BOARD OF EDUCATION NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT NOVI, MICHIGAN April 24, 2025

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING

TOPIC: Michigan Speech Coach Mackinac Spring Tournament Trip

Ms. Heather McKaig, along with Ms. Lizz Szkrybalo and Ms. Shannon Hadley, would like to take the Novi High School Drama Club to Mackinac Island for the opportunity to participate in the Michigan Speech Coach Inc. (MSCI) Spring Conference & Tournament.

The annual Michigan Speech Coaches, Inc. Spring Conference and Tournament will take place at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. This event is a conference for coaches, but there is also a public speaking tournament for students that will take place on Friday evening. This competition is meant to be a "fun" tournament where students can choose to perform in one of the 8 categories such as: "Duo Informative, Reality Television Analysis, Poetry Slam, etc.

Students will also have the opportunity to dine in the formal dining room of the Grand Hotel, which includes 'dress for dinner' each evening. The cost to the student is \$450.00 to cover registration, food, and lodging.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Novi Community Schools Board of Education approve the Michigan Speech Coach Mackinac Spring Tournament Trip to Mackinaw Island May 16 through May 18, 2025.

APPROVED AND RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION

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Ben Mainka, Superintendent