**TO:** Members of the Hardin County Board of Education

**FROM:** Teresa Morgan, Superintendent

**DATE:** January 20, 2022

**RE:** Request approval for John Hardin High School DECA students to travel to Atlanta, GA April 22-27, 2022, via commercial carrier for cost-efficiency

John Hardin High School would like to take 5-10 DECA students to the DECA International Career Development Conference in Atlanta, GA. These students will have placed at the top of their respective events at the DECA State Conference in March. Their hard work and excellent performances at the state level will qualify them to represent Hardin County, and the state of Kentucky, at the International Conference where they will compete against top performers from all fifty states and seven other countries. This is a prestigious honor for these students and a tremendous learning opportunity for each.

John Hardin DECA will be traveling by commercial airlines to the conference due to cost-efficiency and staying with the rest of the Kentucky delegation at our assigned hotel. There will be one chaperone attending for every 10 students. To assist with travel costs, the students held one fundraiser and are operating a school store. All profits from the school store are earmarked for travel expenses along with a third fundraiser that is planned for March. The parents and students are paying their expenses with personal funds and fundraising profits. The total cost per student excluding meals is $700.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

I recommend that the Hardin County Board of Education approve the John Hardin High School DECA trip to Atlanta, GA, April 22-27, 2022, via commercial carrier for cost-efficiency.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION**:

I move that the Hardin County Board of Education approve the John Hardin High School DECA trip to Atlanta, GA, April 22-27, 2022, via commercial carrier for cost-efficiency.