

SUBJECT: Consideration and possible approval for 10 middle schools to travel to The Hobby Center to watch fine arts performances starting September 24, 2025, through January 21, 2026.

BACKGROUND: The Hobby Center and ExxonMobil have partnered with local districts to provide fifth grade students the opportunity to experience live theatre, dance, and music by Houston-based artists, at no cost to us. Ten middle schools will attend the shows starting September 24 through January 21. Shows are performed by professionals in their respective fields: actors, choreographers, comedians, dancers, composers, singers, arrangers, musicians and conductors. Approximately 3,000 students and 300 chaperones from 10 different middle schools will attend these shows. These numbers will comply with district requirements of a 10 to 1 ratio of students to adult chaperones. All chaperones will be trained in school district policy regarding responsibilities and duties prior to the trip. All rules of conduct established by the school district will be strictly enforced.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Performance tickets are valued at \$25 per person of direct expenses. The total value of our tickets is approximately \$70,075. This expense, along with transportation to the events, will be covered by The Hobby Center and ExxonMobil at no additional cost to Pasadena ISD.

RECOMMENDATION: We recommend approval for 10 of our middle schools to travel to the Hobby Center and watch these performances from September 24, through January 21.

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BOARD MEETING DATE: August 26, 2025