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TO: Dr. Monica Kelsey-Brown
Board of Education Members
Co-Curricular Committee Members

FROM: Deanne Lensert

RE: Final Itinerary for 2027 Band Trip to
Mr. Ryan Gill, Music Instructor
Band Trip Final Itinerary (including flight & hotel

After receiving Board of Education approval to research travel opportunities, Mr. Ryan Gill collaborated with families and students to review trip options, performances, and costs. Ultimately, Bob Rogers Travel was selected as the official vendor for the San Diego, CA trip taking place March 31 – April 2, 2027.

Therefore, I am confident in recommending and granting permission for Mr. Ryan Gill and the Waunakee High School Band students to participate in this travel opportunity. Similar music trips have been a long-standing tradition in our district and consistently serve as a highlight of our students' high school experience. Furthermore, our students have a proven track record of representing the Waunakee High School and the Waunakee Community School District with exceptional pride and integrity.

Pending final approval of this trip, I will instruct Mr. Gill to coordinate with School Resource Officer Tanner Weber to ensure all participants complete a pre-departure travel safety briefing.

Please feel free to contact me or Mr. Gill with any questions related to this request.

Waunakee High School Band Department - 2026 - 2027 Trip Proposal - San Diego

(As of 10/21/26)

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Educational Goals/Objectives

1. To share our music with a captive audience
2. To educate students regarding the importance of sharing their music with others and the importance of "giving back".
3. To broaden cultural and historical perspectives of our students.
4. To provide our students with a high quality music performance/concert.
5. To foster camaraderie, pride, and a sense of family within our ensemble and band program.
6. To provide an opportunity to learn alongside professional musicians and ensembles.
7. To provide an opportunity to represent the school and community as positive musical ambassadors.

Student Needs

1. To provide a performance and travel opportunity for all high school band students despite financial obligations.
2. To provide a reward for participation in music at least once in every four (4) years.
3. Incentive for program retention

Performance(s): One performance during the trip at a retirement home, veteran's home, children's hospital, or other venue with a captive audience.

Approved Travel Dates: March 31, 2027 through April 4, 2027

Participants: 129 students
Traveling Organizer & Supervisor: Ryan Gill
Traveling Supervisors: Ryan Caloud, James Sercombe, Jason Marshall (all district employees)

Chaperones: Michelle Butcher, Michelle Cliff, Lon (Tuck) Foree, David Haaf, Diana Moberg, Robert Sandwith, Amanda Taylor-Tennent, Lori Wild, Maggie Ziegler

TRAVEL VENDOR & COST

Bob Rogers was this year's chosen vendor based on itinerary and cost. The price per student will be **$2,649** for a quad occupancy (4 people per room).
***Meals NOT included in the trip cost:

- March 31 – lunch (airport meal)
- April 1 – lunch
- April 2 – lunch
- April 3 – lunch
- April 4 – breakfast and lunch (both airport meals – lunch possibly en route from the airport back to the school)

Funding Sources

1. Families
2. FORMATA Support
3. Further fundraising opportunities

Trip Itinerary Possibilities

1. 5 day/4 night tour via air round trip from Waunakee to San Diego
2. One or two performances and/or clinician experience. Would also look into a possible performance exchange with another public school.
3. Tour stops & visits to be taken from the following: See attached itinerary
4. Attend a concert or rehearsal of a professional music ensemble, see a broadway show or the like for music consumption. Have the opportunity to talk with performers or conductors to learn about what a music career looks like.
5. Meals at appropriate restaurants provided by the vendor as part of the package to be determined.
6. 1 tour guides

Conclusion

The attached itinerary has a specific list of the attractions that students will be seeing, hotel and air flight information. To summarize, in addition to lodging and transportation, the cost includes (list specific, important information of what the students will be seeing/doing here.) If there is additional information needed, please contact: ryangill@waunakee.k12.wi.us