

Browning Public Schools
Board Agenda Request
Meeting to Be Held: 3/10/2026



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- Recognition:** Students Staff Parents
Information: Building Report Old Business Superintendent's Report
Action: Resignations Hiring Contract Service Agreements
 Travel Out-of-State Travel In State Approvals
 Termination Legal Matters Other:
This action request pertains to Elementary (only) High School/District Wide
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Date: 2/3/2026

To: Rebecca Rappold
Superintendent of Schools

From: Elva Dorsey
Title: Business Teacher

Subject: Travel Out of State: Code Girls United Congressional Award SR Leave Only

Description: Requesting school related leave and per-diem only from 4/20/26-4/24/26 to accompany three of our students Aiyahna Green, Keesha Guerrero-Gobert and Kalani SunRhodes to Washington, D.C.

Financial Impact: N/A

Funding Source (Budget/grant, etc.): Code Girls United (Crystal Evans)

Attachment(s): Agenda/Professional Development

Superintendent Action: Approved Denied Deferred Initial & date: _____

Comments: _____

Board Action: N/A (Info) Approved Denied Tabled to: _____

BROWNING PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Leave Report/Travel Request

Employee Name Sample
 Building Browning High School

Employee # _____
 Substitute Name _____

LEAVE REPORT

<u>Date of Leave</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Type of Leave</u>
<u>4/20/26-4/24/2026</u>	<u>40 hrs</u>	<u>SR</u>

Employee Signature _____ Date _____

Approved; Condition upon the specific leave being available for the specific employee Not Approved

Principal/Supervisor _____ Date _____

TYPE OF LEAVE

- | | | |
|--|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| AN Annual | PL Personal Leave | ALWO Approved Leave W/O Pay |
| SL Sick Leave | JD Jury Duty (attach verification) | ULWO Unapproved Leave w/o Pay |
| *EX/SR Extra-Curricular/School Related | NG National Guard | SWP Suspended w/Pay |
| | FN Funeral _____ | SWOP Suspended w/o Pay |
- (Master Contract Relationship)*

***If taking School Related/Extra-Curricular Leave only, In or Out of District, you MUST list Conference Agenda, Name, Location TRAVEL REQUEST. (If receiving payment for EX/SR leave please fill out entire form completely)**

Conference/Workshop Congressional App Challenge (Attach Brochure/Agenda)

Location Washington, DC

Departure Date 4/19/2026

Return Date 4/25/2026

Departure Time 7:00 am

Return Time 9:00 pm

Transportation: Personal Vehicle
 District Vehicle
 Professional Development

Mileage _____ = _____

Per Diem _____ = _____

Registration PO# _____ =\$

Hotel PO# _____ =\$

Other PO# Airfare _____ =\$

Submit Receipts on return for Taxi/Shuttle/Parking/Luggage **Sub Total**

Budget Code Girls United (Crystal Evans)

Check Total

Employee Signature _____ Date _____

Principal/Supervisor _____ Date _____

Superintendent Signature _____ Date _____

These students have been named the state winners of the Congressional App Challenge for their work with Code Girls United. Their app was selected by Representative Ryan Zinke as the premier entry for our state, and they have been invited to the capital to be recognized for this significant achievement in STEM and computer science

Educational Impact: This trip offers a unique opportunity for our students to engage with national leaders, explore career paths in technology, and represent our school district on a national stage. As their mentor, my presence is requested to ensure their safety and to support them during formal presentations and networking events with other winners from across the country.

Logistics and Funding: The primary expenses for this trip, including travel and lodging, appear to be fully covered by the organizing bodies. The students may engage in minor, independent fundraising for “pin money” (personal incidental expenses), but there is **no direct travel cost requested from the school district**. I am requesting that these dates be approved as **school-related leave** rather than personal leave, as this trip is a direct extension of our academic mission and honors the hard work these students have put into their technical education.

Thank you for your time and for supporting our students as they showcase their talents in Washington, D.C. I appreciate your discretion regarding this request as we finalize the announcement for the students and their families.

Washington DC Itinerary

Crystal Evans - Code Girls United
Elva Dorsey - Browning High School
Keesha Guerrero Gobert - Browning High School
Kalani Sun Rhodes - Browning High School
Aiyahna Green - Browning High School

April 19, 2026 (Sun)
Crystal Inn Hotel and Suites
3701 31st St. SW
Great Falls, MT 59404
(2 rooms for 1 night)

April 20, 2026
UA 2075
6:15am - 8:20am
Great Falls, MT - Denver, CO

April 20, 2026
UA 2087
10:15am - 3:46pm
Denver, CO - Washington, DC

April 25, 2026
UA395
4:00pm - 6:10pm
Washington, DC - Denver, CO

April 25, 2026
UA1226
7:15pm - 9:17pm
Denver, CO - Great Falls, MT

Crystal Evans
eTicket number: 01623693023912
Elva Dorsey
eTicket number: 01623693023923
Keesha Guerrero Gobert
eTicket number: 01623693023934
Kalani Sun Rhode
eTicket number: 01623693023945
Aiyahna Green
eTicket number: 01623693023956

AIRBNB
Blue House on the Hill
906 8th Street NE
Washington, DC

Check In: Monday, April 20, 2026 3:00pm
Check Out: Saturday, April 25, 2026 11:00am

Guests: 5 Adults
Crystal Evans
Elva Dorsey
Keesha Guerrero Gobert
Kalani Sun Rhodes
Aiyahna Green

National Science Fair and Congressional App Challenge
April 21-22, 2026
US Capitol

There are a few activities we are still working on getting scheduled:

Montana Breakfast
Tour of the White House
Museum
Other Tours and Activities

Code Girls United has raised all of the money for the entire trip, flights, meals, transportation, and activities.

**Application for Professional Development Opportunity
Browning Public Schools 2025-2026**

The goal of staff development is to improve achievement for Browning School students. Ideally, staff development should be sustained, intensive, of high quality, and involve as many staff and ultimately children as possible. Therefore, all staff members requesting professional development assistance are required to provide the following information:

Name Elva Dorsey

Job Title Business Teacher

Describe the type of professional development you are requesting. Include subject, area concentration, dates and follow-up activities.

- *Subject/Area: Computer Science and App Development.*
- *Activity: Attendance at the Congressional App Challenge #HouseOfCode showcase at the U.S. Capitol.*
- *Dates: April 21–22, 2026.*
- *Follow-up Activities: Mentoring future student app development teams and coordinating with organizations like Code Girls United to expand coding opportunities in the district.*

Describe how this professional development activity will “improve (your) knowledge and skills, classroom instruction and student achievement.”

This activity provides direct exposure to the #HouseOfCode showcase, which brings together the nation's brightest young tech innovators. Participation will allow me to:

- *Engage with industry leaders and policymakers to understand current trends in computer science.*
- *Support three Browning High School seniors—Aiyahna Green, Kalani Sun Rhodes, and Keesha Guerrero-Gobert—who won the challenge with their app 'Spomo'.*
- *Gain insights into how students can use technology to solve community-specific problems, such as the mental health resources provided by the 'Spomo' app.*

Describe how this professional development activity is tied to the goals of the District’s Consolidated Plan/Strategic Plan or your building’s School-wide Plan.

This activity aligns with district goals of fostering student creativity, technological innovation, and career readiness in STEM fields. By supporting a winning team from our own reservation, we are directly improving achievement for Browning students and demonstrating the real-world application of classroom skills in a national arena.

If the request requires out of district training, outline your plan to share what you have learned with other staff members and include a timeline.

Upon returning, I will host a demonstration session where the winning students can showcase 'Spomo' to other staff and students. I will also outline the "Congressional App Challenge" framework for other teachers to encourage district-wide participation in future years.

- *Timeline: Presentation to be completed by the end of the May 2026 faculty meeting.*

If this request involves use of funds, please attach the appropriate school district requisition and/or leave/travel request with itemized expenses. In State travel requests are due 2-weeks in advance. Out of State requests are due 30-days in advance. All travel must be approved by the Principal/Director and/or Supervisor. In State Travel must be approved by the board if 24 hours or overnight for administrators; both must be approved by the board if out of state.

Elva Dorsey
Signature

2/17/2-26
Date