

Date: August 4, 2021

DECISION PAPER

TO: Member of the Hardin County Board of Education

FROM: Teresa Morgan, Superintendent

SUBJECT: WHMS Trip to Washington, D.C. via commercial carrier

Request: The West Hardin Middle School 8th grade team is asking permission to transport up to 200 Hardin County students out of state through commercial transportation coach buses, (Worldstrides Company). Commercial carrier is being used for cost efficiency and to avoid staffing shortages in transportation. This request is based on a plan to visit Washington, D.C. from April 1, 2022, through April 5, 2022 (Spring Break).

Parents have the opportunity to purchase travel insurance on the trip for an additional \$99. If travel restrictions should be put in place before the trip, families that have purchased the insurance will receive all but the price of the insurance back. For families that do not purchase insurance, all but \$149 of the trip will be refunded. This is through the company, not the school.

Discussion:

- A. The students will be paying a fee of approximately \$795 each. There will be one chaperone per 10 students whose expenses are discounted by the school offsetting the cost. The trip is intended to enhance the Social Studies and Arts Curriculum as well as provide an otherwise unlikely opportunity.

B. Content Area:
Government
US History
Geography

Activity:
White House
Washington Monument
Library of Congress
Arlington National Cemetery
Embassy Row
Vietnam War Memorial
Lincoln Memorial
Korean War Memorial
FDR Memorial
Holocaust Memorial Museum
Union Station
World War II Memorial
Jefferson Memorial
Iwo Jima Memorial
Pentagon Memorial
National Archives
MLK Jr. Memorial
Smithsonian: Air and Space

Natural History Museum
American History Museum
Pentagon City Mall
National Zoo

- C. With Board approval, we will depart on the afternoon of April 1st, 2022, and return on the morning of April 5, 2022. Students will not miss any school. Chaperones will be provided by West Hardin. Approving this trip now will provide students/families with ample time to plan and prepare for the trip.

Recommendation: I recommend the Hardin County Board of Education allow the West Hardin Social Studies department (8th graders) to use commercial coach transportation for cost efficiency to transport up to 200 Hardin County students to Washington, D.C. from April 1-5, 2022.

Recommended Motion: I move that the Hardin County Board of Education allow the West Hardin Social Studies department (8th graders) to use commercial coach transportation for cost efficiency to transport up to 200 Hardin County students to Washington, D.C. from April 1-5, 2022.