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**Consent Agenda Item (Action Item):**

Request approval for interested gifted & talented students who are currently in the 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> grades at Allen Central, Betsy Layne, Prestonsburg, and South Floyd High Schools to participate in a study tour of Asheville, North Carolina. Current 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be included, if space allows. The tour will depart Monday, October 2 and return Tuesday, October 3, 2017.

**Applicable Statute or Regulation:**

KAR 704 3:285 Section 6, Board Policy 09.36

**Fiscal/Budgetary Impact:**

The Asheville North Carolina study tour will be funded through student / parent contribution. Fund raising will be offered to any student needing assistance in order to participate. The tour is scheduled for Monday, October 2 - Tuesday, October 3, 2017. These dates correspond with BSCTC fall break. Therefore, the FCECA students will miss no college classes and all other participating GT students will miss only Monday and Tuesday. The GT coordinator, GT instructor, FCECA guidance counselor will chaperone the tour. Therefore, there will be no cost for substitute teachers during the tour.

**History/Background:**

Over the last twelve school years, gifted and talented 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders from Floyd County high schools have been given the opportunity to tour Washington, DC, New York City, Chicago Illinois, Asheville North Carolina, Nashville Tennessee and Orlando Florida. These tours have been some of the best "real world" experiences I have ever participated in with high school students. For some students, these tours have been their first time to travel to a major metropolitan city.

The Asheville study tour itinerary for Floyd County Gifted & Talented students will be composed from the following tour sites:

- The Biltmore Estate [www.biltmoreestate.com](http://www.biltmoreestate.com)
- The Biltmore House & Gardens [www.biltmore.com/visit/biltmore-house-gardens](http://www.biltmore.com/visit/biltmore-house-gardens)
- The Thomas Wolfe Memorial <http://wolfememorial.com/>
- The River Arts District tour [www.riverartsdistrict.com/](http://www.riverartsdistrict.com/)
- The Colburn Earth Science Museum <http://colburnmuseum.org/>

This educational enrichment experience will provide opportunities to address the interests, needs, and abilities of all participating gifted and talented students in each of the areas of identification. The tour will also assist Floyd County Schools in meeting the requirement of Travel Study Option toward fulfilling the system's Gifted Student Service Plans (GSSP) for the Kentucky Department of Education. This destination was selected because of its' immense educational value. Bluegrass Tours from Lexington Kentucky will be used to coordinate tickets, meals, hotel accommodations, and transportation. Bluegrass Tours holds a \$5,000,000 liability policy (see attached policy).

**Recommended Action:**

The GT students, their parents, and GT program personnel recommend that the Floyd County Board of Education approve the request for those gifted & talented students interested in participating in the Chicago study tour on October 2 - 3, 2017 be allowed to do so pending compliance with all policies.

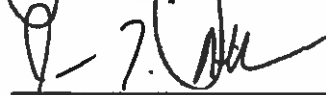
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