October 26, 2015

This is a decision paper.

TO: Members of the Hardin County School Board

FROM:               Nannette Johnston, Superintendent

SUBJECT: The G C Burkhead fifth grade trip to National Underground Railroad Freedom Center and Newport  Aquarium March 31, 2016

REQUEST ISSUE:

This trip provides an opportunity to encourage student interest in marine biology, Kentucky history

and culture as well as civil rights.

Students will travel to the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center in Cincinnati, Ohio. While there students will participate in a 2 hour guided tour in which they will learn lessons on the struggle for freedom in the past, in the present, and be challenged to contemplate the meaning of freedom in their own lives.

Students will then visit the Newport Aquarium in Newport Kentucky. Students will participate in a self guided tour with their chaperons. Students will investigate 60 exhibits featuring various types of animal life from different regions of the world. Students will learn about habitats, animal adaptations and food chains.

We are requesting to travel via commercial bus for the trip.

Core Content

The tour of the National Underground Railway Freedom Center addresses the below Core Content areas in Social Studies:

SS-05-2.3.1

Students will describe various forms of interactions that occurred between diverse groups in the history of the United States.

SS-05-2.3.2

Students will give examples of conflicts between individuals or groups and describe appropriate conflict resolution strategies..

SS-05-3.2.1

Students will explain how profits motivated individuals/businesses in the United States

SS-05-4.1.3

Students will describe how different factors influence where human activities were/are located in the United States.

SS-05-5.1.1

Student will use a variety of primary and secondary sources to describe significant events in US history and interpret different perspectives

Ss-05-5.2.3

Students will describe significant historical events in each of the broad historical periods and eras in US history and explain cause and effect relationships.

The tour of the Newport Aquarium addresses the below Core Content areas in Science:

SC-05-3.4.1

Students will describe and compare living systems to understand the complimentary nature of structure and function

SC-05-4.7.1

Students will describe how populations of organisms can be categorized by the function they serve in an ecosystem

SC-05-3.5.1

Students will describe cause and effect relationships between enhanced survival/reproductive success in biological adaptations

SC-06-4.7.1

Students will describe the consequences of change in one or more abiotic factors on a population in an ecosystem

Approximate Cost

The cost for the trip is $98.00 per person. This cost includes lunch, dinner and transportation and program and entrance fees. All costs are paid by parents. A fundraiser will be completed to help with costs.

Attendance:

   Approximately 120 students will be in attendance. Six staff members and approximately seventeen

   parents will be supervising. This is a ratio of approximately 4 students per 1 adult.

RECOMMENDATION:            I recommend that the board approve this request.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:  I move that the board approve the request from G C Burkhead Elementary to take this trip to Cincinnati Ohio to the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center and Newport  Aquarium in Newport, Kentucky March 31, 2016 via commercial carrier.