

Type of Trip: 6th – 8th grade Michigan Youth in Government trip to Lansing

Proposed Departure Date: 11/15/2026

Return Date: 11/17/2026

Proposer: Joe Macaluso

Position: Teacher

Proposal Date: 9/1/26

Date by which response is needed: September 14, 2026

A. Purpose:

1. **What is the major place to be visited or event to be attended?**
State Capitol Building in Lansing, MI for the YMCA Michigan Youth in Government Conference
2. **How is the trip related to the educational program of the District?**
The trip allows a hands-on-approach to meeting the 6th - 8th grade Michigan GLCE benchmarks III.1.MS.2, III.2.MS.1, III.2.MS.3 & III.4.MS.2 for civics and government
3. **In what ways will the student benefit?**
Students will actually take part in the entire process of a bill becoming a law OR through team debate competition. By physically completing the process, students will gain a real and meaningful knowledge of government unattainable in the classroom. Other students are involved in the debate portion of the conference which allows them to practice and develop speaking, listening, and thinking skills.
4. **How will the trip be evaluated to determine the extent to which these benefits are realized?**

During & post-trip discussions will reveal the extent to which students learned our state governmental process.

B. Students and Staff:

1. **Which students (grade, class, or organizations), will be going?**

6th - 8th graders who express a strong interest in government or debate and fulfill our citizenship requirement to attend

2. **Total number of students?**

38

3. **Which staff member will be in charge?**

Joe Macaluso

4. **What previous experience has the staff member had in conducting overnight field trips?**

Nine previous trips to Washington D.C. as well as 22 trips to Lansing, Michigan as lead advisor of the MYIG trip.

5. **What other staff members will be going?**

Teacher Ann DeVogel and Principal Josh Haggerty

6. **How many chaperones, in addition to staff members, will be going?**

1 parent

7. **What are their names and affiliations with the students?**

Daniel Smith

8. **How many school days will be missed?**

2 school days will be missed

9. **How will teachers be advised in advance that the students will be out of school?**

Email communication

C. **School Work**

1. **How will missed work be made up?**

Students will be responsible for all schoolwork. They are requested to acquire all assignments the week prior to the trip.

2. **What special assistance will be provided to students with academic problems?**

Students selected are not those who traditionally have academic difficulties. Nevertheless, additional after school help is available prior to and after the trip from paraprofessionals.

D. **Itinerary**

1. **What is the destination?**

Lansing, MI

2. **What will be the mode of transportation? What liability insurance does the carrier have?**

ER Schools Bus.

3. **Where will the group be housed and fed?**

The group will be housed at the Crown Plaza Lansing--West in Lansing. Food will be obtained from local restaurants in Lansing, grocery stores, restaurants in route, and the Crown Plaza Lansing West.

4. **What en route or supplementary activities are planned?**

None are planned for the 3 ½ hour trip.

5. **What arrangements have been made for dealing with emergency situations?**

Emergency contact information will be collected and on hand. We have a first aid kit with us, too.

6. **If tour guides are involved, what liability insurance do they carry?**

N/A

E. **Finances**

1. **What is the estimated total cost?**

\$7,500 -\$11,000 (variance based on possible grants)

2. **What will the cost per student be?**

\$200-\$300 (based on possible grants)

3. **What is the source of funds?**

The source will primarily be from parents. We are applying for

the State of Michigan grant offered through the program and the Good Works Grant from Elk Rapids Rotary

4. **How will the funds be collected and safeguarded?**

A teacher will collect the funds which will be deposited into our MYIG account in the CMS office with Mrs. Bradberry.

5. **How will any shortfall be made up or excess funds used?**

Excess funds are held in our account for future trips to cover extraneous costs.

Shortfalls will be made up through our MYIG account.

6. **What provision has been made for students who are financially unable to pay any necessary costs?**

Funds in the account may be made available based on need. State of Michigan grant funding has been eliminated in the most recent State budget.

F. **Communications**

1. **How will you communicate to parents prior to, during and after the trip?**

Communications to parents will occur via emails. Students have their cell phones at all times.

2. **List telephone numbers at destinations and where the group will be housed.**

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