

Aug 26, 2026

Dear Dr. Correa and District 56 School Board,

It is with great excitement that I inform you that the District 56 Band program is working on a fun and educational trip to the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the Wisconsin Dells on April 16 through 17, 2027.

In 2023, the band went on the same trip except to the University of Wisconsin-Madison. We found it to be a great experience for the students. The trip includes a clinic with a University faculty member and a brief tour of campus. When we have finished our activities in Madison, we will go to the Wisconsin Dells and spend the night at the Kalahari Resort.

We believe this trip will be an educationally-rich experience for our students. The students will have the opportunity to perform music in a collegiate rehearsal space with a master clinician. The clinician will provide valuable feedback on their performance and give them great advice for becoming better musicians. Students will also have an opportunity to interact with collegiate music students and have a better understanding of what it is like to be involved with music after high school. It will also give students the chance to socialize, and enjoy the waterpark/indoor theme park and other attractions at the Kalahari.

We are asking the students to pay for about half the cost of the trip. We estimate the cost will be around \$100 per student. That price does not include meals. Students will pay for their own meals. Do Re Mi will pay for the remaining balance. Do Re Mi will also offer to pay more for students whose families request more help financially.

The tentative schedule would be formatted as follows:

Friday, April 16

7:30 am leave for the University of Wisconsin-Madison

10:30-11:45 am Performance and clinic with faculty member or graduate student

12:00 Performances and Q&A by university students

12:30 Tour of campus

1:30 Lunch

3:00 Depart for Wisconsin Dells

4:00 Arrive at Kalahari Resort. Students have the rest of the day/night to enjoy the resort

Saturday, April 17

Students will get the morning to enjoy the resort.

1:00pm get on bus and head back to Gurnee

We are very excited for the possibility of this trip. We hope that you consider approving this trip that will be so wonderful for our students and continue in the tradition of excellent opportunities for the D56 band program.

Thank you kindly for your consideration.

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