

This is a decision paper.

TO: Members of the Hardin County Board of Education

FROM: Richard Hughes, Ed.D.

DATE: December 15, 2005

RE: Approval of Lakewood Elementary School 5th grade students trip to Huntsville, AL, March 9-10, 2006 via commercial carrier

ISSUE: Lakewood Elementary School fifth grade students and sponsors would like to take a school related trip to Huntsville, Alabama and The US Space and Rocket Center. This trip is tentatively scheduled for March 9-10, 2006. Group Tours Unlimited, Ted Vandercamp, will provide transportation for this tour. This is an excellent educational trip that our fifth grade students look forward to taking annually.

RECOMMENDATION: I recommend that the Board approve the request for Lakewood Elementary School 5th grade students to travel to Huntsville, AL and The US Space and Rocket Center via commercial carrier.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: I move that the Board approve the request for Lakewood Elementary School 5th grade students to travel to Huntsville, AL and The US Space and Rocket Center via commercial carrier.



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Superintendent Richard Hughes
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Dear Dr. Hughes:

In accordance with policy 09.36, I request your approval for Lakewood School fifth grade students and sponsors to take a school related trip to Huntsville, Alabama and The US Space and Rocket Center. This trip is tentatively scheduled for March 9th and 10th, 2006. Group Tours Unlimited, Ted Vandercamp, will provide transportation for this tour. We leave on a motor coach bus around 6:30am on Thursday morning. We arrive back at school around midnight on Friday night. This is an excellent educational trip that our fifth grade students look forward to taking annually. In my judgment, this is the most enriching field trip that our students get to experience.

For many of these students, this trip will be a series of firsts: the first time to travel out of state, the first time to stay in a hotel, the first time to budget money, the first time to visit a Constitution Village, the first time to see a rocket and space shuttle up close. Lakewood fifth grade plans to do fundraisers to help families raise the \$150 per student fee.

We believe that hands-on learning is a best practice. This trip allows our students the opportunity to put into practice the life skills we have taught in our classrooms. This trip will be a culminating activity to content standard instruction this school year. The content standards include:

Science: 4 A 1,2,3,5; B 1,2,3,4.
Social Studies: 3A; 5; 7A; 9A, C
Practical Living: 4D
Vocational Studies: 4B

Lakewood looks forward to your approval of this educational experience for our students.

Sincerely,


E. G. Thompson, Principal

_____, Superintendent Approval – YES NO
Signature

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