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**Consent Agenda Item (Action Item):** Approve out-of-state- travel via airplane for Floyd Central High School's Narrative 4 Hope Dealers to NY on November 2-November 8, 2022

**Applicable State or Regulations:** Board must approve out-of-state travel/trips.

**Fiscal/Budgetary Impact:** All expenses for transportation, lodging, food and miscellaneous expenses will be paid by Narrative 4.

**History/Background:**

For five years, the global organization, Narrative 4 been a catalyst for both the independent work of the FCHS N4 Hope Dealers and joint work with our sister school University Heights High School in the South Bronx. Prior to the pandemic, our schools had broken down barriers through the field exchange and the activities in between. Not only did we host the contingent from the Bronx for a week in the fall of 2018 (the return of the staff and students was to be in March of 2020), but we have been hosted in New York twice.

This year marks two significant events: the "end" of the pandemic and the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Narrative 4. To celebrate both of these milestones, we have been invited to rekindle the field exchange (we will visit there in November and they will come here in late April). This trip will provide students opportunities to further explore how empathy can empower them as leaders of today and of tomorrow as they interact with peers as well as acclaimed artists and national and global leaders.


To get a sense of the significance Floyd Central High School has had on Narrative 4, please visit their website: <https://narrative4.com/>

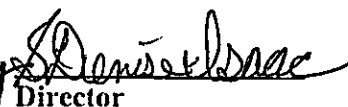
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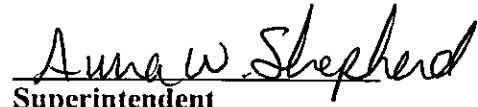
Approve the request for out-of-state travel to New York

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