Consider approval of the 2026-2027 CAST STEM High School Overnight Trip to Mexico City

1. Background:
   Mrs. Jacque Rodriguez, CAST STEM High School Principal, requests approval of the overnight trip for CAST STEM High School students during the 2026-2027 school year.

Organization	Event	Date	Location
CAST STEM High School	Student Advisory Mexico City Leadership Experience	December 14-18, 2026	Mexico City

2. Process:
   The target group of students is our CAST Network Ambassadors. CAST Network would like all CAST students to have the opportunity to travel internationally. They have partnered with the U.S. Mexico Foundation to provide an opportunity for students to meet counterparts on a professional study tour in Mexico City. Parent permission and passports will be required for participation. CAST Network is working with families to assist in getting passports for the students.

3. Fiscal Impact:
   All costs associated with the trip will be paid by the families. The true cost of the trip per student is approximately $2,000. Families will be asked to pay $650 per student. If a student qualifies for free or reduced lunch, the cost is $250. Fundraising will partially help pay for the trip. CAST STEM High School will use local funds for purchasing the travel insurance for each student and chaperone up to $100.

4. Recommendation:
   That the Board approves the 20262-2027 CAST STEM High School overnight trip to Mexico City.

5. Required:
   Board action.