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Date: August 8, 2017

Consider/Approve: Duff Allen Central Elementary 7th Grade School
requests permission to approve a field trip to Lilly Cornett Woods
on October 10, 2017 via the signature of a contract with Eastern
Kentucky University

Applicable State or Board Policy: Any contract must have Board of
Education Approval

Background: The field trip provides the opportunity for students to engage in Field Based Science Education free of charge. Authentic, career based science experiences are limited, and are typically expensive, while this is offered free. Mrs. Bentley, science teacher at Duff-Allen Central Elementary (DACE) has been working with Katrina Slone at Kentucky Valley Educational Cooperative (KVEC) and Melinda Wilder from Eastern Kentucky University (EKU/ELF), as well as Teacher Leaders in the network at KVEC as a part of a team called the Expeditionary Learning Fellows (ELF).

The purpose of ELF is to pioneer and model New Generation Science Standard units using Field Based Education. Mrs. Bentley has been a part of this initiative to bring science to all students through an expeditionary experience. The summative experience is to develop a unit and bring students to Lilly Cornett Woods as part of the learning experience within the developed unit of study--ALL EXPENSES PAID! She will be working to develop a model unit based on NGSS entitled, "Are trees still alive in the winter?" Seventh grade students from DACE will be going to Lilly Cornett Woods for a hands-on, expeditionary, outdoor experience. There, they will observe various samples of trees and leaves of the trees. Students will make field observations related to the trees and their leaves---leaf loss, color changes, visible colors, etc. for this unit.

The form to go on this field trip is called a "CONTRACT," however, the understanding is that it is only an agreement regarding the logistics of how many students, what time we are coming, and an attached form showing our SCHOOL INSURANCE (please see this section of contract). The understanding is that this is for any student that could possibly fall or get injured while in the woods. There are other teachers involved in this initiative in our region. DACE 7th grade is scheduled with instructors from ECU to lead us in this experience at Lilly Cornett Woods on October 10, 2017.

Alternative Action: Attached is the contract for review; Contact people regarding field trip is Katrina Slone at KVEC or Melinda Wilder, EKV/KVEC


Recommended Action: Approve the request

Rationale: The field trip is an excellent and free way for our students to engage in authentic science.

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