



WAUNAKEE

COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

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To: Dr. Monica Kelsey-Brown
Board of Education

From: Brian Borowski

RE: Chicago 2026 Proposal
National Tour of "The Outsiders"

Please accept this request for the following staff to take a group of choir and drama students to see a performance at the **Cadillac Palace Theatre** in **Chicago, IL** on **Thursday, February 12, 2026**:

- Ms. Molly Petroff, Vocal Music Instructor
- Mr. Rick Braun, Language Arts Instructor/Drama Advisor
- Mr. Colin Anderson, Language Arts Instructor/Drama Asst.

The purpose of this trip is twofold:

1. The performance directly supports our **performing arts curriculum**, offering students an opportunity to experience professional theater aligned with their interests in choir and drama.
2. The production also ties into our **English curriculum**, as many students have read the book on which the show is based, providing a meaningful cross-curricular learning experience.

In addition to the theater performance, the group would like to visit **DePaul University** and/or the **Art Institute of Chicago** to further enrich the cultural and educational value of the trip.

Please note that the group **is not requesting overnight accommodations** and will **return to Waunakee the evening of February 12th**.

I fully support this request from Mrs. Petroff, Mr. Braun, and Mr. Anderson, and respectfully ask for your approval as well.

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