Hallsville Independent School District

For the Consideration of the Board of Trustees

Date of Board Meeting: November 16, 2026

Topic: FMG (LOCAL) - discussion & approval

Background and Rationale:

Currently there is currently no HISD Board policy regarding district-led travel outside of the United States. FMG (Local) would be a new policy that would restrict district-led travel.

The board needs to determine parameters of this policy. Potential options could be:

A) " to the contiguous United States." This would exclude Hawaii, Alaska, and any U.S. Territories.
B) "to the continental United States." This would include Alaska but exclude Hawaii and any U.S. Territories.
C) "to the contiguous and non-contiguous states." This would exclude any U.S. Territories.
D) "to U.S. States and U.S. Territories that are permanently populated":
    a) **Puerto Rico**: Located in the Caribbean; the most populous U.S. territory; residents are U.S. citizens.
    b) **Guam**: Located in the Western Pacific (Micronesia); a strategic military hub; residents are U.S. citizens.
    c) **U.S. Virgin Islands (USVI)**: Located in the Caribbean; includes the main islands of St. Thomas, St. John, and St. Croix; residents are U.S. citizens.
    d) **Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI)**: Located in the Western Pacific; a commonwealth in political union with the U.S.; residents are U.S. citizens.
    e) **American Samoa**: Located in the South Pacific (Polynesia); the only inhabited territory where residents are **U.S. nationals** rather than U.S. citizens at birth.

Relationship to Strategic Plan:

Personnel Affected:

Budget Implications: n/a

Recommendation:

The board will recommend the option(s) they would like in the policy.

Amy Whittle

Signature
(Person Bringing Information to the Board)

Superintendent's Signature