

**Approval for Travel to a Non-State-Sanctioned Activity, Out-of-State  
HMS Choir**  
August 13, 2013

**SUMMARY:**

- This item requests approval of a request by the Harpool Middle School Choir to travel to perform by invitation at the Southwestern American Choral Directors Association (SWACDA) Regional Conference in Little Rock, Arkansas, March 21-22, 2014.

**PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:**

- No previous action has been taken or requested.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

- Travel approval is requested for 50 students and 10 sponsors/chaperones.
- Students will travel by scheduled charter bus carrier.
- Students will be provided an opportunity to have choir skills evaluated at a national regional conference.
- Expenses are to be paid by students and the choir organization; no DISD funds will be used.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:**

- Students will miss one day of classes.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:**

- The campus will provide a substitute for one day of classes.

**BENEFIT OF ACTION:**

- Passage will allow ample time for fundraising activities and completing reservations.

**PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:**

- None

**PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:**

- None

**ALTERNATIVES:**

- No alternative actions are proposed.

**OTHER COMMENTS:**

- Board policy requires board approval of such travel two months in advance.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:**

- Recommend approval of the HMS Choir request for permission to travel out-of-state to perform by invitation at the Southwestern American Choral Directors (SWACDA) Regional Conference in Little Rock, Arkansas, March 21-22, 2014.

**STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:**

- David McCullar, Director of Fine Arts
- David Hicks, Executive Director of Secondary Academic Programs
- Robert Bostic, Assistant Superintendent for Academic Programs

**ATTACHMENT:**

- Request for Travel, Non-State-Sanctioned Activity, Out-of-State
- Itinerary

**APPROVAL:**

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Divisional Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Superintendent: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_