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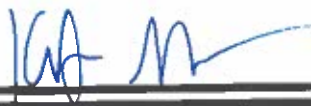
Item: Out of State Field Trip Request: NTID Math Competition, Madison, WI

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Submitted by: Alissa Hofstee

Date: September 14, 2026

Recommended by: Kirsten Myers



Board Meeting Date: September 21, 2026

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval for DHH students from Highlands and Crossroads Middle Schools to travel to Madison, Wisconsin from February 19, 2027 through February 21, 2027 to participate in the regional National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID) Math Competition for middle school Deaf and Hard of Hearing students.

TRIP SUMMARY:

- **Destination:** Madison, Wisconsin
- **Dates of Travel:** February 19 to February 21, 2027. We will miss zero days of school as this event is Friday-Sunday. Friday is a scheduled day off from school.
- **Student Participation:** 4 students
- **Chaperones:** 2 adult chaperones (Ratio of 1:2 adults to students)
- **Primary Supervisor/Contact:** Debra Burkhardt

RATIONALE & EDUCATIONAL VALUE:

This out-of-state field trip directly aligns with the district's curriculum standards and strategic educational goals by providing students with an experiential learning opportunity not available locally. Specifically, students will:

- **Curricular Alignment:** Students will engage in a competition testing overall mathematical knowledge and skills that align with the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade common core math standards. They will work collaboratively, applying their language skills, to answer questions without the support of an adult.
- **Real-World Experience:** This opportunity is unique and valuable to our Deaf students because it is an opportunity for them to engage with other Deaf and Hard of Hearing peers from all around the midwest. This competition prioritizes not only academic rigor and engagement, but also community building and identity development for DHH middle schoolers.
- **Student Outcomes:** This opportunity would provide students with a fun and engaging way to practice and apply their math knowledge, improve their leadership and teamwork skills, improve their understanding of the world around them (both through physically traveling to a new area and also through increasing their connections within the Deaf World), and a sense of pride in themselves. Furthermore, if the team finishes in the top 4, they would earn an all expenses paid trip to the National Competition at NTID.

DISTRICT COST & FINANCIAL BREAKDOWN

Cost Item	Total Cost	Paid via Fundraising /Student Fees	Cost to District
Transportation (Kent ISD Van/mileage 344 miles plus tolls)	\$261.44 mileage ~\$40 tolls	\$0	\$301.44
Lodging (Provided by NTID)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Registration	\$200	\$0	\$200
Meals (Once there, meals are provided. Meals during travel are not.)	~\$50	~\$50 (student fees)	\$0
Substitute Teacher Coverage (NA)	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTALS	\$551.44	\$50	\$501.44

Note: No student will be excluded from participation due to financial hardship. Financial assistance/scholarship funds are available through the ToCo PTO, parent donation, and/or teacher donation.