



**Agenda IV.B.1.
August 27, 2026**

To: Board of Education
Dr. Latanya Daniels, superintendent

From: Dr. Chris Bellmont, assistant superintendent, Nick Armstrong and Keith French, teachers

Date: August 19, 2026

Re: Preliminary Approval for Band Travel Club Trip to Norway

Recommendation: That the Board of Education approve the preliminary application for an international field trip for the Band Travel Club trip to Norway in 2028.

Date: Spring Conferences 2028 (dates to be finalized once 2027-2028 calendar is approved)

Destination: Norway

Name of sponsoring staff: Keith French, Nick Armstrong and Scott Kosloski

Name of Tour Company: Gateway Music Festivals and Tours

Description and Educational Objective: The objective of this trip is to enhance student musicality through performance. Students will also enhance their awareness of other cultures. Performances include day and nighttime concerts at concert venues and side-by-side performances with local schools.

Preliminary estimated cost per student: \$4,632.00

- Pricing includes tour, airfare, ground travel, lodging, student admission fees, baggage, professional liability insurance and gratuities for local drivers and guides
- A suggested extra cost of \$630 (\$75/day) is recommended for each person for personal spending during the trip, individual travel insurance, potential increases in costs and minor fees and or surcharges (air taxes, fuel surcharges, instrument storage facilities at hotel)

Fundraising Opportunities for Students:

The Music Department offers many fundraising opportunities such as a Mattress Sale, Droolin Moose, Butterbraids, Fundraiser Genius, Achieving Dreams, Von Hanson's events, Bake Sale, Silent Auction,

Pampered Chef, Mall of America cleaning shifts, Silent Auction, Cub Bagging, Wagner's Flower/Poinsettia sale, Trip fundraising concerts

Preliminary number of students and chaperones: 50 students and 1 chaperone per 10 registered students

Administrative Approval: Associate Principal and Activities Director Bill Heim and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Chris Bellmont have both accepted and approved the preliminary application.

Attachment: Overview of Itinerary