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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 Newport Aquarium in Newport, Kentucky. There will be 3 different dates for these trips (one per high school) on April 21, April 28, and May 5.

## **Applicable Statute or Regulation:**

KAR 704 3:285 Section 6, Board Policy 09.36

### Fiscal/Budgetary Impact:

The Newport Aquarium study tour will be funded through fundraising (previously approved) combined with funding from the Gifted & Talented field trip budget. The tour is scheduled for Friday, April 21, April 28, and May 5. These dates are on Fridays so FCECA students who choose to participate will not miss any college classes. The GT coordinator, instructor, and teachers/administrators from each school 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. The GT students participating in this Newport Aquarium tour will be given the opportunity to learn about different species that live in and around the seas and oceans.

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. We will be using Floyd County Schools Buses.

#### **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 Newport Aquarium tour April 21, April 28, and May 5, 2023 be allowed to do so pending compliance with all Board policies. Dates may change due to weather, testing, etc.

#### Contact Person(s):

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