



**Agenda IV.B.2.  
March 13, 2025**

**To:** Board of Education  
Dr. Theresa Battle, superintendent

**From:** Dr. Chris Bellmont, assistant superintendent, and Brian Ribnick, chess club advisor, and guests

**Date:** March 13, 2025

**Re:** Nicollet Middle School Chess Club Field Trip May 8-13, 2025

**Recommendation:** Approve an application for the preliminary approval of an extended field trip for Nicollet Middle School Chess Club to participate in the National Middle School Chess Championships.

**Date:** May 8-13, 2025

**Destination:** Orlando, FL

**Name of sponsoring staff:** Brian Ribnick

**Description and Educational Objective:** Proposal to take Nicollet Middle School Chess Club to participate in the National Middle School Chess Championships in Orlando Florida. The trip will give the students an opportunity to apply and develop their chess skills against the other best chess players in the country. They will also have the opportunity to do some touring and learn about another part of the country.

**Estimated cost per student:** \$1075/per student

**Estimated number of students and chaperones:** 23 students and 3 chaperones

***Itinerary:***

*5-8-25 – Travel Day*

*5-9-25 – National Middle School Chess Tournament*

*5-10-25 – National Middle School Chess Tournament*

*5-11-25 – National Middle School Chess Tournament*

*5-12-25 – Touring*

5-13-25 – *Travel Day - Returning*

***Fundraising: Cub Food Bagging, Silent Auction***