

SUBJECT: Consideration and possible approval for Dobie High School theater students to travel to Bloomington, IN to attend the International Thespian Competition and Festival on June 20-27, 2026, for an approximate cost of \$12,500.

BACKGROUND: We seek permission for five (5) DHS students to travel to Bloomington, IN to compete at the national level for theatre. These students competed at the Texas Thespian Competition in the categories of duet acting and group acting earning a superior rating qualifying them to attend and compete at the National Thespian Competition and Festival on June 20-27, 2026.

This is a chance for our students to compete with other students across the nation and recognize PISD. Not only will students participate in the competition, they will also have access to workshops by professionals in the theatre and film world providing an opportunity to meet with colleges across the nation and watch productions from schools that were selected as the top in the nation. Based on last year's trip attendees, over \$100,000 in scholarships were offered to our students. Five (5) student attendees and one (1) theater director will travel via airplane and rental car.

All chaperones are trained in school district policy regarding responsibilities and duties prior to the trips. All rules of conduct established by the school district will be strictly enforced. A contingency plan for travel and health advisories will be followed if needed. All student travel guidelines and expectations will be followed according to Business Office Procedures. Schedule changes may occur due to weather or other external factors and conditions.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: The district's financial impact is approximately \$12,500 in district-level funds for the competition. The cost of registration for all involved will be a total of \$7,500. This amount includes the competition fee, festival registration of workshops and performances, with room and board. The estimated flight cost from Houston Hobby to Indianapolis is \$4,000. Vehicle rental for the week is estimated at \$1,000 for one (1) SUV to accommodate all travelers and luggage.

RECOMMENDATION: We recommend approval for Dobie High School theater students to travel to Bloomington, IN to attend the International Thespian Competition and Festival on June 20-27, 2026, for an approximate cost of \$12,500.

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BOARD MEETING DATE: April 28, 2026