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To: Benjamin 25 Board of Education
Dr. Patrick McGill, Superintendent
From: Dr. Michael Fitzgerald, Assistant Superintendent
Date: March 9, 2026
Topic: Washington D.C. Trip Approval Recommendation

BACKGROUND

Board of Education Policy 6:240 requires School Board Approval for any field trip that is beyond 200 miles away or extends overnight. Prior to 2020, Benjamin Middle School 8th grade students had the opportunity to take an educational trip to Washington D.C. Numerous attempts have been made over the past few years to check for student/parent interest in restarting the trip with no success. This year we have had over 20 parents indicate that they would send their child on the trip, and once we had a parent meeting that number grew to 35 students.

SUMMARY

The trip will be a 3 day 2 night trip from June 9th-June 11th, at a cost of $1599.00 per student. The trip will be run by 8th Grade Teacher Mark Bradbury and would have 2-3 additional Benjamin teacher chaperones. Some of the trip highlights include many of the monuments, tours of the U.S. Capital, Fords Theater, Arlington National Cemetery and Mount Vernon.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

The Administration recommends that the School Board approve the Benjamin Middle School 8th Grade Washington D.C. Trip from June 9th-June 11th.