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Consent Agenda genda Item (Action Item):

Request approval for interested high school students identified in the Gifted & Talented Program from Betsy Layne, Floyd Central, and Prestonsburg to participate in a study tour of the Biltmore in Asheville, NC. The tour will depart Friday, April 14 and return Saturday, April 15, 2023.

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

KAR 704 3:285 Section 6, Board Policy 09.36

Fiscal/Budgetary Impact:

The Biltmore study tour will be funded through parent contribution combined with funding from the Gifted & Talented field trip budget. Fund raising will be offered pending board approval. The tour is scheduled for Friday, April 14 - Saturday, April 15, 2022. These dates coincide with Floyd County Schools Spring Break. Therefore, the high school students will not miss any days of school and the FCECA students who choose to participate will not miss any college classes. The GT coordinator, instructor, and administrators will be student chaperones.

History/Background:

Within the past sixteen school years gifted and talented 9th - 12th graders from Floyd County high schools have been given the opportunity to tour Washington, DC, New York City, Chicago Illinois, the Biltmore Estate in Asheville North Carolina, Boston, Massachusetts, Niagara Falls, New York and Central Florida. These tours have been some of the best "real world" experiences high school students have ever participated in. For some students, these tours have been their first time to travel to a major metropolitan city. The GT students participating in this Biltmore study tour will be given the opportunity to tour the following:

- The Biltmore Estate
- Local shops in Asheville

This educational enrichment experience will provide opportunities to address the interests, needs, and abilities of all participating gifted and talented students in each of the areas of identification. The tour will also assist Floyd County Schools in meeting the option of Travel Study toward fulfilling the system's Gifted Student Service Plans (GSSP) for the Kentucky Department of Education. Bluegrass Tours from Lexington Kentucky will be used to coordinate tickets, meals, hotel accommodations, and all transportation. Bluegrass Tours holds a \$5,000,000 liability policy (see attachment).

Recommended Action:

The GT students, their parents, GT program personnel, and school administrators recommend that the Floyd County Board of Education approve the request for those gifted & talented students interested in participating in the Biltmore study tour April 14 - 15, 2023 be allowed to do so pending compliance with all Board policies.

Contact Person(s):

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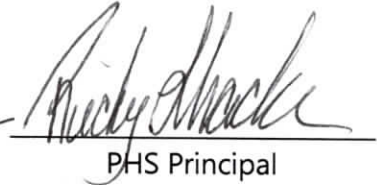
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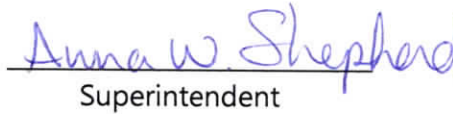
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