

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 Radcliff Middle School students trip to the Tremont Institute March 10-12, 2006 via commercial carrier

ISSUE: The Tremont Institute is an outdoor classroom that creates a unique educational opportunity that provides multidisciplinary lessons that combine science, math, cultural history, nature study and the arts. The lessons are correlated with the national science standards for grades 5-8. They also will work with us to develop a program for our students to meet our school's needs. The lessons will emphasize hands-on exploration of the national park. The cooperative method of teaching allows us to continue the experience upon returning to the classroom.

RECOMMENDATION: I recommend that the Board approve the request for a group of Radcliff Middle School students to travel to The Tremont Institute at the Great Smokey Mountains, March 10-12, 2006 via commercial carrier.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: I move that the Board approve the request for a group of Radcliff Middle School students to travel to The Tremont Institute at the Great Smokey Mountains, March 10-12, 2006 via commercial carrier.

Nov. 16, 2005

Dear Dr. Hughes,

We are seeking your permission to take a group of students to the Tremont Institute located at the Great Smoky Mountains on Mar. 10-12, 2006. The students are members of Planet RMS (our environmental club at Radcliff Middle). Planet RMS is an after school club that promotes environmental awareness to the students.

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During fall break, we attended teacher weekend at Tremont and aligned our Kentucky state standards for science and social studies to the activities provided at Tremont. It is was rewarding to us to be able to help Tremont with this project as it will only benefit the schools in Kentucky that take their students to Tremont.

This opportunity will be an invaluable experience for our students. The students will reside with us in a dormitory for the three days. We would like to charter a bus for the trip as well. We will be seeking grant money and holding fundraisers to help pay for the trip.

We believe this to be a very worthwhile trip for our students at RMS. If you have any questions, please contact one of us to discuss the trip in more detail.

Sincerely,

Missy Mills
Vicki Wright
Planet RMS sponsors

*Traveling via Commercial
Carrier.*