



**Governing Board Agenda Item**

Meeting Date: February 19, 2026

From: Dr. Cynthia Ruich, Director of Student and Family Support Services

Subject: Out-of-State Travel

Priority: To recruit, retain, and support highly effective staff, teachers, and leaders

Consent  Action  Discussion

**Background:**

I would like to request permission for Krysti Hesse, Social Worker, to travel to St. Louis, Missouri on March 24-27, 2026 to attend the School Social Work Association of America (SSWAA) National Conference. This conference is the premier national professional development opportunity for school social workers and will provide training in evidence-based mental health interventions, Multitiered System of Support implementation, trauma-informed practices, and family engagement strategies that directly support our District’s whole-child priorities.

Attendance at the conference will strengthen staff capacity to address increasing student behavioral and emotional wellness needs and promote sustainable, strategic practices that improve service delivery and reduce burnout. Upon return, Mrs. Hesse will share resources and provide training to colleagues that align with the Student and Family Support Services Department goals and priorities.

The estimated costs related to attending the 2026 SSWAA Conference are below:

Expense	Cost	Funding Source
Registration	\$640.00	McKinney-Vento Grant
Hotel	\$977.53	McKinney-Vento Grant
Airfare	\$552.40	McKinney-Vento Grant
Meals	\$308.00	McKinney-Vento Grant
Other: shuttle, parking, taxi, etc	\$60.00	McKinney-Vento Grant

Personal Vehicle - Mileage Reimbursement	\$26.32	McKinney-Vento Grant
Total	\$2,564.25	

**Recommended Motion:**

I move that the Governing Board approve out-of-state travel for Krysti Hesse, Social Worker, to travel to St. Louis, Missouri on March 24-27, 2026 to attend the School Social Work Association of America National Conference.

Approved for transmittal to the Governing Board:

  
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Dr. Daniel Streeter, Superintendent

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