 p.m. on Friday afternoon.

While at the convention, delegates will attend meetings to vote for State Beta offices and participate in various academic and artistic competitions. This tremendous educational and service opportunity is one that members of East Hardin’s Beta Club are looking forward to taking.

For many students, this trip is an opportunity to enrich and develop leadership and social skills as well as test their abilities in core content areas of Math, Language Arts, Poetry, Spelling, Social Studies, and Science. Furthermore, students will showcase their talents in other artistic areas such as Speech, Quiz Bowl, Living Literature, Sketching, Scrapbook, Banner, Photography, Talent, and Songfest. The cost of this trip, which includes registration, transportation, lodging, and meals is **$130.00** for each student. The only money students need to take with them on this trip is for souvenirs, additional meals, and snacks, if they choose. If a student is eligible to attend Beta convention, but cannot meet the financial obligation, our club will make the necessary arrangements for this student to participate.

Attending a Beta convention allows students the opportunity to put into practice the social, leadership, and academic skills that have been taught in our classrooms. As an extracurricular activity for students at East Hardin, Beta Club is a chance for students to participate in and enrich our school community. Furthermore, this convention trip provides our members with real-life application of social skills and content standard instruction embedded throughout the past school year. Based upon our academic and social experiences at the State convention, this is a brief list of identified College and Career Readiness Content standards that will be included during the convention trip: SL6-8.1, SL6-8.2, SL6-8.3, SL6-8.4, SL6-8.5, SL6-8.6, L6-8.1, and L6-8.6 in addition to specific content assessment in Arts and Humanities, Math, Social Studies, Language Arts, and Science.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

I recommend that the Hardin County Board of Education approve East Hardin Middle School Junior Beta Convention trip.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION**:

I move that the Hardin County Board of Education approve the East Hardin Middle School Junior Beta Convention trip.

**2014-2015**

**Instructional Minutes of Beta Convention Trip**

# Thursday (9:00 a.m. -11:30 p.m.)Preliminary Quiz Bowl CompetitionPreliminary Talent CompetitionCandidates Meeting with National and State OfficialsAll Written Academic ExamsCampaign Session (candidates give speeches and clubs perform skits) Arts and Crafts Exhibition, Banners, Scrapbooks, Spotlight your Club and JudgingSpeech CompetitionSpelling Competition (Finals)Quiz Bowl Competition (Finals)Tower of Power Songfest CompetitionFirst General Session (Keynote Speakers, Candidates’ Interview, Voting and Talent Competition) Student Social

# Friday (8:30-11:00)Second General SessionInstallation of OfficersTalent FinalsAwards CeremonyPresentation of winning speech Total Number of Instructional Minutes

16 hours as shown on convention schedule =960 minutes

**Total Number Minutes of 2Regular School Days of Instruction**

14 hours of instruction=840 minutes