# THIS IS A DECISION PAPER

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

**FROM:** Delana Blackstone

**DATE:** May 6, 2015

**RE:** Request approval for East Hardin Middle School 8th Grade History and Civics Club and sponsors to take a culminating field trip to Washington D.C. via commercial carrier service.

In accordance with policy 09.36, I request approval for East Hardin eighth grade History and Civics Club students and sponsors to take a school related trip to our nation’s capitol, Washington D.C. This trip is tentatively scheduled for April 14-18th, 2016. For every ten paying students there will be one chaperone. Students and chaperones will leave on a private motor coach bus at 7:00 a.m. on Thursday morning. We will arrive back at school at approximately 8:00 p.m. on Monday evening. Stops will include the following: The White House, The Capitol, Supreme Court Building, all memorials and monuments, Arlington National Cemetery, where our students have applied to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Smithsonian Institutes, The Pentagon, National Archives, National Zoo, Embassy row, National Cathedral, Ford’s Theatre, Petersen House, Mount Vernon, Holocaust Museum, Dr. Martin Luther King Memorial, and Old Towne Alexandria.

This trip allows students the opportunity to put into practice the life skills that have been taught in our classrooms and in our club meetings. For many students, this trip will be a series of remarkable first time experiences: the first time to travel out of state, the first time to be responsible for money management, the first time to visit our nation’s capitol, the first time to see primary source documents, to see our nation’s memorials and landmarks, to visit the home of our first President and our current President, to see government in action, and to visit and see historical artifacts. All of these activities we have been learning about in our Club meetings.

We have broken to cost of this trip into flexible payments. The cost of this trip, which includes transportation, cost into venues, all meals, hotel, taxes, and tips, is $560 per person. The only money students need to take with them on this trip is for souvenirs and snacks, if they choose. Fundraising will take place during the school year that is voluntary for the club members to participate in. All monies raised will be used towards to the total cost of the trip for all members. The cost of the trip could change due to fundraising efforts.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

I recommend that the Hardin County Board of Education approve East Hardin Middle School eighth grade History Club trip.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION**:

I move that the Hardin County Board of Education approve the East Hardin eighth grade History Club trip.