# This is a decision paper.

## **TO:** Members of the Hardin County School Board

## **FROM:** Teresa Morgan, Superintendent

**SUBJECT:** The Lakewood Elementary School 5th Grade Trip to Cumberland Falls.

**REQUEST ISSUE:**

During fifth grade, students spend a considerable amount of time studying US History and state history in preparation for the Social Studies K-PREP assessment in the spring. A natural extension of this learning, would be for our students to experience first-hand places in our state where they can learn about our state and national history. The fifth grade teachers at Lakewood Elementary are requesting to allow students to take an overnight trip to Cumberland Falls, KY via commercial carrier on April 18 and 19, 2018.

Students will travel to Frankfort, KY to learn about government and history in Kentucky at the state capitol building and the Kentucky History Museum.. That evening, students will arrive at Cumberland Falls resort and participate in a hike to learn about the falls and the nature surrounding the area. Students will also learn the historical importance of waterways in early settlements and native wildlife in Kentucky through education programs offered by the state park staff. The following day, students will explore Lost River Cave and learn about the importance of karst regions in early settlement of Kentucky. Students will return to school by 7PM on the second day of the trip.

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

## Approximate Cost

Because of limited resources, our students will be participating in fundraising opportunities. The base cost for the student is $145. Through fund raising this year, the final cost to students is $100. Children who have financial difficulties will be matched with a sponsor to help with their expenses. No children are left behind due to their financial situation.

Attendance:

Approximately 100 Lakewood Elementary School fifth grade students, 35 parents, and 7 staff members will be going on the trip.

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**RECOMMENDATION**: I recommend that the board approve this request.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION**: I move that the board approve the request from Lakewood Elementary School to take this trip to Cumberland Falls, KY via commercial carrier on April 18 and 19, 2018.